



## **Ficheall Table Quiz - TEACHER Sheet**

### **Unlikely Event of Arbiter No-show**

- We have arranged 100s of tournaments and our arbiters have been there for every single one of them. However, at some stage an arbiter may be late or may not make it due to a car breakdown or something happening on route. In such circumstances, the Cohost (and attending teachers) will need to manage a hall full of children from a number of schools. This quiz has been provided to provide some continuity and calm while the decision is made on how to progress.
  - Should the arbiter just be late, then the quiz should fill the gap until s/he arrives.
  - Should it be something more serious and the arbiter fails to show, then the quiz can be used to occupy the children while they wait for buses to return and drop them back to their schools early.

### **FICHEALL TABLE QUIZ**

- Possible prize of Homework Pass could be agreed with teachers beforehand.
- Each team sits together and the Host calls out the questions with the mic.
- As this is used as a time-filler until buses arrive, we suggest you take your time and allow 1 minute for each question.
- Call out the answers to the first 10 questions halfway through and get the pupils / their teachers give themselves 5 points for every right question. Teachers can monitor their own pupils. Same again at the end.

# FICHEALL CHESS TABLE QUIZ

## 1. How many squares does a chessboard have?

- A) 46
- B) 32
- C) 64
- D) 99

## 2. Who is the current World Champion in Chess?

- A) Karly Magnussen
- B) Laurence Fisbourne
- C) Bobbie Fischer
- D) Magnus Carlsen

## 3. How many moves was the longest [known] chess game in history?

- A) 101
- B) 231
- C) 269
- D) 382

## 4. What is it called when a player can't defend an attack against their king?

- A) Check
- B) Chess
- C) Checkchess
- D) Checkmate

## 5. The quickest possible checkmate is in:

- A) 2 moves
- B) 1 move
- C) 3 moves
- D) 4 moves

## 6. Where did chess originate?

- A) India
- B) Russia
- C) Italy
- D) France

## 7. What does the word “*checkmate*”/“*shah mat*” mean in Persian?

- A) King is alone
- B) King is hopeless
- C) King needs help
- D) King is dead

## 8. Which game is the earliest known predecessor of chess?

- A) Checkers
- B) Ludo
- C) Chaturanga
- D) Go

## 9. Approximately how old is the game of chess?

- A) Around 1500 years
- B) Around 300 years
- C) More than 5000 years
- D) Around 600 years

## 10. Who was the first official World Chess Champion?

- A) Wilhelm Steinitz
- B) Garry Kasparov
- C) Bobby Fischer
- D) Paul Morphy

**11. What is the common abbreviation of the international chess federation?**

- A) FIA
- B) WCF
- C) IFC
- D) FIDE

**12. What is the name of the rating system that measures a player's strength?**

- A) Ela
- B) Elo
- C) Alo
- D) Filo

**13. Other than world champion, what is the highest **title** a chess player can earn?**

- A) Super master
- B) Extra master
- C) Grand slam master
- D) Grandmaster

**14. What determines which player starts first in a chess game?**

- A) Coin flip
- B) Whoever comes first to the board
- C) The player with the black pieces always goes first
- D) The player with the white pieces always goes first

**15. The folding chessboard was invented by?**

- A) A librarian
- B) A priest
- C) An accountant
- D) A lawyer

**16. In 1988 a computer won against a GM for the first time. What was the computer called?**

- A) Deep Think
- B) The Super Computer
- C) Deep Thought
- D) Deep Chess

**17. If you put one grain of wheat on the first square of the chessboard, then two on the second, four on the third, eight on the fourth, and so on, how many grains of wheat do you need to put on the last 64th square?**

- A) 999 999
- B) 1 000 000 001
- C) 64 000 000 000
- D) 9 223 372 036 864 775 808 (approx.  $9.22 \times 10^{18}$ )

**18. How did the first game between Earth and the crew of the Soyuz-9 spacecraft played on the 9th of June, 1970 finish?**

- A) White won
- B) Black won
- C) It ended in a draw
- D) It was never finished

**19. What is chess played by post or email called?**

- A) Long-distance chess
- B) Correspondence chess
- C) Open chess
- D) Interactive chess

**20. Which is greatest in number?**

- A) All atoms in the universe
- B) Possible games of chess
- C) Stars in the Milky Way
- D) People on the planet

## Answers

**1. How many squares does a chessboard have? - C.** No more, no less. There are eight horizontals (called "files") and eight verticals (called "ranks"), totalling 64 squares.

**2. Who is ranked number 1 in the world in chess? - D.** Magnus Carlsen from Norway.

Did you know:

1) learned to play chess when he was 5

2) his peak rating is 2882

3) has the record for the longest undefeated streak - 125 games, from 31 July 2018 to 10 October 2020

4) is rated #1 in the world (classical chess) since July 2011

5) has won 12 World Championships (4 classical, 3 rapid and 5 blitz)

6) reached the top 100 when he was 15 years old

7) modelled for G-Star Raw alongside Liv Tyler

8) was a guest star in [The Simpsons](#)

9) is a dedicated fan of [Real Madrid C.F.](#)

10) was leading Premier League's official Fantasy Football table

**3. How many moves was the longest [known] chess game in history? - C.** 269

moves! Can you imagine that? The game was played between Ivan Nikolic and Goran Arsovic in Belgrade, 1989. It lasted over 20 hours and ended in a draw.

**4. What is it called when a player can't defend an attack against their king? - D.** It's

checkmate! Checkmating your opponent is the most important and crucial goal in the game of chess.

**5. The quickest possible checkmate is in - A.** Indeed only 2 moves are needed to finish the game in the quickest possible way. This checkmate is also known as the [Fool's mate](#).

**6. Where did chess originate? - A.** Historical evidence suggests that chess originated in India.

**7. What does the word "checkmate"/"shah mat" mean in Persian? - D.** In Persian "shah" stands for "king" and "mat" for "dead," so there you have it: The king is dead.

**8. Which game is the earliest known predecessor of chess? - C.** It's believed to have been invented about 1500 years ago and is the earliest known predecessor of chess.

**9. Approximately how old is the game of chess? - A.** There is evidence that the earliest predecessor of chess originated nearly 1500 years ago in India and then spread to Persia.

**10. Who was the first official World Chess Champion? - A.** The 1886 match between [Wilhelm Steinitz](#) and [Johannes Zukertort](#) was the first official [World Chess Championship](#) match. Steinitz won 1n2.5-7.5 (10 wins, 5 losses, 5 draws) and became the first official world chess champion.

**11. What is the common abbreviation of the international chess federation? - D.** The abbreviation comes from French, and it stands for Federation International des Echecs. Fide was founded in Paris on July 20, 1924.

**12. What is the name of the rating system that measures a player's strength? - B.** The system is named after its creator, Arpad Elo. He was a physics professor and also a chess master who worked to improve how the U.S. Chess Federation measured player's skill levels.

**13. Other than world champion, what is the highest title a chess player can earn? - D.** The other alternatives are not real chess titles. Grandmaster (abbreviated GM) is a title that players can earn and which they carry for life. The grandmaster title was

awarded for the first time in 1950 to 27 players. Since then, the requirements to achieve the highest chess title have changed tremendously.

**14. What determines which player starts first in a chess game? - D.** The player with the white pieces always starts first.

**15. The folding chessboard was invented by? - B.** The story tells that a priest came up with the idea as they were forbidden to play chess. The priest then devised a folding board that looked like two books lying together so he could still play the game.

**16. In 1988 a computer won against a GM for the first time. What was the computer called? - C.** This happened in the American Open, during which the computer won against GM [Bent Larsen](#).

**17. If you put one grain of wheat on the first square of the chessboard, then two on the second, four on the third, eight on the fourth, and so on, how many grains of wheat do you need to put on the last 64th square? - D.** This is how vast and deep the game of chess is! There are so many combinations of possible moves, which make the game so interesting and unpredictable.

**18. How did the first game between Earth and the crew of the Soyuz-9 spacecraft played on the 9th of June, 1970 finish? - C.** The game ended peacefully with a draw after 35 moves and about 6 hours. It's interesting to mention that there was a special board designed for the game and the moves were sent via radio.

**19. What is chess played by post or email called? - B.** The main difference from regular chess is that the opponents play remotely, and they are not required to play at the same time. This gives more time to make a move, reducing the rate of blunders.

**20. Which is greatest in number? - B.** The virtually infinite number of possible chess games is one of the reasons why chess is so interesting and it's still popular today.



# **Ficheall - Chess Table Quiz - PUPIL Answer Sheet**

Earn a score of 75 or more to get a HOMEWORK PASS  
for your team to be used tonight!

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Ranking

Add up your points to gauge your chess knowledge! Add five points to every question you got right and check where you stand:

- 0 to 20 points: beginner
- 21 to 40 points: Buds
- 41 to 60 points: Masters
- 61 to 80 points: IM (International Master)
- 81 to 100 points: GM (Grand Master)

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We hope you enjoyed diving into the chess world through this chess quiz and that it helped you widen your knowledge.

Keep on learning as there are so many interesting chess facts still to be discovered and learned!