

First Line Quiz

Do you know, or can you guess, what book begins with these first lines? Sometimes the first line in a book gives you a good clue about the story to follow. The titles are arranged from younger to older readers.

1) You know it's going to be a bad day when an octopus falls on your head.

- a) *Tyrone and the time tripper* by Jo Jensen
- b) *Aristotle's nostril* by Morris Gleitzman
- c) *Tashi and the haunted house* by Anna Fienberg and Barbara Fienberg

2) The adventure really began on the day that Mollie and Peter went out to spend their pocket money on a present for their mother's birthday.

- a) *The very naughty mother goes invisible* by Gretel Killeen
- b) *Wish* by Felice Arena
- c) *Adventures of the wishing chair* by Enid Blyton

3) The Coconuts. Mum gave us that name one sunny day, rattling along all squashed into our old bomb.

- a) *Hannah plus one* by Libby Gleeson
- b) *Don't pat the wombat* by Elizabeth Honey
- c) *The very naughty mother runs away* by Gretel Killeen

4) Before we go any further I'd better come clean about my underpants.

- a) *Captain underpants and the attack of the talking toilets* by Dav Pilkey
- b) *Bumageddon: the final pongflict* by Andy Griffiths
- c) *The killer underpants* by Michael Lawrence

5) I should be arrested for this.

- a) *Girl underground* by Morris Gleitzman
- b) *Fugitive* (Spy girl series) by Christine Harris
- c) *South by south east* by Anthony Horowitz

6) There are lots of nasty things that can happen to you on Earth these days. Trust me, I used to live there.

- a) *Vampire slugs* on Callisto by Jackie French
- b) *Faerie wars* by Herbie Brennan
- c) *Neville the devil* by Michael Lawrence

7) In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit.

- a) *The princess and the goblin* by George MacDonald
- b) *The hobbit* by JRR Tolkien
- c) *The fellowship of the ring* by JRR Tolkien

8) It is a curious thing for a boy to be stuck on a train in an Alpine snowstorm, in a bathroom with six homesick lions and a huge unidentified sabre-toothed creature.

- a) *Lion adventure* by Willard Price
- b) *Sabre-tooth sandwich* by Leon Garfield
- c) *Lion boy: the chase* by Zizou Corder

9) Berrin's sword scraped noisily against the concrete as he crawled through the narrow tunnel.

- a) *The tunnels of Ferdinand* (Doomsday rats book 1) by James Moloney
- b) *The scorpion's tail* (Doomsday rats book 2) by James Moloney
- c) *The lair of the mountain beast* (Doomsday rats book 4) by James Moloney

10) Artemis Fowl was almost content.

- a) *Artemis fowl* by Eoin Colfer
- b) *Artemis fowl: The eternity code* by Eoin Colfer
- c) *Artemis fowl: The arctic incident* by Eoin Colfer

11) It was clear from the first moment of landing that mother's calculations were wrong and X's were correct.

- a) *Space games* by Mike Carter
- b) *The outcast* by Patricia Bernard
- c) *Halfway across the galaxy and turn left* by Robin Klein

12) Once on a dark winter's day, when the yellow fog hung so thick and heavy in the streets of London that the lamps were lighted and the shop windows blazed as they do at night, an odd-looking little girl sat in a cab with her father and was driven slowly through the big thoroughfares.

- a) *A little princess* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- b) *The Illmoor chronicles: The shadewell shenanigans* by David Lee Stone
- c) *Chinese Cinderella and the secret dragon society* by Adeline Yen Mah

13) Joseph fixed his eyes on the coffin and thought of silkworms.

- a) *The running man* by Michael Gerard Bauer
- b) *Joshua Cross* by Diane Redmond
- c) *Hey Joe* by Michael Hyde

14) Ravaged with broken and crippled bodies, the footy field looked like a war zone.

- a) *Deadly unna?* by Phillip Gwynne
- b) *The crush* by Scott Monk
- c) *The line formation* by Pat Flynn



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