

THE FIVE SENSES OF BRUSSELS

Brussels : the five senses rally

Name of your team :

Hello and welcome to Brussels!

Whether you were born here, spending a chapter of your life or visiting just a couple of days, the capital of Belgium (and Europe) has so much to offer!

From history to culture, from eating to drinking, from chocolate to comic books, sharpen your senses to discover the many faces of our beloved city.

You will be helped by two elements: your guide, and this roadbook/quiz.

You'll find questions and riddles to solve on the spot, and others to be solved more calmly, before finishing the rally and (why not?) while sipping a good beer...

The more (correct) answers you give, the more points you get. Easy, right?

So, get ready to explore, learn about the city, and put your senses to the test!



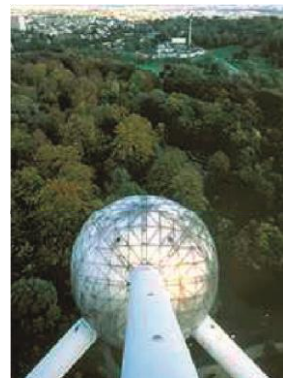
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A bit of everything to warm your “grey little cells” up!

Take a look at the image : what's the name of this monument, and how many spheres are missing to complete the structure?

In what year was it built ?

What is the date of Belgium National Independence day ?



Belgium is one of the few monarchies left. What's the name of the present King of the Belgians?

Which famous painter has created «Ceci n'est pas une pipe» ?



Which famous Belgian detective uses the expression “little grey cells”?

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Botanique : Cultural center and botanical garden

What is the name of the flower which represents Brussels?



The Botanical garden hosts a foreign tree : the Ginkgo Biloba from Japan

Why is this tree so extraordinary?

- a) It was the first tree who bloomed after only one year from the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima
- b) The shape of its leaf inspired many Art Nouveau artists
- c) The ovules of the female tree have a disgusting smell
- d) All of the above



Which famous artist played three short concerts at the Orangerie of the Botanique, in front of 300 people per concert in 2014?

- a) David Bowie
- b) Prince
- c) Sting

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Place de Brouckère

Follow along with our Jacques Brel interpreter, Stan! (and of course, complete the missing words!)

C'était au temps où Bruxelles rêvait
C'était au temps du _____ muet
C'était au temps où Bruxelles chantait
C'était au temps où Bruxelles bruxellait
Place de Brouckère, on voyait des

Avec des hommes, des femmes en
crinoline
Place de Brouckère, on voyait l'omnibus
Avec des femmes, des messieurs en gibus

Et sur l'impériale
Le cœur dans les étoiles
Il y avait mon grand-père
Il y avait ma grand-mère
Il était _____
Elle était _____
Il pensait pas, elle pensait rien
Et on voudrait que je sois malin

C'était au temps où Bruxelles chantait
C'était au temps du cinéma muet
C'était au temps où Bruxelles rêvait
C'était au temps où Bruxelles bruxellait

Sur les pavés de la

Dansaient les hommes les femmes en
crinoline
Sur les pavés dansaient les omnibus
Avec des femmes des messieurs en gibus

Et sur l'impériale

Le _____ dans les étoiles
Il y avait mon grand-père
Il y avait ma grand-mère
Il avait su y faire
Elle l'avait laissé faire
Ils l'avaient donc fait tous les deux
Et on voudrait que je sois sérieux

C'était au temps où Bruxelles rêvait
C'était au temps du cinéma muet
C'était au temps où Bruxelles dansait
C'était au temps où Bruxelles bruxellait

Sous _____ de la place Sainte-
Justine
Chantaient les hommes, les femmes en
crinoline
Sous les lampions dansaient les omnibus
Avec des femmes, des messieurs en gibus

Et sur l'impériale
Le cœur dans les étoiles
Il y avait mon grand-père
Il y avait ma grand-mère
Il attendait la guerre
Elle attendait mon père
Ils étaient gais comme le _____
Et on voudrait que j'aie le moral

C'était au temps où Bruxelles rêvait
C'était au temps du cinéma muet
C'était au temps où Bruxelles chantait
C'était au temps où Bruxelles bruxellait...

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Since we're talking about Music, our capital has been depicted in various songs! Can you link the lyrics to the artist

Je suis de ceux qui restent au port
Je sais qu'on devait rire encore
Je suis de ceux, mais tu es de celles
Qui restent plantées à Bruxelles

Angèle – Bruxelles Je t'aime (2021)

Petit gars de Bruxelles
Mignon porte-bonheur
Arrose les plus belles
Arrose tous les cœurs
Quand il fait "Pss... Pss..."

Dick Annegarn –
Bruxelles (1974)

On n'a pas Beaubourg ni la Seine
On n'est pas la ville de l'amour, mais bon vous voyez
Et sûrement que dès ce soir le ciel couvrira une tempête
Mais après l'orage avec des bières, les gens feront la fête

Maurice Chevalier –
Manneken Pis (1949)

Les néons, les Léon, les Nondedjeu sublime
décadence, la danse des panses,
Ministère de la bière
Artère vers l'Enfer
Place de Brouckère
Bruxelles, attends-moi j'arrive

Boulevard des Airs –
Bruxelles (2016)

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An air of revolution : Royal Opera Theater

What was the title of the Opera that sparked the Belgian Revolution?

What is the title of the famous aria of the second act that started the riots?



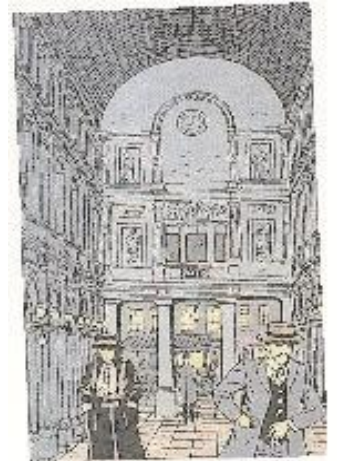
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Royal Saint-Hubert Galleries

Which of the following statements is false?

- a) Jean Neuhaus has an Italian origin, and was called Casanova
- b) He opened the shop in the Galleries in 1857
- c) He invented the manon

Which are the two fundamental inventions of the Neuhaus family?



What is the secret ingredient in the chocolate you're tasting?

Which music superstar used to come dancing at the Theater of Vaudeville during the 80's?

- a) Madonna
- b) Phil Collins
- c) Rod Stewart
- d) Marvin Gaye

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Belgium Brown's Gold : Chocolate !

- 1) What is the origin of the word "Chocolate"?

- 2) When was the Belgian Praline invented?

- 3) Which country is the largest producer of cocoa beans?
 - Ivory Coast
 - Ghana
 - Indonesia
 - Brasil
- 4) On average, how much chocolate does a Belgian consume per year?
 - 2 kg
 - 5 kg
 - 8 kg
 - 12 kg
- 5) What is the main health benefit associated with consuming dark chocolate (in moderation!)
 - Weight loss
 - Increased energy
 - Improved heart health
 - Better skin

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Grand Place

On some facades of the Grand Place in Brussels, especially on the one of the Roy d'Espagne, you can admire a text in Latin.

Add the Roman numerals and discover the date of rebirth of this building:

haC staVlt plstor VICtrICla slgna trophael qVo CarolVs pLena LaVDe
seCVnDVs oVat

*The baker set up here the victorious flags of the trophy
By which Charles II, in full glory, triumphs, in happiness*

	*	I	=	
	*	V	=	
	*	X	=	
	*	L	=	
	*	C	=	
	*	D	=	
	*	M	=	

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The most touched statue in the city of Brussels, let us introduce you to Everard 't Serclaes

Listen to the explanation of the guide and find the answers:

Who gave the order to murder Everard ?

Where can you see the other statue of Everard 't Serclaes on the Grand Place?

Look at the bas-relief. How many references to chicken can you find?

Comic books

Let's start with the classics: How many protagonists of the adventures of TinTin can you name?

How tall are the Smurfs?

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To which comic books do these frescoes belong?



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Belgium's Liquid Gold : Beer !

- 1) How many kind of fermentation exist, and which are they?

- 2) What fruit is traditionally used in the production of Kriek Beer?

- 3) Why do Belgian bartenders often rinse the glass with water before pouring the beer?
 - To cool the glass
 - To clean the glass and help with foam formation
 - To dilute the beer
 - To add minerals to the beer
- 4) Until the 80's, light beer was served to pupils in schools' cafeterias for lunch.
 - True
 - False
- 5) This famous Brussels café was the meeting point of René Magritte and the Surrealists?
