

September IQ

Say goodbye to summer with this quiz. Test your September IQ.

- Which of the following does **NOT** occur in September?
 - Rosh Hashanah
 - Labor Day
 - Grandparents Day
 - All Saints' Day
- September has 30 days. If you add up the days of all the months that have 30 days only, what is the total number of days?

- The first Edsel automobile was introduced on September 4, 1957. Who is the Edsel named for?
 - The son of Henry Ford
 - The dog of Henry Ford
 - The father of Henry Ford
 - The brother of Henry Ford
- What are the two zodiac signs for September?
 - Virgo and Libra
 - Aries and Taurus
 - Gemini and Cancer
 - Leo and Virgo
- True or false? Canada and the U.S. celebrate Labor Day in September.
- George Gershwin was born on September 26, 1898. Was he a lyricist or a composer? _____
- In what British city did the Great Fire occur on September 2, 1666?

- Which of these September events took place most recently?
 - Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner."
 - Balboa sighted the Pacific Ocean.
 - President Gerald Ford pardoned former President Richard Nixon.
 - Elvis Presley made his first television appearance.



9. In the northern hemisphere, what is the moment called when the sun is directly above the equator?
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10. True or false? Every year, September begins on the same day of the week as December.
11. What is the birthstone for September?
- A. Garnet
 - B. Diamond
 - C. Ruby
 - D. Sapphire
12. On September 19, 1981, Simon and Garfunkel gave a free concert in New York City's Central Park. What are the first names of the music duo?
- A. Neil and John
 - B. Paul and Art
 - C. Simple and George
 - D. Bob and Nate
13. What song has the lyric: "Try to remember the kind of September when life was slow and oh, so mellow"?
- A. "Try to Remember"
 - B. "September Morn"
 - C. "Harvest Moon"
 - D. "As Time Goes By"
14. On September 21, 1897, a letter from a young girl inquiring about Santa Claus was published in the *New York Sun*. What was the young girl's name?
- A. Ruby
 - B. Victoria
 - C. Virginia
 - D. Jessica
15. True or false? Spring begins in September in the southern hemisphere.

Answers

1. (D) All Saints' Day. It occurs on November 1.
2. 120. Four months (April, June, September, and November) have 30 days.
3. (A) The son of Henry Ford. According to *Time* magazine, the Edsel is one of the 50 worst cars of all time.
4. (A) Virgo and Libra. Virgo is August 23 to September 22. Libra is September 23 to October 22.
5. True. Canada and the U.S. celebrate Labor Day on the first Monday in September.
6. Composer. His brother Ira was the lyricist.
7. London. The Great Fire of London began in a bakery. More than 12,000 houses were destroyed.
8. (C) President Gerald Ford pardoned former President Richard Nixon. This occurred in 1974. Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner" in 1814. Elvis made his first television appearance in 1956. Balboa sighted the Pacific Ocean in 1513.
9. The September equinox, also referred to as the autumnal equinox. This year, the autumnal equinox will occur on Tuesday, September 22.
10. True. However, no other month *ends* on the same day of the week as September.
11. (D) Sapphire. Sapphires are the non-red variety of the mineral corundum. Rubies are the red variety of corundum.
12. (B) Paul and Art. The purpose of the concert was to raise money for the restoration and maintenance of Central Park. Simon and Garfunkel were chosen for this fundraising event because they both grew up in New York City.
13. (A) "Try to Remember." Tom Jones wrote the song for the comedy musical *The Fantasticks* in 1960.
14. (C) Virginia. Virginia O'Hanlon was eight years old when she wrote the letter.
15. True. Autumn begins in March in the southern hemisphere.