

## First lines of books quiz answers

- 1. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness*  
A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
- 2. Far out in the uncharted backwaters of the unfashionable end of the Western Spiral arm of the Galaxy lies a small unregarded yellow sun.*  
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- 3. The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there.*  
The Go-Between by L P Hartley
- 4. In my younger and more vulnerable years my father gave me some advice that I've been turning over in my mind ever since.*  
The Great Gatsby by Scott Fitzgerald
- 5. I write this sitting in the kitchen sink.*  
I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith
- 6. It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.*  
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- 7. It was 7 minutes after midnight. The dog was lying on the grass in the middle of the lawn in front of Mrs Shears' house. Its eyes were closed.*  
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon
- 8. Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again.*  
Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
- 9. Amergo Bonasera sat in New York Criminal Court Number 3 and waited for justice; vengeance on the men who had so cruelly hurt his daughter, who had tried to dishonor her*  
The Godfather by Mario Puzo
- 10. riverrun, past Eve and Adam's, from swerve of shore to bend of bay, brings us by a commodius vicus of recirculation back to Howth Castle and Environs.*  
Finnegans Wake by James Joyce
- 11. Mr and Mrs Dursley, of number four Privet Drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much.*  
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

12. *Miss Brooke had that kind of beauty which seems to be thrown into relief by poor dress.*

Middlemarch by George Eliot

13. *It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.*

1984 by George Orwell

14. *1801 – I have just returned from a visit to my landlord – the solitary neighbour that I shall be troubled with.*

Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë

15. *The studio was filled with the rich odour of roses, and when the light summer wind stirred amidst the trees of the garden, there came through the open door the heavy scent of the lilac*

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

16. *No one would have believed, in the last years of the nineteenth century, that this world was being watched keenly and closely by intelligences greater than man's*

The War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells

17. *Ours is essentially a tragic age, so we refuse to take it tragically. The cataclysm has happened, we are among the ruins, we start to build up new little habitats, to have new little hopes.*

Lady Chatterley's Lover by D H Lawrence

18. *Lyra and her daemon moved through the darkening Hall, taking care to keep to one side, out of sight of the kitchen.*

Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

19. *A squat grey building of only thirty-four stories. Over the main entrance the words, Central London Hatchery and Conditioning Centre, and, in a shield, the World State's motto, Community, Identity, Stability.*

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

20. *There was no possibility of taking a walk that day.*

Jane Eyre, Charlotte Brontë.