

THE TRANSYLVANIA QUIZ

WITH OVER 1100 QUESTIONS FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY

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The Transylvania Quiz lets you immerse yourself in a history that is little known and even less told. The quiz contributes to international understanding between Germans, Hungarians and Romanians and gives insight into the different perspectives on Transylvania in a playful way.

Despite its rich history, culture, landscape and personalities, Transylvania is often associated with Dracula, the film Hotel Transylvania, which takes place in Dracula's castle, or vampires. However, Transylvania is so much more.

Transylvania has a unique culture and history. The land of Transylvania is a melting pot of many peoples and has produced great personalities such as musicians, poets, scientists as well as Olympic champions. However, it is not only rich in culture, history and personalities, but also in a picturesque landscape, which is home to a great treasure of raw materials.

Learn more about the history, culture, language, coexistence of Germans, Hungarians, Szekler and Romanians, the geography, economy, political situation and generally about the current situation in Transylvania in the Transylvania Quiz. The quiz highlights the living situation of the Transylvanian Saxons, Szekler, Hungarians and Romanians in Transylvania. However, the quiz does not only exemplarily illustrate the life situation of the population groups in Transylvania, but also of the Transylvanian Saxons, Hungarians, Romanians and Szekler outside of Transylvania. For example, the player learns about the Transylvanian Saxons in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Canada or the USA.

Transylvania has a lot to offer and the Transylvanian quiz awaits you with many questions. History is more than just the past, it explains the present and gives us ideas for the future.

The quiz game is a game for young and old. It can be guessed and puzzled with the whole family and friends. But Transylvania Quiz as a tool can also be used by teachers to accompany and complement lessons.

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The questions were compiled to the best of our knowledge of the current situation (as of 2022) and expert research. No liability is assumed for the correctness of the answers. In addition, the questions have been professionally translated into English, No liability is assumed for translation errors.

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FOREWORD

We are three people in the development team, Robert, Sina and Akos. Robert was interested in history and especially in Transylvania from an early age, so in 2009 he decided to organize a lecture about "The Schools in Transylvania" with the Association of Transylvanian Saxons in his school. There was already little known about Transylvania at that time. The lecture was received with great interest but also astonishment. For example, the students and teachers at Robert's school were astonished that at that time 20,000 young people were studying in German-speaking educational institutions in Transylvania and Romania. For many of the students and teachers Transylvania and its minorities especially its German minority was not known.

Sina developed a quiz app about Finland in 2020-2021 from this came the common idea to develop a quiz app about Transylvania in order to preserve and promote the culture of Transylvania as well as the minorities living in it. The quiz was first published as a quiz app in English, Hungarian and Romanian. The translation was done by Akos Keintzel and Robert Keintzel.

The quiz is in the spirit of Klafki's Categorical Concept of Education. Thus, among other things, the quiz is intended to be exemplary and relevant to life in order to promote self-determination, co-determination, and solidarity. Historical multiperspectivity is elementary for the creation or strengthening of a critical historical consciousness for us.

In order for everyone to participate, the quiz has been written in English, German, Hungarian and Romanian. The quiz is available in the other languages as an app and in several languages in book form. The aim is not to provide tendentious or simple truths, but sound and critical information that is at the same time exemplary and relevant to life.

One copy of the book in German and one in English were given to the Transylvanian Institute/ Transylvanian Library for documentation, so that the Transylvanian Quiz can be documented as an important cultural asset.

CATALOGUE OF QUESTIONS

In this game you can push your Transylvanian knowledge to its limits.

There are 8 different categories.

1. Geography, flora and fauna
2. Economy and science
3. History
4. Society
5. Sports
6. Art
7. Food and drink
8. Religion and religious buildings

Each category contains questions in 5 different difficulty levels.

The difficulty within each category is ascending.

GEOGRAPHY, FLORA AND FAUNA

Transylvania is characterized by a highland with many hills and towns with names in different languages, which are enclosed by the Carpathians. The most important rivers are the Alt, the Mieresch as well as in the north the Samosh.

The people of Transylvania live with a continental climate with hot summers and cold winters. The land is fertile and is home to a great variety of plants and animals. Thus, numerous wild animals can also be found in the forests of Transylvania, such as the brown bear



Questions 1-4

1

Which of these languages spoken in Romania's neighbouring countries is not a Slavic language

- A Hungarian
- B Ukrainian
- C Serbian
- D Bulgarian

2

What is the name of the Romanian capital?

- A Brasov/Kronstadt/Brassó
- B Bukarest
- C Oradea/Großwardein/Nagyvárad
- D Sibiu/Hermannstadt/Nagyszeben

3

Which two rivers join at Blasendorf/Blaj/Balázsfalva?

- A Big and small Kokel
- B Iller and Lech
- C Danube and Rhine
- D Don and Thames

4

What is the capital of Mureş County?

- A Hunedoara/Eisenmarkt/Hunyad
- B Neumarkt/Târgu Mureş/Marosvásárhely
- C Deva/Diemrich/Déva
- D Covasna/Kovászna

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Questions 5-8

5 Which of these place names occurs in Transylvania?

- A Esch
- B Birk
- C Tann
- D Ahorn

6 What is the international telephone code for Romania?

- A 0043
- B 0040
- C 0041
- D 0049

7 On which river did the timber traders from Saxon-Regen/Reghin/Szászrégen ship the timber to Szeged in Hungary, especially in the 19th century?

- A Danube
- B Vltava
- C Mieres/Mureş/Maros
- D Rhine

8 Where is Transylvania in Romania

- A On the southern border
- B On the western border
- C On the eastern border
- D In the centre

Solutions 5-8

5 Which of these place names occurs in Transylvania?

Birk

6 What is the international telephone code for Romania?

0040

7 Auf welchem Fluss verschifften vor allem im 19. Jahrhundert die Holzhändler von Sächsisch-Regen/Reghin/Szászrégen das Holz bis nach Szeged in Ungarn?

Mieresch/Mureş/Maros

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Questions 9-12

9 Which mountain range runs through Transylvania?

- A Ural Mountains
- B Andes
- C Alps
- D Carpathians

10 What is the name of the river that forms a large part of the border between Romania and Bulgaria?

- A Rhine
- B Danube
- C Nile
- D Mississippi

11 Which of these four unique natural landscapes is in Romania?

- A Brown bear
- B Kangaroo
- C Reindeer
- D Moose

12 On which continent is Transylvania located?

- A Africa
- B Asia
- C Europe
- D America

Solutions 9-12

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B Donau

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Questions 13-15

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- A Rhine
- B Nile
- C Danube
- D Mississippi

14

Which of these four unique natural landscape is in Romania?

- A Fuji
- B Great Canyon
- C Alps
- D Carpathians

15

Which neighbouring country was at war with Russia in 2022?

- A Ukraine
- B Hungary
- C Serbia
- D Bulgaria

16

What is the Romanian country name for Transylvania?

- A Ardeal
- B Zonă
- C Munți
- D Tară

Solutions 13-16

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Questions 17-20

17

What is not a term for Transylvania?

- A Tară
- B Ardeal
- C Transsilvania
- D Erdély

18

Which animal species is not extinct in Transylvania (as of 2022)?

- A Lion
- B Jaguar
- C Wolf
- D Dolphin

19

Which German city on Lake Constance has a similar name to a well-known Romanian city on the Black Sea?

- A Friedrichshafen
- B Lindau
- C Konstanz
- D Meersburg

20

In which county was György Dózsa born?

- A Covasna
- B Sibiu
- C Mureş
- D Harghita

Solutions 17-20

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Questions 21-24

21

What is a popular destination for weekend trips and family celebrations for people from Saxon-Regen/Reghin/Szászrégen?

- A Bärental (Bear Valley)
- B Ziegenwald (Goat Forest)
- C Affeninsel (Monkey Island)
- D Teufelssee (Devil's Lake)

22

Which building is not located in Transylvania?

- A Schloss Neuschwanstein (Neuschwanstein Castle)
- B Margarethenkirche (St. Margaret's Church)
- C Törzburg oder Schloss Bran/Törcsvári kastély/Castelul Bran
- D Lügenbrücke (Bridge of Lies)

23

On which neighbouring country of Romania is Transylvania located?

- A Serbia
- B Hungary
- C Ukraine
- D None

24

Which county of Transylvania borders on the Banat?

- A Mieresch/Maros/Mureş
- B Kronstadt/Brassó/Braşov
- C Klausenburg/Kolozs/Cluj
- D Eisenmarkt/Hunyad

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Questions 25-28

25

Which of Romania's neighbouring countries was the first to become a member of NATO?

- A Bulgaria
- B Serbia
- C Ukraine
- D Hungary

26

What is the name of the northernmost Transylvanian-Saxon municipality?

- A Thorenburg/Turda/Torda
- B Târgu Mureş/Neumarkt/Marosvásárhely
- C Tschippendorf/Cepari/Csépán
- D Weißkirch bei Schäßburg/Albeşti/Fehéregyháza

27

What is the highest peak in Romania?

- A Moldoveanu
- B Negoiu
- C Krähenstein
- D Pietros

28

On which river are Sighisoara and Mediaş?

- A Mieresch/Mureş/Maros
- B Alt/Olt
- C Grosse Kokel/Târnava Mare/Nagy-Küküllő
- D Danube

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Questions 29-32

29

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- A Szászsebes
- B Aiud
- C Segesvár
- D Törcsvár

30

What is the Hungarian name of Szeklerburg?

- A Csíkszereda
- B Szászsebes
- C Segesvár
- D Erzsébetváros

31

What is the capital of Hunedoara County?

- A Alba Iulia/Karlsburg/Gyulafehérvár
- B Neumarkt am Mieresch/Târgu Mureş/Marosvásárhely
- C Braşov/Kronstadt/Brassó
- D Deva/Diemrich/Déva

32

Which of these place names does not occur in Transylvania?

- A Visa
- B Tür
- C Türe
- D Türen

Solutions 29-32

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Questions 33-36

33 Which of these place names occurs in Transylvania?

- A Voila
- B Merci
- C Pardon
- D Scusi

34 Which of these place names occurs in Transylvania?

- A Geist
- B Phantom
- C Gespenst
- D Zombie

35 Which of these place names occurs in Transylvania?

- A Sie
- B Er
- C Es
- D Ihr

36 Who or what is or are the Burzen (Roman. Bârsa, Hungarian: Barca)?

- A A boys' choir
- B A village
- C A river
- D A Transylvanian Saxon costume

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