



A FUNgus Quiz

FOR UK FUNGUS DAY!

1. In July 2022, Stella McCartney released to market a luxury handbag made from Mylo. What is used to produce Mylo?

2. Who accidentally discovered Penicillin in 1928?

3. In 2013 giant woven willow sculptures of mushrooms, created by artist Tom Hare, appeared on the lawns of which famous London venue to mark UK Fungus Day?

4. 'Green oak' was highly prized by fine woodworkers in the 18th and 19th centuries, who used it's vivid blue-green colour to great effect in their intricate inlays for decorative wooden boxes e.g. Tonbridge Ware in Kent. The colour comes from a fungus called....what?



5. According to folklore carrying something made of iron, wearing your hat back to front or having your pockets turned inside out would all protect you if you were about to do what?

6. In May 2022 a gold ring created to resemble a pink oyster mushroom broke which Guinness World Record?



7. In 1885 a German biologist, Albert Frank, coined a term which is now widely used to describe the relationship between fungi and plant roots. What is that term?

8. The Armit Museum in Ambleside, Cumbria (Lake District) is home to a collection of watercolour paintings of fungi by which children's author (1866 - 1943)?

9. Research by Suzanne Simard led to the introduction of which three-word term, now popularly used to describe the interconnectedness of trees and fungi in woodlands?

10. *Hypomyces lactifluorum* is a fungus, found in North America, which parasitises certain other fungi (*Russula* and *Lactarius* species). It eventually covers them with a bright reddish-orange crust. The resulting combination is said to have the flavour and aroma of shellfish/crustaceans. What is *H. lactifluorum* commonly known as?



11. Which mushrooms did King Charles go foraging for near his Birkhall home?

12. Yellow stagshorn mushrooms, which have brightly yellow or orange bodies, resemble which ocean animal?

13. What links the author Nicholas Evans, the Roman Emperor Claudius and Pope Clement VII?

14. According to a scientific study published in the journal Nature, how many types of fungi live on human feet?

15. How many dried specimens are held in the Fungarium at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew?

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ANSWERS

1. Fungal mycelium
2. Alexander Fleming
3. Kew Gardens
4. Green Elf Cups (*Chlorociboria aeruginascens*)
5. Step into a fairy ring
6. Most diamonds in a single ring (24,679), valued at £79,967.
7. Mycorrhiza
8. Beatrix Potter
9. Wood Wide Web
10. Lobster mushroom
11. Chanterelles
12. Coral
13. Mushroom poisoning
14. About 200
15. 1.25 million

