



You gotta be joking...
A "True or False"-Quiz on the General Election

	True	False
1. Political betting is a daily occurrence in the United Kingdom. Betting shops like Betfred, Ladbrokes or skybet offer bets on regional and national election results.	X	
2. After the Dissolution of Parliament the Queen and her Privy Council personally lock the doors of Westminster Palace. They then deliver the keys to the Tower of London, where they are kept together with the Crown Jewels.		X
3. The final election results are carried across the Towerbridge in a sealed envelope by the Mayor of London. In front of No 10 Downing Street, they are presented to the Speaker of Parliament. The BBC has got exclusive rights to broadcast the opening of the envelope and the announcement of the final results.		X
4. You have to pay a 500 GBP deposit if you want to stand as MP. The deposit will be returned if you poll at least 5% of the votes cast.	X	
5. The Official Monster Raving Loony Party is a registered political party established in the United Kingdom in 1983. The party's "Manicfesto" features its long held pledge to abolish income tax, as it was only meant to be a temporary measure during the Napoleonic Wars.	X	
6. Adam Dant is the nation's official Election Artist, who has been commissioned by the Speaker's Advisory Committee on Works of Art to document the processes and outcomes of the 2015 General Election.	X	
7. Each polling officer is equipped with alcohol measurement tools and entitled to check the blood alcohol content of voters in case of a serious concern regarding the voter's accountability. If the alcohol content exceeds		X



1.4% a participation in the election can be denied by the polling officer.		
8. The average age of an MP during the last election period is 68.		X (1)
9. The official guidance for filling in your ballot paper is to place an "x" in the square next to the name of the candidate you wish to vote for. However, you can also cast your vote with a tick, a number, or even a smiley face if you wish to.		
10. Members of the Royal family are not allowed to participate in the General (or any other) Election.		X
11. The general election actually began on Friday December 19 - the start of the long campaign when spending is regulated.	X	
12. Since 1900 Britain has had 22 different Prime Ministers. 13 of them have come to power other than through a general election.	X	

(1) It's actually 50!