

Dolly Parton's music and humour have been part of so many people's lives. You can play a short excerpt from a licensed music source between a few questions if that suits your group, or simply use the quiz as a relaxed table activity.

How to Use This Dolly Parton Quiz in Aged Care

Print the questions or read them from a tablet. I find it works best to ask one question at a time, then give residents a chance to answer, listen, or simply enjoy the chat around the table. There is no need to hurry through all 20 questions. If a song title opens up a good conversation, stay with it for a moment.

All of the answers are directly below the questions, so you can easily check them as you go.

The Dolly Parton Quiz

1. Dolly Parton is best known for singing which style of music?

(Answer: Country music)

2. In which American state was Dolly Parton born?

(Answer: Tennessee)

3. What number completes the title of Dolly Parton's workday song and

film: 9 to ___?

(Answer: 5)

4. Which Dolly Parton song is about a woman whose name starts with J

and includes the line, "Please don't take him just because you can"?

(Answer: Jolene)

5. What word completes the title Coat of Many ___?

(Answer: Colours / Colors)

6. What word completes the title I Will Always ___ You?

(Answer: Love)

7. Which singer later had a huge hit with Dolly Parton's song I Will

Always Love You?

(Answer: Whitney Houston)

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8. Dolly Parton has a special place called Dollywood. What kind of place is it: a theme park, an airport, or a football stadium?

(Answer: A theme park)

9. In the famous film title starring Dolly Parton, what word comes after Steel: Steel ___?

(Answer: Magnolias)

10. Dolly Parton starred with Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin in which workday-themed film?

(Answer: 9 to 5)

11. Which male country singer recorded the hit Islands in the Stream with Dolly Parton?

(Answer: Kenny Rogers)

12. What word completes the song title Here You Come ___?

(Answer: Again)

13. What city did Dolly Parton move to after finishing high school to begin her music career?

(Answer: Nashville)

14. Dolly Parton grew up near which famous mountain range: the Great ___ Mountains?

(Answer: Smoky)

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Quiz questions, reminiscing prompts, and session close

15. Dolly Parton was one of how many children in her family?

(Answer: 12)

16. What is the name of the book-giving program Dolly Parton founded for children?

(Answer: Imagination Library)

17. Besides singing, Dolly Parton is especially well known for what?

(Answer: Writing Songs & Acting)

18. Which U.S. state is home to Dollywood?

(Answer: Tennessee)

19. Before becoming a solo star, Dolly Parton appeared regularly on which country music television show?

(Answer: The Porter Wagoner Show)

20. Dolly Parton's famous stage style often included sparkling outfits made with what decorative stones?

(Answer: Rhinestones)

Gentle Dolly Parton Reminiscing Prompts

You do not need to ask every prompt. I would choose one or two that feel right for the group and let the conversation take its own direction.

- Which Dolly Parton song title do you enjoy most?
- Did you ever listen to country music on the radio, at home, in the car, or while doing jobs around the house?
- What did country-music singers often wear when you were younger—cowboy boots, bright shirts, hats, or something else?
- Did you ever see 9 to 5 or Steel Magnolias at the cinema or on television?
- What was your usual workday routine? Did you have a favourite tea break, lunch, uniform, or way of travelling to work?
- Do you enjoy a singer with a strong sense of humour?
- What colours or patterns would you choose for a bright “coat of many colours” collage?
- Would you rather listen to country music, dance music, a film soundtrack, or something else during an activity session?

A Simple Way to Finish the Session

If the group would like to continue, play one short Dolly Parton song from your usual licensed music source and invite people to enjoy it in their own way. You could also place a few bright flowers or patterned scarves on the table and offer tea. Keep the ending gentle—there is no need to turn the room into a stage set.