Movie Trivia Questions for Adults

Run a lively movie round with recognizable characters, directors, production milestones, and familiar films.

Host guide / A4 / Adult trivia / 25–40 minutes

Read the guide privately first if this activity has hidden answers. Print single-sided at Actual size / 100%. Cut only sheets marked CARDS. Keep answer keys with the host.

What you need

- Printed question cards or a host screen
- Pens and score sheet
- A timer (optional)
- One host or a reader for each team

How to run it

1. Choose teams of two to five or play individually.
2. Read each prompt and allow 20–30 seconds for answers.
3. Award one point for a correct answer; accept equivalent wording.
4. Reveal the answer and read the concise explanation.
5. For a shorter round, select a balanced mix across at least six categories.
6. Keep the answer key with the host, separate from player-facing prompts.

A movie round across genres

The cards move among well-known films from the 1970s onward, including studio adventures, animated stories, international cinema, and superhero films. Familiar characters provide quick entry points; production milestones and directing credits add variety. Award questions are only one part of the round, so teams can succeed through story knowledge as well as film history.

- Adventure, science fiction, and crime drama
- Animated characters and production
- International and superhero cinema
- Directors, casts, and a few award facts

Play without clips

No movie clips, copyrighted dialogue, or equipment are needed. Read the prompt, allow a brief team discussion, then reveal the answer and context. For a shorter game, choose cards across several genres and include both character questions and production or director questions.

- Give teams about 20 seconds to confer.
- Accept clearly equivalent names, especially full and shortened film titles.
- Invite a quick favorite-film connection after the answer, then continue.

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Sources and editorial scope

The set uses official studio, Academy, and cultural-institution pages for the stated facts. It avoids rankings such as “best film ever,” fast-changing box-office totals, and quoted dialogue. Film plot details stay brief and are used only to identify a character, setting, or central story premise. Each card includes a direct source for host review.

- No clips or quotes are needed to play.
- Awards are stated with their ceremony year to avoid year-of-release confusion.
- No playtesting claim is made.

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CARDS / Movie Trivia Questions for Adults

R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-001 / Award-winning films Which 1972 crime drama won Best Picture at the 1973 Academy Awards?	R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-002 / Directors Who directed The Godfather?
R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-003 / Directors Who directed the 1975 Universal thriller Jaws?	R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-004 / Characters and casts In Jaws, which three actors portray the men who confront the shark off Amity?
R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-005 / Adventure and science fiction Which 1985 film follows Marty McFly and Doc Brown on a time-traveling adventure?	R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-006 / Characters and casts Which two actors star as Marty McFly and Doc Brown in Back to the Future?

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R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-007 / Animation and characters

In Toy Story, which of Andy’s toys is a cowboy doll?

R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-008 / Animation and production

What 1995 film was the first feature-length movie created entirely with computer animation?

R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-009 / Animation and characters

What kind of fish is Nemo in Pixar’s Finding Nemo?

R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-010 / Animation and settings

Which famous Australian reef is the home setting for Nemo in Finding Nemo?

R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-011 / Science fiction and characters

On which desert planet does Luke Skywalker grow up?

R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-012 / Science fiction and characters

Which droid wanders away from the Lars farm and sets Luke on the path to meeting Obi-Wan Kenobi?

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R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-013 / Award-winning films

Which film won Best Picture at the 1998 Academy Awards?

R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-014 / Directors

Who directed Titanic?

R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-015 / Award-winning films

Which 2003 fantasy film won all 11 Academy Awards for which it was nominated?

R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-016 / Directors

Who directed The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King?

R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-017 / Directors

Which filmmaker won the 2020 Academy Award for directing Parasite?

R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-018 / International cinema

Which South Korean film became the first non-English-language movie to win the Academy Award for Best Picture?

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R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-019 / Animation and characters In Disney’s Frozen, which sister has magical ice powers?	R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-020 / Directors Who directed the animated film Frozen?
R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-021 / Superhero films What is the name of the fictional African nation ruled by T’Challa in Black Panther?	R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-022 / Directors Who directed Marvel Studios’ 2018 film Black Panther?
R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-023 / Adventure and characters In Raiders of the Lost Ark, what ancient artifact is Indiana Jones searching for?	R_TRIVIA_MOVIES-024 / Directors Who directed Raiders of the Lost Ark?

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Host answer key

Keep this section separate from player cards. Accept equivalent wording where the meaning matches.

01. The Godfather.

The Academy’s 1973 ceremony honored films released in 1972 and lists The Godfather as that year’s Best Picture winner.

02. Francis Ford Coppola.

Coppola directed the film and also shared its adapted-screenplay credit with Mario Puzo.

03. Steven Spielberg.

Universal’s studio history identifies Jaws as a 1975 release that helped make Spielberg a household name.

04. Roy Scheider, Richard Dreyfuss, and Robert Shaw.

Universal’s history identifies these three leads as battling a great white shark in the waters off Amity.

05. Back to the Future.

Universal describes the film as a time-traveling adventure starring Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd.

06. Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd.

Fox plays Marty McFly, with Lloyd as Doc Brown in the film’s central time-traveling pair.

07. Woody.

Pixar describes Woody as a cowboy toy whose place as Andy’s favorite is challenged when Buzz arrives.

08. Toy Story.

Pixar identifies Toy Story as the first computer-animated feature film, released in theaters in 1995.

09. A clownfish.

Pixar describes Nemo as a young clownfish who lives with his father, Marlin, in a reef anemone.

10. The Great Barrier Reef.

Pixar places Nemo’s home in Australia’s Great Barrier Reef and describes the reef as a key visual setting for the story.

11. Tatooine.

The official Star Wars Databank describes Luke as a Tatooine farmboy raised at a moisture farm.

12. R2-D2.

The Star Wars Databank recounts how R2-D2 leaves the farm while carrying a message, leading Luke to search for the droid and encounter Obi-Wan.

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13. Titanic.

The Academy lists Titanic as the Best Picture winner at the 70th Academy Awards, honoring films released in 1997.

14. James Cameron.

Cameron directed Titanic and shared the film's Best Picture producer credit with Jon Landau.

15. The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King.

At the 2004 ceremony, the final film in Peter Jackson's main trilogy won all 11 of its nominations.

16. Peter Jackson.

Jackson directed the film and also shared its adapted-screenplay and Best Picture producer credits.

17. Bong Joon Ho.

The Academy lists Bong Joon Ho as the 2020 Best Director winner for Parasite.

18. Parasite.

The Academy describes Parasite's Best Picture win as a first for a non-English-language film.

19. Elsa.

Disney's official synopsis says Elsa's icy powers trap Arendelle in winter, prompting Anna to set out to find her.

20. Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee.

Disney credits both Buck and Lee as directors of the 2013 animated film.

21. Wakanda.

Marvel describes T'Challa as returning to Wakanda to take the throne after his father's death.

22. Ryan Coogler.

Marvel's official premiere coverage names Coogler as the film's director.

23. The Ark of the Covenant.

Lucasfilm describes Indiana Jones as an archaeologist on a search for the Lost Ark of the Covenant.

24. Steven Spielberg.

Lucasfilm lists Spielberg as director of the 1981 adventure film, made in collaboration with George Lucas.

Hosting questions

Do players need to have seen every film?

No. Many questions cover broad film-history context and clear production facts.

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Are movie quotations or clips included?

No. The set is playable by reading the original questions aloud.

Can I choose only a few cards?

Yes. Select a mix across at least six categories for a shorter round.

References

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