

OCTOBER 2019 GENERAL CONFERENCE APOSTLE TRIVIA

Read each line out loud, one at a time. Have listeners guess the apostle or prophet being described. If they shout out a wrong answer, they have to remain silent for the rest of the round. The first person to correctly name the apostle wins a point.

- He met his wife during an Old Testament class at the institute of religion.
- He was the second of four children.
- He grew up in Logan, Utah.
- His wife's name is Lesa.
- He started a business manufacturing and selling fitness equipment.
- With his family, he enjoys skiing, snowboarding, hiking, and other outdoor activities.
- He has four sons.
- He studied business administration and marketing at Utah State University.
- He served as the Bishop over the whole church.
- He served as a missionary and as a mission president in Japan.
- He once told a humorous story about a family photo disaster with his four sons.
- His initials are G.E.S.

↳ GARY E. STEVENSON

- He was born on June 15, 1952, in Oakland, California.
- He was the quarterback for his high school football team.
- He served a mission in Germany.
- He was called as a counselor in a stake presidency at the age of 30.
- His mother was a descendant of pioneers, but his father was not a member of the church.
- After he was married, he baptized his father a member of the church.
- He received a PhD from Purdue University.
- He was a professor of business management at Texas Tech University and at the University of Arkansas.
- He has three sons.
- His wife's name is Susan.
- He was the president of BYU-Idaho, and was there to oversee its change from a junior college (Ricks).
- His initials are D.A.B.

↳ DAVID A. BEDNAR

- Before he was eight years old, his father died of tuberculosis.
- His first job was sweeping out a radio repair shop.
- When he was a young adult, he worked regularly as a radio announcer.
- He was born in Provo, Utah, on August 12, 1932.
- He has six children.
- He enjoys fishing and camping.
- His motto is "Work first, play later," but his family are tempted to change it to "work first, play never."
- He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Brigham Young University.
- He served as the president of BYU for nine years.
- He was a Utah Supreme Court judge.
- He is the First Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church.
- His initials are D.H.O.

↳ DALLIN H. OAKS

- He and his wife host “grandkids camp” every summer, which includes crafts and adventures for their three grandchildren.
- His parents were both professional teachers.
- He has four children.
- He received a master of philosophy degree from Oxford University.
- He was born in Redwood City, California, in 1953.
- His travels have taken him to all seven continents, including living in Asia for more than a decade.
- He served as a full-time missionary in the Taiwan Taipei Mission.
- He earned a bachelor of arts degree in Asian Studies and University Studies from Brigham Young University.
- He served as special assistant to the U.S. ambassador in Beijing, China.
- His grandparents immigrated to the United States from China.
- His earliest known relative is First Dragon Gong, born AD 837.
- His initials are G.W.G.

↳ GERRIT W. GONG

- He became the general president of the Sunday School in 1971.
- He has studied many languages, including Mandarin.
- He was noted for his perfect pitch, singing in choirs in high school and college.
- He plays the organ and the piano.
- He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on September 9, 1924.
- His first wife’s name was Dantzel.
- He was instrumental in creating the first heart-lung machine.
- He studied medicine in college.
- He has nine daughters and one son.
- He was an open-heart surgeon, performing heart surgery on Elder Spencer W. Kimball.
- He is the Prophet and President of the church.
- His initials are R.M.N.

↳ PRESIDENT RUSSELL M. NELSON

- His motto is “It’s people that matter most.”
- He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on February 6, 1951.
- He was generally a good boy, but his primary teachers did refer to him as “a tough little kid.”
- He has four daughters and one son.
- He had no time for school sports once he reached high school because he always had a job.
- He dedicated the first church building in the Czech Republic.
- He was President and Chief Operating Officer of Huntsman Chemical Corporation.
- He was a missionary in the Eastern States Mission, but he spent part of his mission in the Bermuda islands.
- He served as a mission president in the New York North Mission.
- His talk last General Conference was called “Build a Fortress of Spirituality and Protection.”
- His initials are R.A.R.

↳ RONALD A. RASBAND

- He and his wife began dating following a chance meeting at a stake dance.
- He has three children.
- He has three grandchildren.
- His wife refers to him as her “eternal boyfriend.”
- He and his wife served at the same time in the Brazil Rio de Janeiro Mission.
- He speaks Portuguese, English, and Spanish.
- He served as president of the Portugal Porto Mission.
- He received an undergraduate degree in accounting and economics in São Paulo.
- He was an accountant and auditor for multinational corporations in Brazil.
- He was born in São Paulo, Brazil, on October 2, 1958.
- He is the first person from South America to serve as an Apostle.
- His initials are U.S.

↳ ULISSES SOARES

- He grew up in a home his mother and father literally built with their own hands.
- He received a Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the BSA.
- He was born in St. George, Utah on December 3, 1940.
- His wife was a cheerleader at his high school, where he loved sports and played on many teams.
- He and his wife dated for two years before his mission.
- He has three children.
- He served a mission in England.
- He has a doctorate of American studies from Yale.
- He worked for the Church Education System.
- He wanted to be a doctor before his mission, but felt after he served that God wanted him to be a teacher.
- He served as the president of BYU for nine years.
- His initials are J.R.H.

↳ JEFFREY R. HOLLAND

- He is the youngest of four children.
- He performed the sealing for the granddaughter of one of the missionaries who taught the gospel to his wife when she was a girl.
- He enjoys outdoor activities like skiing with his two children and grandchildren.
- When he was a boy, his life and the lives of his siblings were saved when his mother followed a spiritual prompting to leave a building, right before it was destroyed.
- His wife’s name is Harriet.
- He was a refugee twice as a child.
- He was born in Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, on November 6, 1940.
- He and his wife were sealed in the Bern Switzerland Temple.
- He lived most of his life in Germany.
- He was a commercial airline pilot.
- He served for six years in the German Air Force.
- His initials are D.F.U.

↳ DIETER F. UCHTDORF

- When he was seven, his testimony of prayer grew when he prayed over and found a lost pet rabbit.
- As a freshman at BYU, he got a job cleaning the bathrooms in the library at 4 AM.
- He has four children.
- He oversaw the development of the movie The Testaments and the initial launch of Mormon.org.
- He owned an advertising agency in Tampa, Florida.
- He speaks French, Portuguese, Spanish, and English.
- He has an MBA from Harvard.
- He served in France as a missionary and as a mission president.
- He was raised in Pocatello, Idaho on a dairy farm.
- His talk last General Conference was called “The Eye of Faith.”
- His initials are N.L.A.

↳ NEIL L. ANDERSEN

- He played basketball in high school.
- He has six children.
- He shares the same first name as his great-grandfather, who left Germany when he was 18.
- He was born on May 31, 1933, in Princeton, New Jersey.
- He enjoys cooking and painting with watercolors.
- He learned physics from his father on their family chalkboard.
- He earned a master’s and a doctorate degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Business.
- He was the president of Ricks College, now BYU Idaho.
- His uncle was Spencer W. Kimball, the twelfth President of the Church.
- He was known as “Hal” among family and friends.
- He is the Second Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church.
- His initials are H.B.E.

↳ HENRY B. EYRING

- He grew up with four younger brothers.
- He has five children.
- His father was a veterinarian.
- He was born in Pleasant Grove, Utah.
- His family moved from Lindon, Utah, to Brunswick, New Jersey, when he was 15 years old.
- He baked bread for his family growing up.
- He participated in the Hill Cumorah Pageant as a teenager.
- He was the only member of the church in his high school class in New Jersey.
- He served as a missionary in Argentina.
- He graduated with a bachelor’s from BYU and then a law degree from Duke University.
- He was a law clerk to the federal judge who presided at the Watergate trials.
- His initials are D.T.C.

↳ D. TODD CHRISTOFFERSON

- He has an older brother and a younger sister.
- He saw his future wife at a junior high talent show.
- He and his wife worked together as student body officers in junior high school.
- He joined a law firm in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- He gained a testimony after studying scriptures and praying with his older brother.
- He has three children.
- He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Stanford University.
- He served as a church leader in the Philippines and Pacific Islands.
- He was born on September 8, 1940, in Logan, Utah.
- His wife's name is Mary.
- He loved sports, helping his high school teams win statewide recognition in basketball and football.
- He served a mission in England, where one of his companions was Elder Jeffrey R. Holland.
- His initials are Q.L.C.

↳ **QUENTIN L. COOK**

- He has seven children.
- He enjoys fishing and fixing things.
- He was born in Salt Lake City on October 8, 1928.
- He lived in the same home from the time of his birth to the time of his marriage.
- He grew up with three sisters and no brothers.
- He met his wife at the University of Utah "Hello Day Dance."
- He was nicknamed "the bishop" in college because of his high standards.
- He served as a missionary in England and as a mission president in Toronto, Canada.
- He owned a car dealership.
- Both of his grandfathers were apostles, and his great-grandfather was President Joseph F. Smith.
- He is the Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.
- His initials are M.R.B.

↳ **M. RUSSELL BALLARD**

- His wife underwent two surgeries and nine months of chemotherapy for ovarian cancer.
- His parents immigrated from Sweden to Utah two years before he was born so they could be married in a temple.
- He grew up speaking Swedish.
- His wife was the president of a law firm.
- He served in the Africa Southeast Area presidency.
- He spent three years in Sweden as a youth for his father's church assignment.
- He has one daughter.
- He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Utah.
- He did training at Johns Hopkins in Maryland.
- He and his brother served as missionaries in Sweden at the same time.
- He worked as a cardiologist, specializing in heart failure and transplants.
- His initials are D.G.R.

↳ **DALE G. RENLUND**