

1 🎵 In 1983 instrumentalist Mike Oldfield wrote this song, the version of which you hear with vocals by Scottish singer Maggie Reilly. Oldfield says it was inspired by his love of the film *'Houdini'* (1953), in which Tony Curtis stars in a fictionalised account of that man's life. Oldfield also acknowledges he was also thinking of attempts to contact Houdini after he'd died, through spiritualism, and was probably influenced as well by John Lennon's death (Oldfield arrived in New York the day of his murder). **What is the song's title?**

2 See right. Located at 400 Broad Street, this observation tower, called the Space Needle, dominates the skyline of **which major North American city?**



3  See left. This 1946-born former baseball player was nicknamed *'Mr October'* for his heroics in 1977 when he hit three consecutive home runs for the New York Yankees in the sixth and decisive game of the World Series. Also a winner of three consecutive World Series with the Oakland Athletics, **who is this?**

4 From the Greek (via French) and literally translating as *"sacred writing"*, **what name** is given to the stylised picture of an object representing a word, syllable, or sound, as found in ancient Egyptian and certain other writing systems?

5 Bianca, Emilia, Cassio, Iago, and Desdemona are all characters from **which Shakespeare play**, a tragedy?

6 Also called 6-oxy-2-aminopurine, **what is the seven-letter name** of the compound (chemical formula $C_5H_5N_5O$) usually mentioned together with cytosine, adenine and thymine?

7 **Which animated TV show**, featuring a talking dog called Brian (who drinks Martinis) is set mainly in the fictional town of Quahog, Rhode Island?

8 Killed after being defeated in battle by his father's army commander, Joab, **who was this beloved but rebellious son** of King David who had briefly seized the throne?

9 Looking like a mock chemical formula, **which abbreviation** is used for the maximum amount of oxygen an athlete can use during incremental exercise, reflecting the individual's physical fitness and endurance?

10 **Which occupation/job** was performed by Casanova in his final years? It is also an occupation associated with the main character Henry DeTamble in *'The Time Traveller's Wife'*, of Rupert Giles in *'Buffy, the Vampire Slayer'*, and of Miss Phelps in *'Matilda'* - she being the first person to realise Matilda is a prodigy.

11  See left. From the Japanese meaning "tray planting", **which generic name** is given in the Western world to the hobby or art of growing ornamental, artificially dwarfed varieties of trees and shrubs in pots?

12 See right. **Which word**, originally from Algonquin in which it means "child", was typically used as a generic term for a Native American infant or child carrier (see image)?

