

Explore your inner

The fact that "The Simpsons" has been around for two decades is sure to make anyone feel old.

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Premiering on "The Tracey Ullman Show" on April 19, 1987, the yellow family of Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie got their own show on Dec. 17, 1989. Success came almost instantly as the show appealed to both kids and adults alike with its broad humor and its brilliant subtleties.

Years passed, the show kept on airing, celebrating first 100, then 200, then 300, and recently 400 episodes. Meanwhile, rumors of a movie continued to spread. Now, 18 years after the show stood on its own, finally, a movie is about to come out.

To celebrate "The Simpsons Movie," in theaters today, take this personality quiz, see which family member you are, and then check out places to go that might satisfy your Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie urges.

1. Your 15 minutes of fame would entail:

- a. Something meaningful, such as being named parent of the year by the (now disbanded) PTA
- b. Something endearingly dorky, such as a stint as the mascot for the local baseball team, the Isotopes
- c. Something high-profile, such as a flash-in-the-pan catch-phrase-laden TV star courtesy of Krusty the Clown
- d. Something emotionally stimulating, such as a saxophone duet with the legendary blues artist Bleeding Gums Murphy
- e. Something wildly uncharacteristic, such as inadvertently being the notorious perpetrator of the attempted assassination of Mr. Burns

2. You're feeling a bit peckish, what do you want for dinner?

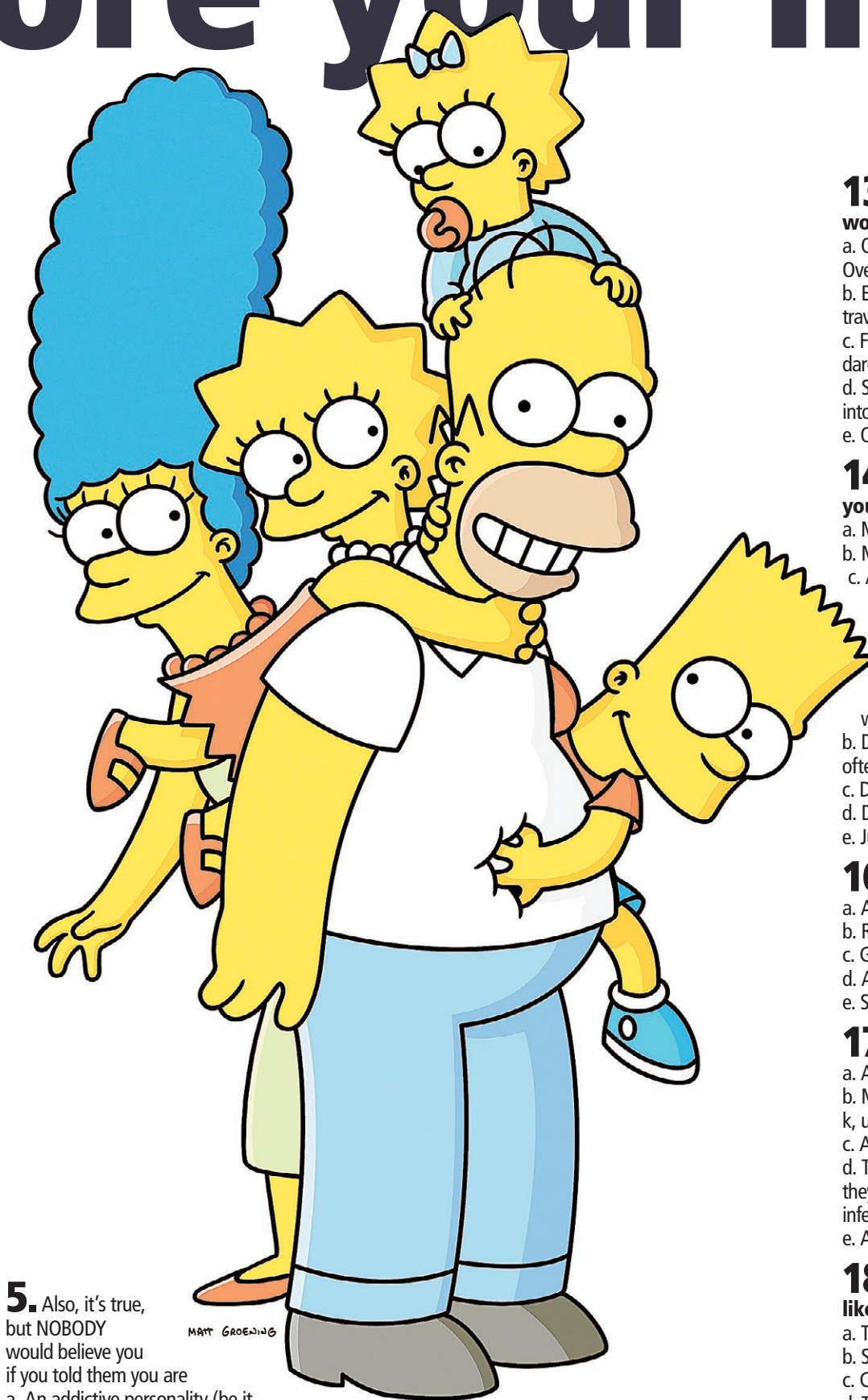
- a. Someone to take me out to eat for a change
- b. Mmmm... pork chops!
- c. My favorite dish (butterscotch chicken anyone?)
- d. Something healthy and cruelty-free
- e. Whatever's given to me; I'm not picky

3. Someone has wronged you. How do you handle the situation?

- a. I keep it to myself; if you can't say something nice ...
- b. I yell maniacally, fighting the urge to strangle them
- c. I pull a prank of epic proportions on them
- d. I work even harder to be their friend
- e. I cry, but just for a minute. Wait, what was I upset about?

4. Though most wouldn't guess it, among your greatest talents, you can claim:

- a. A natural affinity for the arts, be it theater or painting (just ask Ringo)
- b. Singing like an angel
- c. Speaking French. I'm particularly adept at swear words
- d. Being just as adept at finding trouble as anyone, when it's for a worthy cause, of course
- e. Being a crack shot with a gun or rifle



5. Also, it's true, but NOBODY would believe you if you told them you are

- a. An addictive personality (be it drinking or gambling)
- b. Willing to give up anything (even a ride on a blimp!) to make my family happy
- c. Willing to take the rap when someone close to me screws up
- d. Boy-crazy (or girl-crazy, as the case may be)
- e. Smarter than my ostentatiously genius sibling

6. A cause worth standing up for is:

- a. Anti-violence in children's TV programs
- b. Legalized marijuana
- c. The cancellation of my favorite TV show
- d. The Free Tibet movement
- e. Fair school/work conditions

7. You've got some downtime; how are you most likely to spend it?

- a. Catching up on some housecleaning
- b. Dropping into the local tavern for a cold beer
- c. Watching cartoons
- d. Reading
- e. Chilling, hanging with my pets

8. Which of these professions would you most like to get paid to be?

- a. No pay required; being the best possible parent is its own reward.
- b. Doing absolutely nothing ... wait ... maybe a beer company spokesman? Does that entail free beer?
- c. Skateboarder
- d. President of the United States
- e. Lollipop tester

9. If you had a catch phrase it would be:

- a. A groan
- b. "D'oh!"
- c. "Don't have a cow, man!"
- d. Whatever intelligent response the situation calls for
- e. Silence

10. Your favorite drink is:

- a. Wine
- b. Beer
- c. Squishee
- d. Water
- e. Warm milk

11. Your best friend is:

- a. A member of my family
- b. My drinking buddy
- c. Someone who worships me
- d. No one in particular; I keep to myself
- e. My pet(s)

12. Your heart was first broken when:

- a. I defended a family member only to learn he/she did something wrong
- b. I was dumped by the love of my life
- c. My baby-sitter rejected my not-so-suave advances
- d. My hero passed away
- e. I haven't had it broken yet.

13. In life your ultimate achievement would be:

- a. Overcoming adversity ... perhaps to win the Oven Fresh Bake-Off
- b. Earning an unlikely opportunity ... perhaps to travel into space
- c. Fame and fortune ... perhaps from pulling off a daredevil stunt
- d. Self-satisfaction ... perhaps from being admitted into MENSAs
- e. Ongoing ... as a series of smaller achievements

14. The thing that is most important to you in the whole wide world is

- a. My family
- b. My TV, no my fridge, no my TV
- c. A first-edition comic book
- d. My IQ
- e. An old teddy bear

15. You believe in:

- a. Doing what's best for those close to me, whether they like it or not
- b. Doing whatever it takes to make people happy, often entailing making an ass of myself
- c. Doing anything for a laugh
- d. Doing the right thing, no matter the cost
- e. Just being

16. Your idea of a great getaway is

- a. A good pampering at Rancho Relaxo
- b. Rock 'n' roll fantasy camp
- c. Getting away with something
- d. A trip to Washington, D.C.
- e. Staying put; I'm perfectly happy where I am.

17. Your biggest rival is:

- a. A relentless gossip-monger, that's just not nice
- b. My sadistic boss, he's always making me w-o-r-k, ugh!
- c. A bully, but don't worry, he'll soon get his.
- d. The popular people, they act so superior, but they're just overcompensating for their sense of inferiority
- e. A baby with one eyebrow, creeeeepy!

18. On a family vacation, you are most likely to:

- a. Try to keep the family together
- b. Spend recklessly and run out of money
- c. Cause trouble and probably wind up in jail
- d. Take in all the cultural sites
- e. Sleep a lot

19. The seven-letter Scrabble word you're most likely to play is:

- a. SPATULA – a solid, practical word
- b. DEBTORS – I play what I know
- c. KWYGIBO – I'd make up a word and use my poker face to get away with it
- d. QUACKLE – high-scoring letters, probably played on a triple word
- e. GOOGOOS – a simple word for a simple score

20. Your prize collection includes:

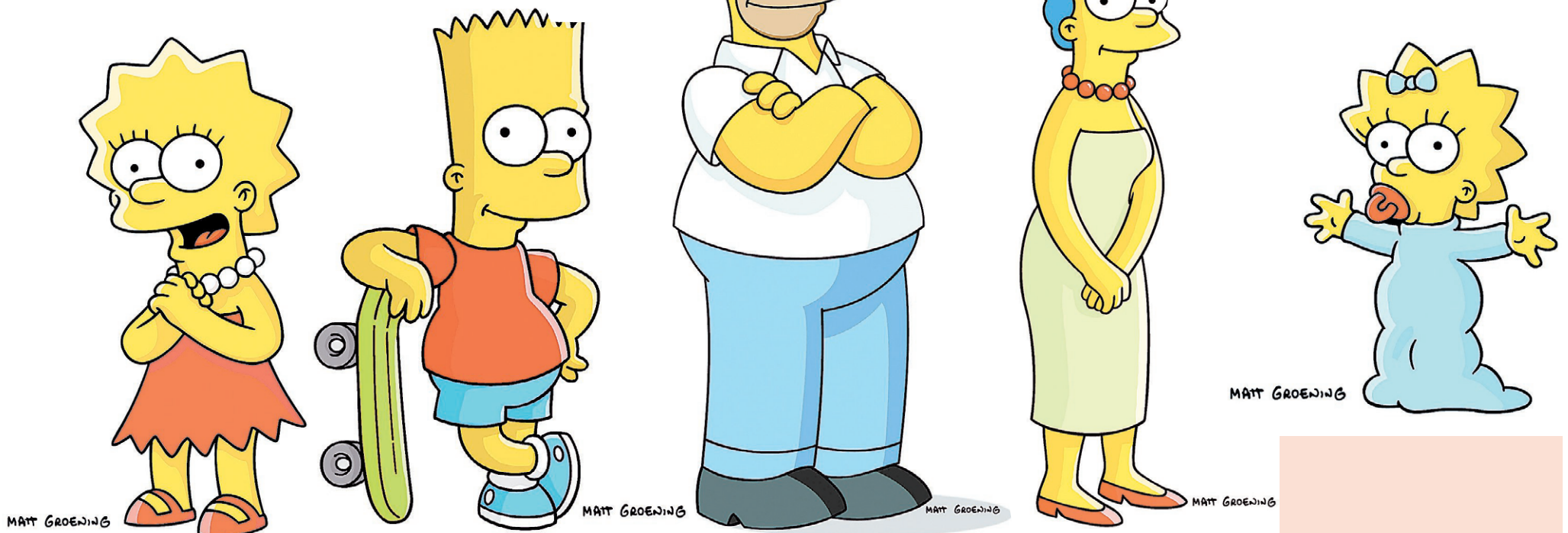
- a. Time-saving kitchen appliances
- b. The finest of my neighbor's power tools
- c. Memorabilia from my favorite TV shows and movies
- d. Obscure records
- e. Everything from my childhood

Award yourself the following points for the following answers:

- a=1
- b=2
- c=3
- d=4
- e=0

Now add up your total and find out which Simpsons character you are.

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64-80 YOU ARE:

LISA SIMPSON

You're smart, often too smart for your own good. You're savvy and culturally enlightened, but potentially pretentious. Righteously indignant about the world's shortcomings, you risk having your sense of idealism turn into disillusionment. You're easily able to keep yourself occupied and happy with your various interests – a cool jazz tune, a good book, a worthy cause. But you'd be ever so much happier if you had someone equally interested to share them with.

The Lisas of the Hudson Valley can take an intellectual and cultural escape to Woodstock, where the Woodstock Golden Notebook (29 Tinker St., 679-8000) can occupy your afternoon with quantities of books and a quiet, country atmosphere.

Tons of jazz musicians reside in this freewheelin' town, so who knows who you might bump into. Regardless, bring your sax to join in on a weekend jam in the middle of town.

If you get hungry, you won't have to give up your promise to Paul and Linda McCartney; there are plenty of veggie-friendly food spots to check out such as Joshua's Cafe and Restaurant (1 Tinker St., 679-5533). And don't forget those fantastic veggie egg rolls from Little Bear (Route 212 in Bearsville, 679-8899).

If you Lisa out this weekend specifically, you can return to Tinker Street for "Woodstock Legends: Mr. Tambourine Man — Mahler, Bob Dylan, and Beyond" at Maverick Concert Hall, 6 p.m. tomorrow.

48-63 YOU ARE:

BART SIMPSON

You're a devil-may-care type, full of excitement and certainly the life of the party. But it's no coincidence that an anagram for Bart is brat. You've got a talent for mischief and a need for attention. You're a compulsive collector of trivial items. You're smarter than some folks give you credit for – street smart for sure. And you're charmed. Somehow even the worst situations work out for you in the end.

As a Bart, there's only one sensory-overloading, everything you ever wanted and more place to go: the Palisades Center (1000 Palisades Center Drive in West Nyack, 348-1000).

Stores galore, fast food and tons of fun are abundant throughout the mall. A merry-go-round, a Ferris wheel (shades of that stint as a carny!), bowling, and more will occupy your short attention span. The ultimate game room, Dave and Busters, is strict about asking for IDs ... but, hey! You're Bart! You'll find a way.

And don't miss Krazy City (krazycity.com) on the third floor, an indoor theme park with all the games and rides you could want.

If you want to take it down a notch, AMC Theatres has everything you'd like to see, and the IMAX is even more dramatic.

And not that we're encouraging delinquent behavior, but the mall does beg for an illicit rail slide.

32-47 YOU ARE:

HOMER SIMPSON

You mean well, but somehow you have an innate ability to muck things up. You've got an excellent sense of humor, in that you're able to laugh at yourself when you've stepped in it once again. You're a sucker for simplicity. Life's little pleasures make for the perfect experience – a tasty doughnut, a good TV show, a cold beer.

As a Homer, a lazy adventure through Florida and Warwick might be the ticket.

America runs on Dunkin', and a day without doughnuts can never be a real day. So make your first stop Dunkin' Donuts (158 N. Main St. in Florida, 651-9800).

With a full stomach, you have the energy to flaunt your skills at Frontier Lanes (154 Route 94 in Warwick, 986-3565), which is complete with Qubica scoring and four big screens.

Whew! You're due for a midday nap. Find a shady tree at Harriman Square Park (South Church Street, between Main Street and Park Place in Warwick) and catch some well-earned zzzzs.

Close the day out in Florida's Grill (14 N. Main St. in Florida, 651-8031) for some drinking and mingling with the boys. You can finally retire in the comfort of your own home and armchair, to fall asleep in front of your television.

16-31 YOU ARE:

MARGE SIMPSON

You are caring, considerate, selfless. Family is first and foremost for you, and you're the glue that holds everyone together. But you're also a bit of a doormat. You have a creative side, dammit! So express yourself.

As a Marge, Narrowsburg and Jeffersonville might be your territory. Start the day with a drive in the mountains up to these towns.

The Alliance Gallery (37 Main St. in Narrowsburg, 252-7576) could hold your attention for hours, at least within their hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Jeffersonville is filled with country shops and small restaurants such as Ted's. And if you're in the mood for theater, you'll be presented with some of the best in the area.

If you're Marging this weekend, Jacques Offenbach's comic opera "La Perichole" is presented by Delaware Valley Opera at Tusten Theatre (210 Bridge St. in Narrowsburg, 252-7272) at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and Aug. 3, as well as 3 p.m. on Aug. 12. Tickets are \$22-\$25.

"Naughty Operetta," a musical revue of songs by Victor Herbert and Sigmund Romberg, is also presented by Delaware Valley Opera at Tusten Theatre at 7:30 tonight and 3 p.m. Aug. 5.

0-15 YOU ARE:

MAGGIE SIMPSON

You enjoy peace, quiet, calm. You're an easygoing person. It doesn't take much to make you happy and it's nearly impossible to rile ya. But on the downside, you're damn near invisible.

Get out, make some noise, have some fun!

If you're a Maggie, there's no time for crawling. Release your inner child. Grab your wheels and roll into the Town of Wallkill, where you can add to your ongoing collection at Toys R Us (88 Dunning Road, 342-4144).

Once you're satisfied, you'll be ready to fill up on some grub; hit Chuck E. Cheese's pizza for lunch (8 Orange Plaza Lane, 342-5781). Playtime can ensue without going anywhere, as this kid's wonderland is jam-packed with fun stuff to do.

You're known for knowing your way around a gun, so head to MSG Paintball Field (Bart Bull Road, 457-4678) and get some rounds off without that pesky attempted murder charge. The field is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday through Labor Day (Saturday-Sunday only after that). Finish off the day with some tasty ice cream cones at any number of nearby stands. Maybe add a game of mini-golf or rounds in the batting cages to go with some unique flavors at Blueberry Mountain (655 Route 17M, 344-2500).

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