

# **Garden of Weedin' Trivia**

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**1.**

**What is the maximum  
length of the lifecycle of  
annual weeds?**

# One year

Some are winter weeds,  
and some are summer weeds.

**2.**

**What is the length of the  
lifecycle of biennial weeds?**

# Two years

These are the least common weeds.

**3.**

**What type of weeds'  
lifecycles can be indefinite?**

# Perennials

**4.**

**What is the primary  
disadvantage of weeds?**

# They can crowd out plants (or similar).

If you leave the weeds intact, they will deprive plants of sunlight, water, and soil nutrients as well as space.



5.

What season are weeds  
most likely **NOT** to sprout?

# Winter

# 6.

## Are some weeds edible?

# Yes

One example of an edible weed is the dandelion.



7.

Which typically  
produce more seeds—  
plants or weeds?

# Weeds

That's one way they overtake plants.

**8.**

**What is the proper name  
for weed killers?**

# Herbicides

Pesticides kill insects.



9.

Dry weeds can fuel what  
type of natural disaster?

# Wildfires

All it takes is a spark.

**10.**

**What natural fabric is  
used as a weed barrier?**

# Burlap

**11.**

*Weed* is the slang term  
for what federally  
controlled drug?

# Marijuana

It is a schedule 1 drug. While some states have approved it for recreational and/or medical use, it is still a federal offense to use it.

**12.**

**Other than by seeds or  
pollen, what way can a  
weed propagate?**

# **By its root system**

Some of these root systems  
run deep and wide.

**13.**

**What is the term for a  
nonnative plant that  
takes over an area?**

# Invasive

Invasive plant species are typically not native to the area they are taking over. They generally produce large quantities of seed or aggressive root systems as well.

**14.**  
**What wildflower  
is named after  
Queen Anne of England?**

# Queen Anne's lace

Queen Anne was skilled in making delicate handmade lace, and the wildflower is said to be reminiscent of it.

**15.**

**Is lambsquarters a  
flower or a weed?**

# Weed

Foragers enjoy this weed because the leaves are said to taste like a mild version of spinach.

**16.**

**What is the recommended  
time of day to weed  
your garden: morning,  
afternoon, or evening?**

# Morning

It is easier to pull weeds when the soil is moist and the sun can destroy any exposed weed roots.

**17.**

**What do children do  
with dandelion seeds?**

# Blow them

One common belief is that you should make a wish before blowing the dandelion seeds off the flower.



**18.**

What common weed always comes with shiny, three-leaf clusters and produces an itchy skin rash when touched?

# Poison ivy

Poison oak can look similar to poison ivy, but those leaves have a textured, hairy surface and leaf clusters of not only three but also five or seven at a time. Similarly, poison sumac leaves grow in groups of seven to 13, not three.

19.

What wild summertime fruit is a weed that will take over your garden if you're not careful?

# Strawberry

The best way to get rid of them is to catch them early and remove them by their roots.

**20.**

**What common soil covering can you use to help stop weeds?**

# Mulch

Weeds have a harder time breaking through soil covered with a layer of mulch.

**21.**

Should you water your whole garden or just the plant areas to help keep weeds at bay?

# Just the plants

All plants, including weeds, need water, so deprive your weeds of water to help keep them under control.

22.

What invention was inspired by burrs from common burdock stuck to the inventor's pants and to his dog's fur?

# Velcro

Swiss engineer George de Mestral had taken a walk with his dog when he came home covered in burrs.



23.

What brand of herbicide has glyphosate as the active ingredient: Scythe, Weed Pharm, or Roundup?

# Roundup

Scythe has nonanoic acid as the active ingredient. Weed Pharm is an organic option for killing weeds and errant grasses.

**24.**

**Are some weeds resistant  
to weed killers?**

# Yes

More than 200 species are  
resistant to weed killers.

**25.**

What generic weed is easily identifiable in a lawn because it looks nothing like a thin blade of grass?

# Broadleaf

Their name describes them—  
they have wide leaves.

**26.**

What wild, pungent vegetable weed can produce a bumper crop in the spring after a rain?

# Onions

They are edible. Boiling water will kill them, but it will also kill anything surrounding them that it touches.



**27.**

**What is the main active ingredient in the drug known as weed?**

# THC

THC stands for tetrahydrocannabinol. It's one of several cannabinoids found in the drug.

**28.**

**What is the No. 1 rule  
to stop weeds from  
propagating if they  
spread by seeds?**

# **Never let them go to seed**

If you can catch them early, before they seed, annual weeds will die and not return.

**29.**

In the children's nursery rhyme "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary," what grew in her garden?

# Silver bells and cockle shells

Many people debate whether the rhyme refers to Mary Queen of Scots or Mary I, also known as “Bloody Mary.”

**30.**

What should you do to your weeding tools before you move from one type of weed to another type of weed?

# Clean them

If you clean them away from your garden, you won't spread seeds.

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