

1. Founded in 1970 with a staff of 35, it now employs more than 700 people and has a weekly audience of over 23 million. The self-described "media industry leader in sound gathering," its mission statement declares that its goal is to "work in partnership with member stations to create a more informed public." Though it was created by an act of Congress, it is not a government agency; neither is it a radio station, nor does it own any radio stations. FTP, name this provider of news and entertainment, among whose most well-known products are the programs *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*.

Answer: National Public Radio

2. He's been a nanny, an insurance officer and a telemarketer, and was a member of the British Parachute Regiment, earning medals for service in Northern Ireland and Argentina. One of his most recent projects is finding a new lead singer for the rock band INXS, while his less successful ventures include *Combat Missions*, *The Casino*, and *The Restaurant*. One of his best-known shows spawned a Finnish version called *Diili*, and shooting began recently on a spinoff starring America's favorite convict. FTP, name this godfather of reality television, the creator of *The Apprentice* and *Survivor*.

Answer: Mark Burnett

3. A girl named Fern proved helpful in the second one, while Sanjay fulfilled the same role during the seventh. Cars made of paper, plastic pineapples, and plaster elephants have been key items, and participants have been compelled to eat chicken feet, a sheep's head, a kilo of caviar, and four pounds of Argentinian barbecue, although not all in the same season. They've also had to deal with recalcitrant camels, chickens, llamas and, during the fifth season, a satisfyingly extra-stubborn ox. These are some of the Detours and Roadblocks that have confronted players in, FTP, what CBS show that sends teams with a pre-existing relationship in a sprint around the world?

Answer: The Amazing Race

4. Some of the stories have been collected in the anthologies *Hand It Over* and *Lies, Sissies and Fiascos*. Act V, Music Lessons, Telephone, Testosterone, The House By Loon Lake, Superpowers, and 24 Hours at the Golden Apple are the titles of some of the episodes. Contributing editors include Jonathan Goldstein, Nancy Updike and Alix ("uh-LEASE") Spiegel, but the real heart of the show is the squeaky-voiced host with the dorky laugh who has an unerring sense of where to place a significant pause. FTP, name this public radio program produced at WBEZ Chicago under the management oversight of Torey Malatia, hosted by Ira Glass.

Answer: This American Life

5. You can purchase plans for a true-to-scale replica of it, appropriate for girls or boys, for only \$10.95, or \$24.95 if you also want the video showing its creator constructing it. Inspired by a late-Victorian dollhouse located in the Barrett House in New Hampshire, the building includes two stories of smaller rooms and a garage which are never shown on camera as well as the familiar great room where the host keeps the table saw, router and other power tools that are necessary to build the model and other projects such as a Nantucket settle or an Adirondack chair. FTP, name this woodworking show that airs on PBS and HGTV and showcases the handiwork of master carpenter Norm Abram.

Answer: The New Yankee Workshop

6. It appeared for the first time in the final episode of the fourth season, resulting in the gross injustice of Neleh and Kathy remaining in the game while Paschal was sent home. The very name struck enough fear into subsequent competitors to prevent the need for its return, although recently in Palau Ian and Tom declared themselves ready to risk drawing it, thus frightening Katie into voting for Gregg. However, when a tie did occur later in the season, it was broken with a fire-making challenge, suggesting that, FTP, what violet-colored stone would no longer be used to determine randomly whose torch would be snuffed on *Survivor*?

Answer: purple rock

7. Meryl Streep and Lily Tomlin play the two remaining performers of what had originally been a five-sister musical act, with Lindsay Lohan appearing as Streep's daughter. Woody Harrelson, John C. Reilly and Michelle Pfeiffer also star in this film which relates the drama surrounding the last live broadcast of a radio show that had run for 30 years. Lyle Lovett plays a character named Lefty and Robert Altman is slated to direct the upcoming movie version of, FTP, what Minnesota Public Radio program based on the folksy "humor" of Garrison Keillor?

Answer: A Prairie Home Companion

8. In the first episode we get to meet dancers Teresa and Sunny, driver Mike, and bodyguard Bo, as well as Felicia, whom the protagonist calls "Fee," perhaps because her tiny brain can't handle so many syllables in such quick succession. JC Chasez makes a cameo appearance, which is embarrassing even for a has-been like him, and the shaky amateur hand-held camera work leaves us nauseated even before we meet the icky guy who will turn out to be the man of our heroine's dreams. Latest in a series of increasingly desperate cries for attention that include a quickie wedding, an even quicker annulment, a second quickie wedding and a pregnancy that should have been forbidden by all laws of god and man, this is, FTP, what show about a slutty ex-Mousketeer and her husband Kevin, which shares its name with her latest single?

Answer: *Britney and Kevin: Chaotic*

9. The first cast was composed of Nina, Nancy, Tommy, Joe, Jon, Kenny, and Tracy. Recurring segments included Merrymacs, speaking in Ubbi-Dubbi, and the bit called "As a Matter of Fact," which took place next to a lamppost. Created almost entirely by the cast itself with generous input from its devoted audience, the first episode featured a demonstration of how to build a raft from tree limbs, leaves and an old tarpaulin, while a 4-minute karate exhibition aimed at defeating bicycle thieves was on the second. Originally running from 1972-79 and originating from WGBH in Boston, it returned to PBS in 1999, and its current multicolored cast includes Buzz, Estuardo, Keiko and Lynese. FTP, name this show made "by kids, for kids" whose updated version calls the viewer suggestions that are essential to its content "zmail."

Answer: ZOOM

10. Very conspicuously sponsored by Sears, it has also prominently placed products from Southwest Airlines, Weyerhaeuser, Owens Corning, Pella and KraftMaid Cabinets. Coming to the rescue of orphans, widows defrauded by insurance agents, victims of horrible diseases, and other unfortunates, a rotating team which includes Paige Hemmis, Ed Sanders, Eduardo Xol and Michael Moloney whisks an unhappy family away on vacation and then gleefully proceeds to knock down their house and rebuild it on, FTP, what ABC show that is marginally less shallow than the plastic-surgery-and-new-clothes program with which it shares part of its name?

Answer: Extreme Makeover: Home Edition

11. This reporter's dramatic reading of the justices berating Theodore Olson for apparently not being able to tell them apart was a highlight of the 2000 presidential election coverage. In 1991 her report on Anita Hill's allegations led the Senate Judiciary Committee to re-open Clarence Thomas's Supreme Court confirmation hearings and she subsequently received a Peabody award for her work. Although she never attended law or journalism school, she has been honored repeatedly by the American Bar Association for her "continued excellence in legal reporting." FTP, name this journalist who was granted the singular privilege of advance access to the recently-released papers of Justice Harry Blackmun in part thanks to her status as NPR's ace legal affairs correspondent.

Answer: Nina Totenburg

12. They are led by Kevin Fitzgerald, who does stand-up comedy on the side. Also featuring Holly Knor and Robert Taylor, each episode usually shows these doctors at Alameda East handling three or four cases of varying gravity among several different species. Memorable crises have involved an iguana who swallowed a handful of change, a hedgehog with his spikes falling out, and a hyena with a tumor, as well as the more mundane but no less tragic cases of dogs hit by cars and cats with cancer. These beasts are all cared for, FTP, on what Animal Planet show that follows animal doctors involved in urgent care?

Answer: Emergency Vets

13. Its correspondents have swallowed live minnows, shot a gatling gun, competed in the Tour de Donut, and driven a hovercraft over land and water. They've visited a drag queen boutique and the two-story outhouse, met a man with a wacky plan to grow plants in zero gravity, and attended the Indy 500 and the Whiting, IN Pierogi Fest. Now in its 15th season—although it doesn't seem to have produced any new segments in the last four or five years—its correspondents include Mindy Bell, Tava (not Tavis) Smiley, and the inimitable Choky Lim. FTP, name this WTTW production which explores the untamed side of our great city.

Answer: Wild Chicago

14. A production of South Carolina ETV and Radio, it has run for over 25 years and welcomed more than 500 different guests, each of whom is invariably thrilled to share the airwaves with the eminent host. The show has a loose format, mixing casual conversation with stretches of improvisational musical performance. Norah Jones, Burt Bacharach and Jack Sheldon have appeared recently; other distinguished past guests include Sarah Vaughn, Herbie Hancock, Artie Shaw and Wynton Marsalis. All these musicians have been happy to jam with Marian McPartland on, FTP, what program whose title describes a certain genre of music played on the instrument produced by the show's sponsor, Baldwin?

Answer: *Marian McPartland's* Piano Jazz

15. One of them was actually in Belize, while another was in Honduras. The promise of the name remained unfulfilled, however, as Andy and Shannon, Kaya and Valerie, and Bill and Mandy all ended up deciding to stay together, while Taheed and Ytossie had been thrown off the show several episodes previously for hiding the fact that they had a child together. The second season finale was somewhat more satisfying, as Kelley and Nikkole dumped Mark and Tommy respectively. Notable for having perhaps the sleaziest concept of all reality shows—deliberately trying to break up established couples by enticingly parading a bevy of beautiful singles in front of them, FTP, what was this Fox show that lasted three seasons and was *not* hosted by Marky Mark?

Answer: Temptation Island

16. There are two versions of his namesake program, one five minutes long and the other only one minute long. Originally known as the *Star Hustler*, he rechristened himself when he realized that web searches for him were exposing children to the wrong kind of site. The executive director of the Miami Museum of Science and Planetarium, he sponsors an eponymous award presented annually by the Astronomical League. Usually depicted as kindly-looking man wearing a cardigan in his cartoon alter ego in the monthly “Sky Gazing” comic strip in *Odyssey* magazine, FTP, name this scientist who hosts “the world’s first and only weekly TV series on naked eye astronomy” while sitting on the rings of Saturn on his *Star Gazer* program.

Answer: Jack Horkheimer (accept early “Star Gazer”)

17. In Chris Zimpleman’s favorite episode, the protagonist helpfully provides a pair of ski goggles for his guest to protect his eyes from flying bits of padding. The head liner that caused that problem is replaced with a plexiglas autograph board, and the rest of the interior is completely redone in monogrammed white leather with orange piping. When Big Ron sees the results, he ecstatically indulges in a few rounds of *Dance Revolution* with the crew of WCC who fixed up his Cadillac in, FTP, what Xzibit-hosted MTV show that tricks out people’s run-down automobiles?

Answer: Pimp My Ride

18. Town Lake, Walter E. Long Lake and the foot of Lake Travis are located within them, while the festival that shares their name will take place this year from September 23-25 in Zilker Park. The program which inspired the festival featured Willie Nelson in its pilot in 1974, and Gary P. Nunn’s performance of “London Homesick Blues” became the theme song during the following season. Filmed in studio 6A at the University of Texas, the show has generally featured country artists but has recently showcased the talents of Bright Eyes, Guided by Voices, Wilco and the Pixies. FTP, name this public television program whose name defines the boundaries of a certain town in Texas.

Answer: Austin City Limits

19. One episode centered around the agonizing choice between a Siberian Husky and a nasty little Maltese, with neither ultimately winning out. In another episode, one of the main characters decides she needs to take a pregnancy test because she keeps hearing rumors that she’s going to have a baby. She had earlier discussed the sexual term “teabagging” with her mother, but even that’s not as creepy as half the things her father has said about her. Technically its title refers to two people, but on this show, as in their off-screen life, the dumb husband is essentially a non-entity next to his even more idiotic wife on, FTP, what show that follows the lives of not-so-recently-married (and possibly soon-to-be-divorced) pop singers Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson?

Answer: Newlyweds

20. It has been set in almost every U.S. state as well as in Russia, Hong Kong and London. Although it sometimes focuses on special events like the Sturges Bike Rally or the perennially popular Mardi Gras, and is occasionally based around themes such as children, animals, Christmas or stun guns, most episodes follow the same reassuring formula of showing immoral citizens (generally engaged in drug use, prostitution or domestic violence) who are brought to justice by the hard-working titular public servants. FTP, name this granddaddy of reality shows now in its 17th season, whose theme song memorably asks, “Bad boys, whatcha gonna do?”

Answer: COPS

1. Name these celebrities from offensive things they said in interviews with Terry Gross on the NPR program *Fresh Air* FTPE, or for 5 if you need an additional clue.

A. (10) "[The codpiece] holds in my manhood...Otherwise it would be too much for you to take. You'd have to put the book down and confront life. The notion is that if you want to welcome me with open arms, I'm afraid you're also going to have to welcome me with open legs."

(5) Terry asked this obnoxious musician how he chose the pattern for his onstage makeup and whether he consulted a magician to learn how to vomit up blood. She also took his wrongful accusation of being gay with characteristic equanimity.

Answer: Gene Simmons

A. (10) "I didn't hear your interview with [Al Franken] but I hope you were just as tough with him as you are being with me. I hope you scrutinized him just as much as you are with me. I hope NPR is fair and balanced."

(5) This right-wing blowhard abruptly walked out of his interview with Terry, apparently feeling he was being ill-treated, although he hadn't hesitated to scream "shut up" repeatedly at anti-war guest Jeremy Glick on his own Fox News show.

Answer: Bill O'Reilly

A. (10) "I know what's happening here. Did you ask the same questions to Kermit the Frog?...When Beethoven did your show did you challenge him the way you're challenging me?...I can't believe the government is paying for this interview. My money that could be going to Pekinese hookers is instead going to this public radio that's obviously more slanted than my [BLEEP] after I've [BLEEP]ed a St Bernard."

(5) Hearing Terry solemnly intone the title of this puppet dog's CD *Come Poop With Me* was almost as funny as the snort-inducing interview itself.

Answer: Triumph the Insult Comic Dog

2. FTPE, identify these regular panelists on the public radio news quiz show *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!* from clues:

A. Not the House Majority Whip from Missouri, this affable self-described "humorist-novelist-journalist-dramatist-lyricist-lecturer-reviewer-screenwriter-anthologist-columnist-philologist of sorts" has written 19 books, including the Penguin Lives biography of Robert E. Lee, the recent *Feet on the Street: Rambles around New Orleans*, and an eponymous collection of *Southern Humor*.

Answer: Roy Blount, Jr.

B. This writer and performer comprises one-third of the sketch comedy group the Irwin Smalls Trio. His main writing credit is having done several episodes of PBS's *Wishbone*, although his first screenplay, *Women Are From*, is currently in development. His blog is called Fanatical Apathy, and that's about all I was able to find out about him. He's very funny.

Answer: Adam Felber

C. A more recent addition to *Wait Wait*'s stable of panelists, he is a former correspondent for *The Daily Show* and, like Adam Felber, wrote for *Wishbone*. This author of *All the Presidents' Pets* also hosts the Bravo series *Things I Hate About You*.

Answer: Mo Rocca

3. Answer these questions about tasks assigned on the *Apprentice* FTPE.

A. During the first season's bargaining-for-goods-and-services task, Troy heroically agreed to undergo this procedure, one which few males besides swimmers, cyclists or drag queens would ever voluntarily submit to.

Answer: full leg wax

B. Andrew's high school classmate and second-season contestant Ivana humiliated herself in front of millions of TV viewers when she dropped her skirt and pranced around in her boy-cut underwear on a busy New York sidewalk in an effort to sell this lumpy chocolate product made by Mars.

Answer: M-azing Bar

C. Perhaps Kendra's finest moment was her creation of a spectacular promotional brochure for this new Pontiac sportscar. She was later awarded one of them when she was hired as the third *Apprentice*.

Answer: Solstice

4. Any celebration of reality television must include a tribute to the biggest famewhores of all: Rob and Amber. Answer these questions about their adventures FTPE:

A. When Rob and Amber first appeared together, on *Survivor: All-Stars*, Rob related his positive impression of Amber by describing her ass how?

Answer: "smokin'"

B. Rob and Amber recently competed on *The Amazing Race*, where their mere presence enraged several of the other teams, particularly Susan & Patrick and Lynn & Alex. Within one place, in what rank did they finish out of the eleven teams?

Answer: second (also accept first or third)

C. Rob and Amber's latest reality extravaganza, celebrating their wedding in the Bahamas, aired this past Tuesday. What was its title?

Answer: Rob and Amber Get Married

5. *This American Life* occasionally takes their show to a live stage, often with a musical guest. Name these artists who have shared the stage with Ira Glass FTPE:

A. Appearing at one of the earliest TAL live shows, in December 1998, this band from Brooklyn had previously been profiled on the show in a story on their long-running, usually broken Dial-A-Song service. They provided incidental music and also performed their own songs "Doctor Worm" and "Shoehorn with Teeth."

Answer: They Might Be Giants

B. Ira gives the vital stats of this Chicago-based band as "Median height: 5'11". Total weight of the band (without equipment): 624 pounds," although these figures may have changed since original lead guitarist Andy Duncan was replaced earlier this year by Rusty Ross. Performing at TAL's 5th anniversary show in December 2000, they blew away the crowd of middle-aged public radio fans with their finale, a boy-band dance to their song "C-C-C-Cinnamon Lips." They also did the theme song for the public radio show *Odyssey*, and their tune "You're So Damn Hot" was played during an episode of *Smallville*.

Answer: OK Go

C. He performed on TAL's 2003 "Lost in America" tour with the group he'd put together by placing ads in the *Chicago Reader* for the "Classifieds" episode of the show. This makeshift band's rendition of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," which included a singing saw, beat out OK Go's performance of the same song for eventual broadcast. Now based in Chicago, he has recently been performing with the Waco Brothers but is perhaps best known for being a founding member of the Mekons.

Answer: Jon Langford

6. PBS has entered the competitive reality show business with its own cooking contest in which aspiring chefs get the opportunity to have their culinary creations ripped apart by superstar chefs. FTPE, name:

A. The show, which airs Wednesdays at 8pm.

Answer: Cooking Under Fire

B. The head judge on *Cooking Under Fire*, chef-owner of the restaurant Blue Ginger and host of the Food Network's *East Meets West*.

Answer: Ming Tsai

C. Either of the other two main judges, one the owner of Olives who was named one of *People's* 50 Most Beautiful People in 2001, the other the Cleveland-based author of *The Making of a Chef* and an upcoming work on charcuterie (i.e., processed pig parts) for the home cook.

Answer: Tood English or Michael Ruhlman

7. Networks often find it easier to copy each other than to come up with an original idea. Given the premise for a reality show and the networks that jumped onto its bandwagon, name either of the ensuing rip-offs FTPE:

A. After NBC announced a boxing reality show hosted by Sylvester Stallone and Sugar Ray Leonard, Fox quickly threw together its own version, which included Oscar De La Hoya and Joe Frazier in guest spots.

Answer: The Contender or The Next Great Champ

B. Both Fox and ABC launched series about modern-day Mary Poppinses who descend upon troubled households to fix the children and in many cases the parents as well.

Answer: Nanny 911 or Supernanny

C. Desperate to reproduce the success of NBC's *Apprentice*, Fox and ABC recruited two other very rich men to act obnoxious and give away lots of money. Fox picked up Richard Branson while ABC scored Mark Cuban. Both shows bombed.

Answer: Rebel Billionaire or The Benefactor

8. At 9:40 every Sunday morning, he joins Liane ("LEE-ann") Hansen on *Weekend Edition* to offer a lucky listener the chance to win a lapel pin and a dictionary. FTPE:

A. Who is *Weekend Edition*'s puzzle master?

Answer: Will Shortz

B. Shortz is also the crossword editor for what venerable gray lady of crossword puzzles?

Answer: *The New York Times*

C. Shortz is the only person in the world to hold a college degree in what subject, a major that he designed himself at Indiana University?

Answer: enigmatology (accept "puzzles" or the like)

9. If reality television is a downward spiral, surely *The Surreal Life* is its rock bottom. Given a pseudo-celebrity who has sunk to these depths, name the reality show on which she previously appeared FFPE and a 5-point bonus for all:

A. Omarosa Manigault-Stallworth

Answer: *The Apprentice* (grudgingly accept *Fear Factor* — that's really a game show rather than reality tv)

B. Jerri Manthey

Answer: *Survivor* or *Blind Date*

C. Ryan Starr

Answer: *American Idol*

D. Adrienne Curry

Answer: *America's Next Top Model*

E. Trishelle Cannatella

Answer: *The Real World* or *Road Rules* or *The Real World/Road Rules Challenge*

10. Even though David Brancaccio left it for the greener pastures of *NOW with Bill Moyers*, I still love *Marketplace*. Name these occasional commentators for that financial radio show FTPE:

A. This former secretary of labor under Clinton is editor of *The American Prospect* magazine and the author of *The Future of Success*, *Locked in the Cabinet*, and, most recently, *Reason*.

Answer: Robert Reich

B. By far the most annoying of *Marketplace* commentators, this writer/musician is the author of the novel *If You Lived Here, You'd Be Home By Now* and the collection of allegedly comic essays *Depth Takes a Holiday*. Every time I hear her speak I want to yell "Take those damn marbles out of your mouth!"

Answer: Sandra Tsing Loh

C. This amusing weirdo has mocked people at a clogging convention, a rockabilly festival, the Winchester Mystery House and the Mall of America, all in his inimitable funny accent. He turned several of his *Marketplace* stories into essays for his recent book *Gullible's Travels: The Adventures of a Bad Taste Tourist*.

Answer: Cash Peters

11. In January of this year UPN launched a competition in which thirteen aspiring singers and rappers traveled together in a tour bus, vying for a record deal and \$100,000. Answer these questions about it FTPE.

A. Name the show, in which Chicagoan Jessica Betts was ultimately triumphant.

Answer: *The Road to Stardom with Missy Elliott*

B. Now name any two of Missy's three judges. They included the president of Violator Management who represents Busta Rhymes and 50 Cent; the Grammy Award-winning producer of Nas's *Street Disciple* and Gwen Stefani's *Love, Angel, Music, Baby*; and the R&B artist who had hits with the songs "Square Biz" and "Lovergirl."

Answer: Mona Scott, Dallas Austin, Teena Marie

12. Answer these questions about locales which served as final destinations of *The Amazing Race*, FTPE.

A. In the second season finale, Chris and Alex beat out the loathsome Wil and Tara in a thrilling footrace to the victory mat, which was placed in Fort Baker in this city, where teams also encountered difficulties in finding Municipal Pier 39, and Blake and Paige were delayed when they made a confused and unnecessary stop at the Cable Car Museum.

Answer: San Francisco

B. It was a sad moment when Flo and Zach, but mostly Flo, arrived first on the mat in this city after finding the International Fountain, completing a totem-pole building task in Lincoln Park, and then proceeding to GasWorks Park and the finish line of the third race.

Answer: Seattle

C. The finale of TAR6 took place in Chicago and featured the incredibly lame final task of consuming a stuffed pizza from which famed pizza joint, which moved a few years ago from its original location on Superior to the former Planet Hollywood building on Wells?

Answer: Gino's East

13. Name these contributors to *This American Life* FTPE:

A. Discovered by Ira Glass doing readings in obscure holes-in-the-wall in Chicago, he got his big break when his Glass-produced *Santaland Diaries* were subsequently aired on *Morning Edition*. The author of *Naked* and *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, he sometimes performs with his sister Amy.

Answer: David Sedaris

B. This author also has a sister named Amy, with whom she describes traveling the Trail of Tears in a classic TAL story. An American history buff, she describes an outing to Gettysburg in her book *The Partly Cloudy Patriot* and relates her visits to various presidential sites in her most recent collection of essays, *Assassination Vacation*.

Answer: Sarah Vowell

C. He's contributed comic stories, like the one about being elected as a delegate to his Republican state convention despite being a gay Democrat, and touching ones, like how he adopted a baby with his boyfriend Terry, but nothing so explicit as the work he does for his day job as a syndicated sex columnist based at the Seattle alternative paper *The Stranger*.

Answer: Dan Savage

14. This show was MTV's and a certain oft-sued producer's attempt to prove that you can throw together any five semi-talented guys and create a marketable package that preteen girls will scream over and pay money for. It turned out they were sort of right. FTPE, name:

A. Their show, which aired on ABC and spawned the group O-Town.

Answer: Making the Band

B. The creepy Svengali of this band as well as, formerly, N*Sync and the Backstreet Boys.

Answer: Lou Pearlman

C. Any member of O-Town (either first or last name acceptable).

Answer: Ashley Parker Angel, Erik-Michael Estrada, Dan Miller, Trevor Penick, or Jacob Underwood

15. Name these PBS kids shows FTSNOP:

A. (5) This long-running program continues to air in reruns despite the death of its avuncular creator and host. Not that kids can tell the difference between the most recently-taped shows and older ones—those zip-up cardigans are timeless.

Answer: Mister Rogers' Neighborhood

B. (10) This science-oriented program originally ran from 1980-1992 but reappeared in reruns on Noggin from 1999-2002. A recurring bit related the adventures of the crime-solving Bloodhound Gang, and in the late 80s it included content from the kids' technology magazine *Enter*, such as computer programs written in the strange and novel language BASIC.

Answer: 3-2-1-Contact

C. (15) This relatively new show continues PBS's efforts to reach out to the browner children of America. Devoted to the escapades of the titular twins, its cast of multiculti animated characters also includes the black Theo, the Asian Maggie, the white Andy and the apparently Hispanic parrot Paco.

Answer: Maya and Miguel (or Maya y Miguel for the Hispanophones)

16. Street Smarts isn't exactly reality television but it did recently do a "reality week" with dopes from reality shows past as the in-studio contestants. FFPE, name these insatiable famewhores who competed head-to-head and endured adorable host Frank Nicotero's taunts to win paltry sums of money for their chosen charities: (note: only first names required. I don't even know most of their last names)

A. This pair from the first season of the *Apprentice* had what Donald Trump called a "pathetic" romance, and you know it had to be really lame when even Donald thought so.

Answer: Nick and Amy

B. This beloved team from the first season of *The Amazing Race* didn't quite make it to the final leg when they were narrowly edged by evil Team Guido after a frustrating cab ride.

Answer: Kevin and Drew

C. These two contestants appeared on *Big Brother*; one of them, during the first season, apparently liked to wear a feathered costume, while the other made it to the final three in season two.

Answer: Chicken George and Monica

17. Identify these literary adaptations which aired on Masterpiece Theatre FTPE:

A. Perhaps the finest of all Masterpiece Theatre productions, it starred Amanda Root and Ciaran Hinds as Anne Elliott and Captain Wentworth in this adaptation of a Jane Austen novel.

Answer: Persuasion

B. There had been a previous adaptation made in the mid-60s of this trilogy of novels, but in 2002 PBS unveiled an entirely new production, which introduced a peculiar scene involving a piece of rubber tubing that is, I think, meant to drive home with brutal force the point that Irene ("eye-REEN-ee") absolutely does not want to have children with her unsympathetic husband Soames.

Answer: The Forsyte Saga

C. Frances O'Connor and Hugh Bonneville, who had appeared together in *Mansfield Park*, reunited in this adaptation of a French novel about the discontented wife of a provincial medical officer.

Answer: Madame Bovary

18. This quirky radio show is more or less *This New York City Life* with host Dean Olsher as its Ira Glass. FTPE, name:

A. The WNYC-produced program, which airs at 8pm Sundays on WBEZ 91.5 FM.

Answer: The Next Big Thing

B. The U of C graduate who was on our 1990 CBI championship team and is a former quizbowl team president and manager of Cobb Coffee Shop. Editor-in-Chief of U.S. Dictionaries for the Oxford University Press, she is *The Next Big Thing's* resident activist lexicographer.

Answer: Erin McKean

19. Never enough dating shows. Name these FTPE:

A. Not hosted by Roger Bhan, the most amusing feature of this show is the animated thought bubbles that pop up and plainly demonstrate the utter contempt that even the people who work on the show feel for the contestants who represent their bread and butter.

Answer: Blind Date

B. This show includes an uneven number of people on a bus, a dimly-lit cabinet where couples can get busy in front of the camera, and a closing scene in which each participant chooses the person he or she would like to stay with. With any luck there's at least one who isn't chosen by anybody else and then there are bad feelings all around, which is pretty cool.

Answer: The 5th Wheel

C. The premise of this show, hosted by Jillian Barbieri, was to send couples on their dream date with a perfectly profiled match. Throughout the date, the participants' exes provided intimate details via hidden earpiece to each dater as they watched the date progress. Hilarity was then supposed to ensue.

Answer: EX-treme Dating

20. Name these regular segments of *Car Talk* FTPE:

A. Although it occasionally goes on vacation, this weekly word game or logic problem is a staple of the show. Tommy invariably claims to have forgotten the previous week's, and the answer Ray gives is occasionally bogus.

Answer: the Puzzler

B. An occasional feature, the guys play this when they revisit a previous caller to find out if their advice was good or not.

Answer: Stump the Chumps

C. After the first two parts of the program have passed, the brothers announce what's coming up during this mathematically impossible last section of the show.

Answer: the third half