HOMETOWN TRIVIA · NEEDHAM, MA

How well do you know Needham?

Circle the answer you think is right. Answers are on the last page.

1. Which famous public figure was born in Needham in 1947?

A. Michael Dukakis
B. Mike Gravel
C. Peter DeFazio

2. Which famous singer or musician was born in Needham in 1954?

A. Joe Perry
B. Chick Corea
C. Randy Bernsen

3. About how many people lived in Needham in 1950?

A. 37,000
B. 6,400
C. 16,000

How well do you know Needham?

4. Between 2010 and 2020, did Needham grow or shrink?

A. It shrank
B. It grew

5. Which county is Needham in?

A. Plymouth County
B. Essex County
C. Norfolk County

REMEMBER WHEN · NEEDHAM

Let's talk about home

Read one aloud and let the stories come. There are no wrong answers on this page.

- Peter DeFazio was born right here in Needham in 1947. Do you remember Peter DeFazio from the news?
- Randy Bernsen was born right here in Needham in 1954. Can anyone hum a song by Randy Bernsen?
- In 1950 about 16,000 people lived in Needham. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Where did people in Needham go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Needham like on a Saturday when you were young?
- Where did you go to school, and how did you get there each morning?
- What did a loaf of bread or a gallon of gas cost when you first went shopping on your own?

WORD SEARCH · NEEDHAM

Around Needham

T S A S B T P I L C T M N N E
D P K N F E O P I C N I C E U
B A M H O I S R T R O L L E Y
E R S A Z S T G A L I O I D T
F A A A R O O C R P M O H H I
S D F L M Y F B N A C T O A I
C E A E I A F E E S L R S M L
D E I U O F I R E H O U S E N
M V U L T L C N S D I N E R Y
T U Y L I E E S S Y L Y R R R
E C D A C B N E H T E S E D A
I P C I L K R N V E R K E K E
E B A N D S T A N D A E K N M
R O C T N S P O R B E A E T R
I F A A A G E N F Y T U V T K

- [ ] BAKERY
- [ ] BANDSTAND
- [ ] BERNSEN
- [ ] DEFAZIO
- [ ] DINER
- [ ] FIREHOUSE
- [ ] ICECREAM
- [ ] LIBRARY
- [ ] MAINSTREET
- [ ] NEEDHAM
- [ ] PARADE
- [ ] PICNIC
- [ ] POSTOFFICE
- [ ] TROLLEY

FOR THE ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

Answers and sources

1. Peter DeFazio Peter DeFazio was born in Needham in 1947.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q1758507 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_DeFazio

2. Randy Bernsen Randy Bernsen was born in Needham in 1954.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q6100247 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Randy_Bernsen

3. 16,000 The 1950 census counted 16,313 people in Needham.

Sources: https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1960/pc-s1-supplementary-reports/pc-s1-9.pdf · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Needham,_Massachusetts

4. It grew Needham counted 28,886 people in 2010 and 32,091 in 2020.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Needham,_Massachusetts

5. Norfolk County Needham is in Norfolk County, Massachusetts.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q1664345

Word search answers. Every word reads left to right, top to bottom, or diagonally downward. None run backwards.

T	S	A	S	B	T	P	I	L	C	T	M	N	N	E
D	P	K	N	F	E	O	P	I	C	N	I	C	E	U
B	A	M	H	O	I	S	R	T	R	O	L	L	E	Y
E	R	S	A	Z	S	T	G	A	L	I	O	I	D	T
F	A	A	A	R	O	O	C	R	P	M	O	H	H	I
S	D	F	L	M	Y	F	B	N	A	C	T	O	A	I
C	E	A	E	I	A	F	E	E	S	L	R	S	M	L
D	E	I	U	O	F	I	R	E	H	O	U	S	E	N
M	V	U	L	T	L	C	N	S	D	I	N	E	R	Y
T	U	Y	L	I	E	E	S	S	Y	L	Y	R	R	R
E	C	D	A	C	B	N	E	H	T	E	S	E	D	A
I	P	C	I	L	K	R	N	V	E	R	K	E	K	E
E	B	A	N	D	S	T	A	N	D	A	E	K	N	M
R	O	C	T	N	S	P	O	R	B	E	A	E	T	R
I	F	A	A	A	G	E	N	F	Y	T	U	V	T	K

Every fact on these pages was checked against two independent public sources before printing: population counts against the U.S. Census Bureau's own published counts, people and places against both Wikidata and Wikipedia. If anything doesn't match what your residents remember, tell us at hello@frontporchpuzzlepress.com and we'll look into it. Please copy these pages for your whole group. For a ready-made large print activity packet for every month, visit frontporchpuzzlepress.com/monthly-activity-packets-for-seniors.