

## ***You Know You're a Way Cool '80s Nut if...***

**1. You watched *Transformers, She-Ra Princess of Power, He-Man, Inspector Gadget* and or *Jem!*... And perhaps cool Brit shows like *Stig of the Dump, Willo the Wisp & Metal Mickey!* And of course, you adored *The Sooty Show*. "Ready, Steady, are you set for Metal Mickey! He's a lot of fun, fun, fun! He weighs half a tonne, tonne, tonne..." and of course Mickey's line "Want to go to wee-wee, still makes you giggle like a giddy school kid ;) Heeehehhehe ;), and you still remember other '80s Toon cool uns like *Dungeons & Dragons* and *Visionaries***

**2. You wanted to BE Optimus Prime or Jem, He-Man or and/She-Ra – if Jem, you wanted to sing like her "Like a Dream ... She's got the Power, Power! Power!" - Jem, Jem! Is truly *OUTRAGEOUS!!!* The music's contagious! Jem is my name, no one else is the same. Jem is my name! *JEM!* And of course you still want a Metal Mickey, don't you?**

**3. You played with *Transformers, Jem! Or She-Ra/He Man* and or Golden Girl toys and you still do ;) ... And if you were-are still ... a fan of Transformers, you thought it was pure sacrilege**

that they killed Optimus Prime in *Transformers: The Movie* ...  
And were utterly relieved that they brought him {and Starscream} back - YAY!!! :D "Till All Are One..." Has profound meaning for you and so does "BAH WHEEP GRAAAGNAH WHEEP NI NI BONG..." which is, of course, the Universal *Greeting*, but you already knew that, didn't you? ;)

4. You were major league pissed that they never made *Golden Girls ~ Guardians of the Gemstones into a series*. They rocked.

5. If you knew *Transformers*, you knew who Stan Bush was. *The Touch* is so Optimus' song, man! - And you get so peeved when music stores confuse Stan Bush with Sam Bush or even Kate Bush?! Yea - like *Stan* even *sounds* like Kate? Go figure.

6. Come on, admit it, you liked *Machine Men* {The *Go Bots*} too, didn't you? - And you still have the toys. And you even liked the *Rock Lords/Machine Men* movie, yes you did, didn't you? Solitaire was so pwetty, wasn't she? Yeah, you loved those Go Bots! {Even though you may not be game to admit that to your *Transformer* buddies ;} ... Go on. Time to come out from the Cyber-Closet ;)

**7. You watched *Voltron* ~ both Lion *and* Vehicle force. You were overjoyed and shed happy tears when Sven came back in Lion Force. And you even considered changing your name to Allura ;)**

**8. *Gummi Bears* is a cartoon, dammit! Not a lolly!**

**9. You got into Terry Pratchett and Death was cool!**

**10. You got into other '80s books like *Trixie Belden*, perhaps and '80s sitcoms, like *Family Ties*. You loved *Full House* and were into Mary-Kate and Ashley BEFORE they were famous...**

**11. You listened to Cyndi Lauper, the Divynlys and the Bangles and other cool '80s rock groups and vocals "I'm Walkin' on Sunshine! Ye-ah!"**

**12. The only thing you hated about the '80s was school - and perhaps that annoying creepy Max Headroom? ;)**

**13. Kev Kavanagh rocked, didn't he? Eh! Eh! **

**14. You so ENVIED *Ferris Bueller* and wished you could have a "Day Off" just like him ... "Hey batter batter batter, Swing batter! Kennedy kennedy kennedy, Swing batter!" you memorised this, didn't you? ;)**

**15. The first Tom Cruise movie you ever saw was *Top Gun*. Perhaps you were like me & my best mate who went to see it for the cool jets! Huh? Tom *Who*?**

**16. Now Bonnie Tyler was way cool ... "I'm Holding out for a Hero till the end of the Night!"**

**17. You loved the *Back to the Future Trilogy* – Man You so WANTED that car and cried when that *beautiful* De Lorean was totalled :( Waaaaahhhh!!!**

**18. Luke and Han were hot. You wanted to pilot the Millennium Falcon ... And you adored Princess Leia – and yes, you wanted to have those gorgeous cinnamon hair buns just like hers ... and still do? ;) ... And you still believe if you focus hard enough you can move stuff with your thoughts :)**

**19. You waited six *\*years\** for the release of *The Return of the Jedi* in cinemas! And you waited *SIXTEEN YEARS* for Episode One!!!! Man, folks are lucky nowadays! They can watch the entire *SIX* episodes back to back!**

**20. You *ADORED* *The Neverending Story*. The part where Atreyu and Falkor find the Ivory Tower *STILL* gives you shivers and you get all teary eyed and you even own a CD or tape of the Soundtrack, and sing along with Limahl – and you can finally listen to the beautiful *Ivory Tower* track all by itself. Ahh bliss! Life is good :)**

**21. You oft wished that you had a time machine {shaped like A De Lorean, or a TARDIS no doubt ;) –and after you've finished with ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome & Britannia, it's off to the 1980s...Now you can get all those toys you used to have or missed that now cost 10 times more on Ebay ...**

**22. Mel Brooks' *Spaceballs* kicked major ass! If you loved Transformers, you screeched with laughter when you saw Optimus Prime on *SPACEBALLS - THE COLOURING IN BOOK!* And Metroplex on *SPACEBALLS THE LUNCHBOX!* - And Barf's**

line "Oh my gosh ... It's not just a space ship ... It's a Transformer..." still makes you cry with laughter. And You are STILL miffed that *Spaceballs Episode II – The Soich for More Money* was never made :\*( Let's send Mel a Petition, 'Kay! We'll impress him that we can quote the whole movie off pat.

Lone Starr: "Dim the lights.."  
Barf: "Dimming the lights..."  
Lone Starr: "Go to Infra Red..."  
Barf: "Going to Infra Red..."  
Lone Starr: "Pray to God..."  
Barf: "Prayin' to God.."

Dark Helmet: "KNOCK ON MY DOOR! KNOCK NEXT TIME!!! Did you see anything?"  
Colonel Sandurz: "No, Sir. I didn't see you playing with your dolls again ..."

See, you're, really a Spaceball, you know that don't you? ;)

23. You liked *Alien 2* the best of all the *Alien* movies. Newt was so cute!!

24. You remember all the other classics from the '80s like Terminator, Rocky, Rambo, yea, all those Mr. Testosterone Man ones ;) & you're an '80s Trivia nut...

**25. You cried every time Blackadder died at the end of the series – and were thrilled to bits when he survived at the end of Series Three. HAH!**

**26. *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure* really WAS Excellent. You so cannot beat Keanu with long hair, Dude! PARDY ON, DUDES & BE EXCLELLENT TO EACH OTHER!**

**27. You really thought Olivia Newton John was a Muse/Goddess ...“Xanadu...”**

**28. You loved *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*, where they went back in time to 1986 to rescue 2 humpback whales to save earth in the future. The scene where Scotty says “Admiral, there be whales here ...” still brings tears to your eyes ...**

**29. You owned a *Commodore 64* computer - and got frustrated that the *Transformers* game was so hard to play ... and took so damned long to load! {Yes, the one that was on a TAPE!!!}  
Ahh well, at least there was that cool picture of Soundwave to look at while it loaded ...**

**30. *Knight Rider* was the Best! He was so sexy, so cool ... sophisticated, fast and furious, and witty. Sigh ... Man, K.I.T.T. rocked! Oh yeah & David Hasslehoff was cool too ;)**

**31. You called your car K.I.T.T (Knight Industries 2000) – Man you WANTED a K.I.T.T. car, didn't you {a modified 1982 basic black Pontiac Trans Am Firebird}– and you still do, don't you? Ahh, that sexy voice ... And you were so happy when you finally found out the name of K.I.T.T.'s voice actor, William Daniels and got other movies he was in, like *Her Alibi* just to see what he looked & sounded like!!**

**32. You called your computer H.A.L. 9000 – and you wanted a computer like H.A.L. ...**

**33. You programmed your computer and perhaps your car as well to sound like K.I.T.T. and/or H.A.L. - of Course you have H.A.L. and K.I.T.T. sounds on your computer, don't you?**

**34. Of course if you or your dad drove a truck, he was Optimus Prime, wasn't he? ;)**



**35. The Ulysses 31 cartoon about the Odyssey in space, was your introduction to Greek Mythology, wasn't it? And you cried in the episode "The Kingdom of Hades" when Ulysses finally found his way home ... \*Sniff, sniff...\* :)**

**36. The day ponchos came back into fashion was one of the happiest days of your life. YAHOOOOOO!!!**

**37. Even though you admit the special effects (or lack there of) of *Blake's 7* leave a lot to be desired nowadays, that show kicked major ass. Although you seriously thought it should have been re-named *Avon's 7* after Blake left, didn't you? This gave a whole new meaning to the phrase "*Avon Calling*" ... ;)**

**38. Your introduction to *Gilbert & Sullivan* was *The Pirate Movie* and even if you don't have the soundtrack, you still remember the songs ... And the lightsabre scene still brings tears of laughter to your eyes ... And you've finally memorised and can sing the entire *Major General* song really fast - and you burst out laughing in the *Pirate Movie*'s version of the song where he sings "Star Wars in the 22<sup>nd</sup> century..." Touche!**

**39. You adored Mr. Squiggle, the Man from the Moon .. And of course Miss Jane and that cute steam shovel guy, although Blackboard was so mean, wasn't he?! ;)**

**40. You laugh yourself hard at this list, laugh yourself harder whilst writing lists like these & posting them to the net ...**

**41. And You're a member of several '80s Retro fan groups and are quite heartened that YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE!!!**

**42. The Answer to Life, the Universe & Everything ... You remember and still love all your fave Retro food, music, movies & TV. You'll always be a Retro Guy/Gal!**

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***And now that you're seriously planing an '80s Theme Night, cool movie marathon, with a couple of your fave TV eps thrown in for good measure, let's take a Break Dance down Memory Lane with a Blast From the Past!***

***Space Camp*** (You wanted to go there, didn't you?), ***Flight of the Navigator*** (Now that ship was waaaay cool! Is it just me or am I the only one who liked his pre hip-kid voice? ;), ***Labyrinth*** (You secretly loved Jareth, didn't you? Whoo Doo? Voo Doo! Hey, he was interesting and seeing it with a new perspective as an adult now, you can clearly see that Jareth took the baby so the girl would appreciate her baby brother - Duh!;) , ***Krull***, (I wanted Princess Lyssa's lovely white dress!), ***LadyHawke*** (This was the first movie you saw Michelle Pfeiffer in, wasn't it? And wasn't she beautiful? Isabeau ... You still love that name, ***Legend*** (I wanted a dress like Princess Lily's too!!! It had that Tom guy in it too, but you went to see it for the Unicorns, didn't you? I know I did ;) ***Willow*** (The Dark Princess was so cool!), ***The Last Unicorn*** (You loved that beautiful Unicorn, didn't you? I know I did :), ***The Princess Bride*** (Such a classic .... Can I have

her dress too? ;) watch out for those R.O.U.S's ;), **The Dark Crystal** (Am I the only one that was slightly freaked by this movie? Those gross Skeksies creeped me out! I liked Kira - she was pretty! And the wise Mystics were cool & the Elfin like Gelflings were cute.) **The Secret of N.I.M.H** (Yo! This kinda creeped me out too... N.I.M.H ... shudders ... At least there's a cute sequel ...:), **Annie** (I *adored* her!!! She was so cute and so tough. Go Annie! I was 10 when I first saw this & so was Little Orphan Annie!), And you even remember cool oddball ones like **Re-Possessed** (Anthony Starke RULZ, Man!!!) & **Return of the Killer Tomatoes**, (Hey, Tara, the Tomato girl was cute!!!), other weird, but wonderful '80s ones like **The Adventures of Baron Münchhausen** (There's something way cool about flying sea ships - especially at night flying through the stars ... ohh ... so majestic)... & **Erik The Viking**, and though some scenes in **Indiana Jones & The Raiders of the Lost Ark/Temple of DOOM** totally grossed you out, they were still way cool ... You remember All your **Disney** Faves, *The Muppet* Movies, Your '80s **James Bond** and **Doctor Who** Faves, Feel Good movies like **The Boy Who Could Fly ...** Aww! And other cool uns like **Soul Man**, **The Breakfast Club** (Man, you respected those kids,

especially Judd Nelson and wished you could have had such an interesting time at school like them and Ferris of course! ;), **St. Elmo's Fire** & other "Brat Pack" Greats And though the sequels may not be as good, or made way after the '80s, you still rush to see them or get the DVD's, don't you? And you have a mighty collection of '80s DVD's anyway, hey?! Hey, I do ;) I'm still a kid at heart ;) ... And lastly, you even remember the animated **The Lord of the Rings** and the BBC **The Chronicles of Narnia** (Now even though Ronald Pickup as Aslan, didn't sound as sexy and Jedi Masterly as Liam Neeson, he was still very cool ;)

## ***But Wait ... There's More!***

{2<sup>nd</sup> List Borrowed from the Web & Slightly Modified}

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### **YOU KNOW YOU GREW UP IN THE '80S IF ...**

1. You've ever ended a sentence with the word "PSYCHE".
2. You watched the *Pound Puppies*.
3. You can sing the rap to the *Fresh Prince of Bel Air*
4. You wore biker shorts under your skirts and felt stylish.
5. You yearned to be a member of the *Babysitters Club* and tried to start a club of your own.
6. You owned those lil' *Strawberry Shortcake* pals scented dolls, *Cabbage Patch Dolls*, or perhaps the *Garbage Pail Kids* or those other those fetid smelling ones. I had *Death Breath*. He was to die for ;)
7. You know that "WOA" comes from Joey on *Blossom* – and you

also wanted to "Hang" with *Mr. Cooper* ...

8. Two words: M.C. Hammer – *Hammer Time!*

9. If you ever watched *Fraggle Rock*.

10. You had plastic streamers on your handle bars – Hey they're cute! *And* coloured spoke thingies too :)

11. You can sing the entire theme song to *Duck Tales*.

12. When it was actually *worth* getting up early on a Saturday to watch cartoons! *Transformers, Robotech, She-Ra, He-Man, Jem, Voltron, Inspector Gadget, Ulysses 31* - Need I say more?

13. You wore a pony tail on the side of your head.

14. You saw the original *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* on the big screen or perhaps you thought these guys were cannon fodder for Megatron from *Transformers*... ;) )

15. You got super-excited when it was Oregon Trail day in computer class at school. Or you loved to play *Where in the World is Carmen San Diego*. Especially the one in which the code was cracked by The Evil Sock and Optimus Prime.

16. You made your mum buy one of those clips that would hold your shirt in a knot on the side.

17. You played the game "MASH" (Mansion, Apartment, Shelter,

House) with friends at school, or Scissors Paper Rock ...

18. You wore *Jordache* jean jacket and you were proud of it.

19. *L.A. Gear* ...

20. You wanted to change your name to JEM! in kindergarten.

21. You remember reading *Tales of a fourth grade nothing* and all the Ramona books and all those Judy Blume books.

22. You know the profound meaning of "WAX ON, WAX OFF" and "Up, Down, Daniel Son" - and you dearly wish you could do *The Crane* chop ...

23. You wanted to be a *Goonie*.

24. You wore, flouro clothes - and your yellow flouro highlighter was your most prized school texta, next to your gold texta of course!

25. You can remember what Michael Jackson looked like

26. You have ever pondered why Smurfette was the only female Smurf. You later discovered the truth - that she was a clone that Gargamel made, that Papa Smurf made into a real Smurf with Smurf magic. This set your wondering mind at ease after all these years. Obsessed? Na, really? You think?

27. You took Lunch Pales to school, or you bought *Transformers* ice blocks from the School canteen, remember that Transforming



Raspberry Lemonade Cola ... More than Meets the taste Buds ;)

28. You remember the CRAZE, then the BANNING of slap bracelets.

29. You STILL get the urge to say "NOT!" after every sentence.

30. You remember Hypercolour t-shirts - and you STILL LOVE tie dyed shirts

31. *Barbie and the Rockers* was your favourite band, next to *Jem & The Holograms* .... Although you secretly liked the Misfit Stormer, didn't you? The others were so mean to her! And speaking of Barbie, you also wanted a dress like Crystal Barbie and you made your Gran make one for your high school prom ...

32. You thought She-Ra, Princess of Power and He-Man, Master of the Universe should hook up.

33. You miss Throw Downs, Dammit! And firecracker night.

34. You ever owned a pair of Jelly-Shoes or those cute squeaky shoes

35. After you saw *Pee-Wee's Big Adventure* you kept saying "I know what you are, but what am I?"

36. You remember "I've fallen and I can't get up" and "Da plane, Boss! Da Plane!"

37. You remember going to the skating rink **before** there were

in-line skates - Yes - Roller SKATES - not Roller Blades!

38. You ever got injured on a Slip and Slide.

39. You have ever played with a *Skip-It* or a *Rippa Skippa*.

40. You had or attended a birthday party at McDonalds.

41. You've gone through this list occasionally saying "This wasn't from the '80s!"

42. You remember *Popples*, *Wuzzles* and *Muppet Babies*

43. "Don't worry, be happy..."

44. You wore like, EIGHT pairs of socks over tights with high top *Reeboks* and you STILL have a pair of leg warmers, don't you? ;)

45. You wore socks scrunched down.

46. *Miss MARY MARY MACK, all dressed in BLACK BLACK BLACK*

47. You remember BOOM BOXES vs. CD players.

48. You remember watching both *Gremlins* movies and both '80s *Terminator* movies and both *Cocoon* movies and liked cute Courtney Cox {from *Cocoon 2* and the live action *He-Man movie*}, way before she was in *Friends*. Yea, now *Terminator 2* was hell cool. "Chill out, Dick Wad."

49. You know what it meant to say *Care Bear Stare!!* Now Wish bear is GORGROUS!!!

50. You remember watching *Rainbow Bright* and *My Little Pony*

*Tales* -even if you were a tomboy, you still thought they were cute, didn't you? Come on, admit it ;)

51. You thought Doogie Howser was hot.

52. You remember *Alf*, the 'lil furry brown alien from Melmac and the zany Mork from Ork, making you a loyal fan of Robin Williams for life – the day Mork FINALLY married Mindy was one of the happiest days of your life. Na No! Na No! - and you love to call silly people Nimnols (Orkan for idiot ;) - You can do the hands to, can't you? Even if you had to sleep with a rubber band around your fingers one night. This is how you learned to do the Vulcan sign too, isn't it? Live Long and Prosper ~ Peace and Long Life!

53. You remember *New Kids on the Block* when they were cool.

54. You knew all the characters names and their life stories on *Saved By the Bell*, the ORIGINAL class.

55. You know all the words to Jon Bon Jovi's ***Slippery When Wet***  
-- **"RAISE YOUR HANDS!" ... "WE'RE HALF WAY THERE ....**  
**TAKE MY HAND, WE'LL MAKE IT I SWE-AR! OH! OH!**  
**LIVIN' ON A PRAY-ER!"**