**Roman 1-minute challenge – Card 1**

1. **When was Rome founded? 753BC**
2. **Which of the two brothers founded Rome?** **Romulus**
3. **What was a Roman soldier’s sword called?** **Gladius**
4. **What was the large amphitheatre in Rome called?** **Colosseum**
5. **What did Romans use to ‘clean‘ themselves with? Sponge on a stick**
6. **What did Romans mainly drink?** **Wine**
7. **Which type of people fought for entertainment?** **Gladiators**
8. **Which emperor successfully invaded Britain? Claudius**

**Roman 1-minute challenge – Card 2**

1. **Which animal raised Romulus and Remus? Wolf**
2. **Which year did Rome successfully invade Britain?** **AD43**
3. **Which religion did the Romans convert to?** **Christianity**
4. **Name the Roman army’s tortoise formation?** **Testudo**
5. **True or false: Every Roman house had underfloor heating: False**
6. **What did Emperor Claudius bring with him when he conquered Britain? Elephants**
7. **Which queen fought back against the Romans? Boudicca**
8. **Who was the Roman god of war? Mars**

**Roman 1-minute challenge – Card 3**

1. **When did the Romans leave Britain? AD410**
2. **Name the famous wall built to stop the Picts invading:** **Hadrian’s Wall**
3. **Who was the Roman king of the gods?** **Jupiter**
4. **True or false: the Romans invented aqueducts: False**
5. **What is the Roman art style using tiny tiles called? Mosaic**
6. **Who were the group of old men who helped the emperor? Senate**
7. **Which emperor went to war with the sea? Caligula**
8. **What was a large Roman house called? A Villa**

**Roman 1-minute challenge – Card 4**

1. **What did the Romans use to trade with? Coins**
2. **What was the original capital of England?** **Colchester**
3. **Which Roman city was destroyed by Mount Vesuvius in AD79? Pompeii**
4. **True or false: There were no roads in Britain before the Romans came: False**
5. **True or false: The Circus Maximus could hold around 250,000 people: True**
6. **Name the Roman central heating system: Hypocaust**
7. **Where did the Romans go to keep clean? Bath houses**
8. **Why did the Romans leave Britain? Rome was being attacked**

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The 1-Minute Challenges are designed to be fun and engaging whilst focusing on knowledge retrieval. These are an ideal way of starting your lessons working in pairs or small groups. Questions can be changed and tailored to suit the content of your OWN topic.

1. Print out the Challenge Cards, laminate them and tie them together with either a split pin or a treasury tag so that the children can easily access all four different cards. You could have these printed separately or back to back.
2. In pairs, children have a set of cards each and choose a card to test their partner. Children need to try and answer all eight questions in 1-minute or as many as they can within that time.
3. Using speed chess as inspiration (or the Beat The Chasers TV show), have a stopwatch for each child, a countdown timer on an iPad (<https://www.online-stopwatch.com/chess-clock/> - tap on each clock to change the timer to 60 seconds for each side) or use an actual chess clock if you have plenty.
4. Children take it in turns to ask questions. If they get a question correct, they stop their timer and ask their partner a question. If they do not know the answer or are incorrect, they continue answering questions.
5. The winner is the one who either answers all of their questions in the quickest time or the one who answers the most questions correctly.
6. Children could then choose a different question card to ask their partner or they could move to someone else. You could have winners play each other to narrow down to a grand final or simply have the children just find another partner.