

THE WELFARE STATE

Teacher And so, everybody, welcome to the revenge re-match final of our 'Fact-Tennis' championships – and it's between Anne and Ben, on how well they've learned the BBC Bitesize revision bite on 'The Welfare State'.
William Beveridge's 1942 report on *Social Insurance and Allied Services* had declared that there were five "giants on the road to reconstruction": poverty, disease, ignorance, squalor and idleness:

And so – first giant, first game – on **POVERTY**. Anne to serve:

Anne Family Allowances Act - 1945
Ben ... 5s a week for every child after the first.
Anne National Insurance Act - 1945
Ben ... unemployment pay and sick pay.
Teacher Net cord! I need more than that – how long did you get unemployment and sick pay for?
Ben Unemployment pay for six months and sick pay for as long as you were sick.
Teacher Well done – particularly as it was a trick challenge.
Anne Industrial Injuries Act - 1946
Ben ... benefits for people injured at work.
Anne National Assistance Act - 1948
Ben ... social security – benefit payments for anybody in need.
Anne 'The Times' described it as: 'the last defence against extreme poverty'.
Ben [pause] No, too clever for me.
Teacher MISSED THE BALL! First game to Anne!!
Anne leads, one game to love.

So, second match, second giant: **DISEASE**. Anne to serve:

Anne National Health Service Act - 1948
Ben 'D-Day in the battle for a new Britain'! 5th July 1948.
Anne Many doctors opposed it – they wanted to keep private patients.
Ben It was forced through by Bevan
Teacher Spell his surname
Ben B-E-V-A-N
Teacher Excellent – not to be confused with Ernest Bevin (I-N) ... who had asked Beveridge to write the Beveridge Report in 1942. Play on – Anne!
Anne Free doctors,
Ben Free hospitals,
Anne Free dentists,
Ben Free opticians,
Anne er... Free midwives,
Ben er... argh Free ambulances,
Anne A ... a ... a – No! That's me out
Teacher MISSED BALL – health visitors, Anne! Game to Ben. One game all.

So, third match, third giant: **IGNORANCE**. Ben to serve:

Ben 1944 Education Act
Anne Free secondary schools
Ben Children stayed at school until they were 15.
Anne Brought in by 'Rab' Butler.

Ben Pupils took an '11-plus' to decide which type of school they would go to.
Anne Grammar schools for academic pupils.
Ben Secondary modern schools
Teacher Net cord! I need more than that! What subjects did they teach?
Ben Practical subjects
Teacher Good. Play on. Anne:
Anne Er ... No – it's gone – there's a third kind of school, but I can't remember it.
Teacher MISSED BALL! Technical Schools, Anne, teaching practical skills. Ben wins
– and Ben is now winning, two games to one!

So, fourth match, fourth giant: **SQUALOR**. Ben to serve:

Ben Council Housing – one and a quarter million council houses built 1945 to 1951.
Anne Town and Country Planning Act - 1947
Ben It invented the idea of 'Green Belt' – land which had to stay countryside.
Anne New Towns Act - 1946
Ben Newton Aycliffe!
Anne Peterlee
Ben Stevenage
Anne Basildon.
Ben Children's Act - 1948
Anne Councils had to care for children 'deprived of a normal home life'.
Ben Drat! That's me out.
Teacher MISSED BALL! Anne wins – two games each!

So, last match, fifth giant: **IDLENESS** – [mischievously] something with which
this class is FAR TOO familiar.
[then excitedly] But now it's THE DECIDER! Anne to serve:

Anne Railways were nationalised
Ben ... and coal
Anne ... and road haulage
Ben The government used Marshall Aid to get industry going.
Anne Keynes told the government how to avoid a repeat of the '30s depression again by
spending government money.
Ben [triumphantly] JM Keynes, *The General Theory of Employment, Interest, and
Money*
Teacher Brilliant point!!!! Anne, can you return it?
Anne Er ... er ...Aaaarrggghhh! No! ... wait a minute ... did he write it in 1946?
Teacher NO!!! BALL OUT – he wrote it in nineteen THIRTY six – END OF GAME –
BEN WINS!
Ben wins the match three games to two!!!
BEN BECOMES OUR SINGLE CHAMPION!
Anne [graciously] Well done Ben.
Teacher Aw, don't worry, he owes it all to his coach!
Now what has to happen is that the rest of you go away and learn those facts as
well as Ben and Anne did!