



ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE - REGIONS

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Round 1

1a	Which star of <i>Batman Forever</i> lost his voice to throat cancer in 2015? He was able to reprise his role as Iceman in <i>Top Gun: Maverick</i> thanks to an AI recreation of his voice by the company Sonantic.	Val <u>KILMER</u>
1b	Which singer of "Orinoco Flow" got her start in the traditional Celtic family group Clannad?	<u>ENYA</u> (or Enya BRENNAN)
2a	Which army base near Columbus, Georgia, is one of the five locations for U.S. Army Basic Training? This base is also the site of WHINSEC, the new name for the controversial School of the Americas.	Fort <u>BENNING</u>
2b	The Kirkland Signature brand—whose popular products include everything from leggings to Rotisserie chicken to canned cold brew coffee—is the house brand of which retailer, also known for its \$1.50 hot dog combo?	<u>COSTCO</u>
3a	Which fifteen-year-old American became the youngest singles gold medalist in Olympic figure skating history when she won in Nagano in 1998? She is now a beloved commentator for NBC's figure skating coverage	Tara <u>LIPINSKI</u>
3b	It wasn't called that at the time, of course. But among the earliest uses of Rickrolling was arguably the United States military's blaring "Never Gonna Give You Up" and other popular music at top volume outside a Vatican embassy. This was an attempt to convince which dictator, who had taken refuge there, to leave and surrender in late 1989 and early 1990?	Manuel <u>NORIEGA</u>
4a	The title location of which short story by Jorge Luis Borges contains a perhaps infinite number of hexagonal chambers, with shelves containing books made up of all possible strings of letters? In 2015, Jonathan Basile created an internet simulation of this short story.	"The <u>LIBRARY OF BABEL</u> "
4b	The radioactive 137 isotope of which chemical element is a byproduct of nuclear fission reactors and has been identified as a contaminant of the environment near both the Chernobyl and Fukushima Daiichi accidents? It is also used commercially in radiation detection devices like Geiger counters.	<u>CESIUM</u>

Round 2

1a	Located along the Queensland coast in the traditional lands of the Kuku Yalanji, which rainforest is believed to be the oldest tropical rainforest in the world, at an estimated 180 million years old?	<u>DAINTREE</u> Rainforest (accept WET TROPICS Rainforest, which encompasses the Daintree)
1b	Which American Revolution–era Christian prophet began ministry after surviving a severe illness? Assigned female at birth, after their recovery they stated that God had resurrected them as neither male nor female, and ultimately began and led a religious settlement in upstate New York. You may provide either their birth name or the name under which they conducted their ministry.	Public Universal <u>FRIEND</u> (accept "The <u>FRIEND</u> " or " <u>P.U.F.</u> ") / Jemima <u>WILKINSON</u>
2a	Florian Zeller's film <i>The Father</i> centers largely around which medical condition, which is also central to the plots of Annie Ernaux's <i>I Remain in Darkness</i> , Emma Healey's <i>Elizabeth is Missing</i> , and Nicholas Sparks's <i>The Notebook</i> ?	<u>ALZHEIMER's</u> Disease / <u>DEMENTIA</u>
2b	Which subfield of linguistics examines how words come together in particular ways to form sentences, and how sentences are used to express thoughts? In practice, this subfield has a certain amount of overlap with semantics.	<u>SYNTAX</u>
3a	Which French philosopher hallucinated crabs for months after a mescaline trip, which eased after a stint of psychotherapy with Jacques Lacan? Crabs later made their way into his play <i>The Condemned of Altona</i> , in which they act as a jury for twentieth-century humanity, as well as his novel <i>Nausea</i> .	Jean-Paul <u>SARTRE</u>
3b	The pink outfits (presumably for a Wednesday) and the burn book in Ariana Grande's video for "thank u, next" are references to which teen movie from 2004?	<u>MEAN GIRLS</u>
4a	Which NBA Hall of Fame center nicknamed himself The Big Aristotle, The Big Baryshnikov, and—thanks to his celebrity guest appearance with the Boston Pops during his brief tenure with the Celtics—The Big Conductor?	Shaquille <u>O'NEAL</u>
4b	According to a famous Mitch Hedberg one-liner, an escalator can never break: it can only become...what?	<u>STAIRs</u>

Round 3

1a	In late 2022, speedrunner MinecrAvenger was demonstrated to have cheated in his numerous Minecraft world record runs. One mechanism he used to cheat involved manipulating chests to drop more of which kind of block? One of the hardest blocks in the game, it is necessary to build Nether Portals and can only be mined using a Diamond or Netherite Pickaxe.	<u>OBSIDIAN</u>
1b	The leaves of which springtime farmer's market staple should never be consumed, as they are extremely high in oxalic acid and can cause kidney stones and digestive upset? The stalks are popular as a pie filling.	<u>RHUBARB</u>
2a	What type of ballet shoes enable dancers to perform movements on their toes? They were invented by Charles Didelot in 1795, and Anna Pavlova adapted them into a form much more like their modern form, with tough leather soles and a squared toe box.	<u>POINTE</u> shoes
2b	A 2020 study analyzed a huge number of sex playlists on Spotify to identify the most popular songs for gettin' busy. Which artist had the consensus sexiest song with "All the Time," as well as another in the top ten with "Birthday Sex"?	<u>JEREMIH</u> (Jeremy <u>FELTON</u>)
3a	Introduced in season 5, which character's experience with PTSD is considered one of the most realistic and well-written storylines to have appeared on <i>Grey's Anatomy</i> ? A longtime love interest of Cristina Yang, he later marries both Amelia Shepherd and Teddy Altman.	<u>OWEN HUNT</u> (accept either)
3b	Patellofemoral pain is among the most commonly diagnosed overuse injuries, and is also know as "runner's"...which part of the body? Other conditions affecting this part of the body include meniscus tears and Baker's cysts.	<u>KNEE</u>
4a	Which pair of buildings in Asia, designed by Cesar Pelli and connected by a footbridge between the 41st and 42nd floors of the two buildings, were the tallest in the world until 2004?	<u>PETRONAS</u> Towers (or Petronas Twin Towers)
4b	In 48 BCE, which Roman triumvirate member fled to Egypt after the battle of Pharsalus, only to be beheaded by agents of Ptolemy, who was hoping to curry favor with Julius Caesar? The Egyptians preserved this man's head to show Caesar, and Plutarch claims Caesar burst into tears at the sight.	<u>POMPEY</u> the Great (Gnaeus <u>POMPEIUS</u> Magnus)

Round 4

1a	The aria "Votre toast, je peux vous le rendre" from Act 2 of <i>Carmen</i> is more commonly known by which nickname, after the occupation of the character who sings it?	<u>TOREADOR</u> Song (accept other variations for "song" as long as "Toreador" is included)
1b	In statistics, what letter of the alphabet is used to name a value reflecting the probability that the observed results of an experiment would occur by random chance, assuming the null hypothesis is true? In much biomedical research, this value needs to be 0.05 or lower for researchers to assume results are statistically significant.	<u>P</u> (P-value; the "p" stands for probability)
2a	Which New York City university has by far the most wins in NCAA baseball history? While this school has never won a College World Series, they do have almost exactly 1,000 more wins than second-place University of Texas.	<u>FORDHAM</u> University
2b	Chris Smalls is the founder and president of the major labor union for which largest online retailer in the United States? He successfully led unionization efforts at a Staten Island facility in spring of 2022 despite intense union-busting efforts by this company.	<u>AMAZON</u>
3a	Daytona Beach and Cocoa Beach are popular spring break destinations located in which U.S. state?	<u>FLORIDA</u>
3b	Which usually pink flower is an unofficial national flower of China, as they were grown within the Tang Dynasty palace gardens? Formerly only wearable by the Imperial family on penalty of death, they are today symbolic of wealth and happiness and frequently used as wedding flowers.	<u>PEONY</u> (or <u>TREE PEONY</u> , acc. <u>MUDAN</u>)
4a	Subir Banerjee and Soumitra Chatterjee are among the actors who played the title character from childhood through adulthood in which 1950s trilogy by filmmaker Satyajit Ray, based on a beloved pair of Bengali novels?	The <u>APU</u> Trilogy (Accept "Apu movies", "Apu series", or the like so long as "Apu" is included.)
4b	In 2022, which group's album <i>Girls</i> became the bestselling ever by a Kpop girl group? They first broke through with the 2020 single "Black Mamba", and their name is taken in part from the words "avatar" and "experience".	<u>AESPA</u>

HALFTIME – SWITCH SIDES!

Round 5

1a	Which <i>Die Hard</i> star announced his retirement from acting in March 2022 due to his struggles with aphasia? Later that year, the company Deepcake simulated his appearance for a Russian cell phone ad, sparking controversy as this actor denied he had sold the right to his image.	Bruce <u>WILLIS</u>
1b	Followers of which early American religious figure claimed that she was the "second appearing of Christ in the female" and went on to theorize a four-part, gender-balanced godhead with herself as one of the four aspects? She went on a preaching tour in New England in the 1780s that led to several Shaker colonies there.	Mother Ann <u>LEE</u>
2a	Which most decorated women's figure skater in American history was heavily favored to win gold in both 1998 and 2002 but was upset by Lipinski and Sarah Hughes, respectively? During the exhibition skate in 2002, this skater performed to Eva Cassidy's "Fields of Gold", in a somewhat ironic twist.	Michelle <u>KWAN</u>
2b	Iggy Azalea's video for "Fancy" was an homage to which 1995 teen movie, including her yellow plaid outfit, a computer for deciding what to wear, and her pink fuzzy pen?	<u>CLUELESS</u>
3a	Which French philosopher took LSD on a 1975 trip to Death Valley with a colleague, describing the experience as life-changing? He claimed to have thrown volumes two and three of his masterwork <i>The History of Sexuality</i> into a fire and reworked them entirely as a result.	Michel <u>FOUCAULT</u>
3b	Name either the subfield of linguistics that focuses on how speech sounds are made and perceived, or the subfield of linguistics that focuses on how the sounds in a language interact with each other and change over time.	<u>PHONETICS</u> or <u>PHONOLOGY</u> (do not accept or prompt on "phonics")
4a	Named for the mountain that towers over it, which park in Sabah, Malaysia, is considered one of the most biodiverse rainforests on Earth? Its estimated 5,000–6,000 endemic plant species include the Rafflesia and the Giant Malaysian Pitcher Plant.	<u>KINABALU</u> Park
4b	According to a famous Mitch Hedberg one-liner, WHAT are like pancakes with syrup traps?	<u>WAFFLEs</u>

Round 6

1a	Which building designed by C.Y. Lee and C.P. Wang surpassed the Petronas towers as the world's tallest building in 2004, though ten other taller buildings have since been constructed? Named for the island city where it is located and the number of floors in the building, it is the tallest LEED-certified building on Earth.	<u>TAIPEI 101</u>
1b	Which types of berries should only be eaten fully ripe and cooked, as they contain glycosides that can generate hydrogen cyanide when chemical bonds are broken? Tea made from these berries is a traditional folk remedy for colds, and their flowers are the main flavor in St. Germain liqueur.	<u>ELDER</u>berry (accept <u>ELDERFLOWER</u>)
2a	What is the name of a handrail used for performing exercises in a ballet classroom, used in classical training since the 19th century? Popular fitness classes using this apparatus were first offered by ballerina Lotte Berk in 1959.	<u>BARRE</u> [pr. "bar"]
2b	Pain from carpal tunnel syndrome and Kienbock syndrome are both felt primarily in which part of the body? Fractures of the radius and ulna frequently occur near this joint, which may be prone to ganglion cysts.	<u>WRIST</u>
3a	Which West Coast school is the dominant power in NCAA softball, with 13 titles and 34 Women's College World Series appearances? Dot Richardson and Lisa Fernandez are among their most prominent alums.	<u>UCLA</u> (University of <u>CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES</u> . Do not accept or prompt on "Cal" or "California" alone.)
3b	Which R&B singer has two of the empirically verified ten sexiest songs on Spotify with "Neighbors Know My Name" and "Slow Motion"?	<u>TREY SONGZ</u> (Tremaine <u>NEVERSON</u>)
4a	Actor Jean-Pierre Léaud is best known for playing Antoine Doinel in a series of five semi-autobiographical films by which filmmaker of <i>Day for Night</i> ?	François <u>TRUFFAUT</u>
4b	Tomyris, the warrior queen of the Scythians, vowed to give which founder of Persia's Achaemenid Empire his fill of blood after she rejected his marriage proposal and he attacked her tribe? She did so quite literally, by beheading him and then dunking his head into a vat full of human blood.	<u>CYRUS</u> the Great (<u>CYRUS II</u> of Persia)

Round 7

1a	MinecrAvenger is also believed to have cheated by manipulating the movement patterns of which final boss, which must be defeated to win Minecraft? In MinecrAvenger's runs, this enemy perches exceptionally quickly on a central bedrock fountain where she is easier to damage.	<u>ENDER DRAGON</u> (prompt on "Dragon")
1b	In statistics, what letter of the alphabet is used for parametric tests that compare means from samples drawn from different groups to make determinations about whether experimental treatments are effective? One commonly used type of these tests is the "Student's" test, devised by a brewer and statistician for Guinness named William Sealy Gosset.	<u>T</u> (T-test; the "T" stands for "hypothesis test statistic")
2a	Among the most notorious <i>Grey's Anatomy</i> storylines involves which character having sex with the ghost of her deceased fiancé, Denny? It was later revealed that the ghost was a hallucination due to metastatic melanoma. She left the show shortly after that storyline, but in Season 16 her ex-husband Alex Karev learned she'd had children with their frozen embryos and reunited with her offscreen.	<u>IZZIE</u> (Isobel) <u>STEVENS</u> (accept either)
2b	Which flower is associated with longevity and wealth in Chinese culture, perhaps in part because their name "jú huā" is similar to the word "jiu", or "long-enduring"? Their blossoms, which are usually white or yellow, are sometimes infused in hot water to make a tea.	<u>CHRYSANTHEMUM</u>
3a	Hilton Head Island and Myrtle Beach are popular spring break destinations located in which U.S. state?	<u>SOUTH CAROLINA</u>
3b	Jaz Brisack [pr. BRIH-zack] led the first successful unionization effort at a Buffalo, New York, location of which coffee chain, the largest in the world? Over 300 other locations have followed suit, and the company has responded with anti-union tactics like expanding benefits for nonunionized locations only.	<u>STARBUCKS</u>
4a	The aria "L'amour est un oiseau rebelle," sung by the title character in Act 1 of <i>Carmen</i> , is more commonly known by which nickname, taken from a Cuban dance style?	<u>HABANERA</u>
4b	Alongside Aespa and BLACKPINK, what nine-member ensemble is the only other Kpop girl group to have an album within the top 3 of the Billboard 200? That bestselling album, <i>Formula of Love: O+T=∞</i> , included the single "Scientist".	<u>TWICE</u>

Round 8

1a	The title item of which short story by Jorge Luis Borges is "a point in space that contains all other points"? One exists in the cellar of the house of pompous poet Carlos Argentino Daneri.	"The <u>ALEPH</u> " =
1b	Which singer of "Take Me To Church" started his career in "Ireland's National choir," ANÚNA?	<u>HOZIER</u> (Andrew John <u>HOZIER-BYRNE</u>)
2a	Which army base near Lawton, Oklahoma, is one of the five locations for U.S. Army Basic Training? Geronimo and other Apache prisoners of war were held captive at this base in the late 19th century.	Fort <u>SILL</u>
2b	Canadian counterprotesters blared Grant McDonald's homoerotic metal song "Ram Ranch" in an attempt to break up the Freedom Convoy, an anti-vax and anti-lockdown trucker protest in which city in early 2022?	<u>OTTAWA</u>
3a	Florian Zeller's film <i>The Son</i> centers largely around which medical condition, which is also central to one of Allie Brosh's best known comics; Andrew Solomon's nonfiction work <i>The Noonday Demon</i> ; and Sylvia Plath's <i>The Bell Jar</i> ?	<u>DEPRESSION</u>
3b	A variety of cult-favorite house-branded products—including Speculoos Cookie Butter Ice Cream, Everything But the Bagel seasoning, and Mandarin Orange Chicken—are sold by which grocery chain named in part for its founder?	<u>TRADER JOE'S</u>
4a	Which rhyming name refers to the strategy of intentionally fouling Shaquille O'Neal to take advantage of his subpar free throw shooting skills?	<u>HACK-A-SHAQ</u> (acc. anything with "Hack" and "Shaq" such as "Hack Shaq" or "Hack-the-Shaq")
4b	In addition to being released in nuclear power plant accidents, the radioactive 90 isotope of which chemical element appears widely in the environment due to nuclear testing in the 1950s and 60s? Because this isotope is a "bone seeker", it can both cause bone tumors and be used to target treatments for bone cancer.	<u>STRONTIUM</u>

Spare Questions

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