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Round 1

1a	What is the <b>shared last name</b> of the mechanical engineer who is somewhat synonymous with the steam engine and a trio of brothers who all played in the same NFL game in September of 2020?	<u>WATT</u> (James and then J.J., T.J. and Derek)
1b	<b>What team</b> , whose name references a celestial object, won the first four WNBA titles before disbanding in 2008? Cynthia Cooper and Sheryl Swoopes were among this franchise's all-time standout players.	<u>HOUSTON COMETS</u> (accept <u>COMETS</u> , prompt on Houston)
2a	Ireland's flag is a vertical tricolor of green, white, and orange. The flag of <b>what country</b> is basically its reverse image (a vertical tricolor of orange, white, and green) although the dimension ratios are different?	<u>IVORY COAST</u> (accept <u>C'ÔTE D'IVOIRE</u> )
2b	Eugenia Almira Wheeler Goff created an atlas in 1876 that was the first of its kind to combine history, resources and geography. It became a required textbook in <b>what state's</b> schools, eventually inspiring school systems all across the country to "go for" versions of their own?	<u>MINNESOTA</u>
3a	What is the <b>common name of the sash</b> , originally worn on the Indian subcontinent, is now more prevalent at formal occasions in the Western Hemisphere after British military officials adopted it as an alternative to a waistcoat?	<u>CUMMERBUND</u> (also accept <u>KAMARBAND</u> )
3b	A 1978 novel by Christopher Koch, set mostly in Jakarta and dealing with the run-up to a violent Indonesian coup attempt was titled, "The Year of Living <b>WHAT</b> "? It was adapted into a movie starring Mel Gibson in 1982.	<u>DANGEROUSLY</u>
4a	Bridgit Mendler and Adam Hicks headlined <b>what Disney Channel original movie</b> from 2011 that culminates in a musical showcase? The soundtrack from the film reached No. 4 on the Billboard charts.	<u>LEMONADE MOUTH</u>
4b	The annual Eurovision Song Contest is one of the most watched television events in the world, but that doesn't mean that Americans haven't taken part in the competition. Katrina Elizabeth Leskanich and her band won the contest in 1997 with the song "Love Shine a Light." <b>What country</b> did they represent?	<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> (FLAVOR: This was Katrina and the Waves.)

**Round 2**

1a	Nigel Richards, Panupol Sujjayakorn and Wellington Jighere are all currently ranked among the top 20 best in the world in <b>what game</b> ?	<u>SCRABBLE</u>
1b	Australian physiologist Jeremy Richmond believes that, based on known observations and physical reaction times, the record for <b>what event</b> will never surpass 9.27 seconds? Usain Bolt currently holds the record for this event at 9.58 seconds.	<u>(MEN'S) 100 METER DASH</u>
2a	In the early 1960s, <b>which organization</b> sent the first Freedom Riders to the U.S. South to challenge segregation laws? Future congressman John Lewis was one of the original group of 13 Freedom Riders. Full name or acronym acceptable.	<u>CORE (CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY)</u> (cut some slack if they say "on" instead of "of")
2b	An alphabetical list of world capitals goes from Abu Dhabi to Zagreb. Zagreb is the only capital to start with Z, but four start with Y. <b>Name any of the four capitals</b> that begin with the letter Y.	<u>YAMO USSOUKRO</u> (Mali, de jure capital) or <u>YAOUNDE</u> (Cameroon) or <u>YAREN</u> (Nauru, de facto) or <u>YEREVAN</u> (Armenia)
3a	The St. James Theatre has been hosting Broadway productions since 1928. In 2023, it was the home to <b>what new Kander and Ebb/Lin-Manuel Miranda collaboration</b> , loosely based on a Martin Scorsese film from 1977. The musical lasted just 143 performances before closing.	<u>NEW YORK, NEW YORK</u>
3b	What poker-themed roguelike deck-building <b>video game</b> was released in February 2024 and reportedly made over \$1 million in its first eight hours of availability?	<u>BALATRO</u>
4a	What <b>"Little Rascals" character</b> , in one of the "Our Gang" shorts, had rotten fruit and other garbage hurled at him while attempting to sing a little bit of Rossini's "The Barber of Seville"?	<u>ALFALFA</u>
4b	John Williams won the Oscar for Best Original Score for <b>what movie from 1975</b> , starring Roy Scheider, that ranks No. 2 on AFI's "Most Thrilling American Films" list?	<u>JAWS</u>

**Round 3**

1a	What is the <b>first name</b> of the Hungarian athlete with the last name Keleti who won 10 Olympic medals in gymnastics, tied for the third most of all time in the sport? Her first name can be constructed, in order, with the symbols for the chemical elements with atomic numbers 47, 10 and 16.	<b><u>AGNES</u></b> (Ag+Ne+S)
1b	Tom Brady, Megan Rapinoe (Rah-PEE-know) and Lindsey Vonn all came back from devastating ACL injuries to eventually resume their sports careers. What does <b>the C in ACL</b> stand for?	<b><u>CRUCIATE</u></b> (Anterior Cruciate Ligament)
2a	An uninhabited Arctic island less than a mile in diameter had been the subject of a somewhat tongue-in-cheek territorial dispute between Canada and Denmark for almost a century. The two nations continued to travel there to take down the other country's flag and replace it with their own, leaving a bottle of alcohol behind for the other nation's "flag team." <b>What is the name of the island</b> at the center of the "dispute," settled in 2022 with an agreed 60/40 split in favor of Denmark?	<b><u>HANS ISLAND</u></b>
2b	Talk about peak performance! What is the name of <b>the Chilean mountaineer</b> who was leader of the first South-American expedition to summit Mount Everest (and the only person to have done so on each of its faces) as well as part of the Larsen Ice Shelf Expedition to study climate change in Antarctica?	<b><u>DR. RODRIGO JORDÁN FUCHS</u></b> (Although he goes by Dr. Jordan professionally, also accept <b><u>FUCHS</u></b> , as it is his mother's family name.)
3a	In January 2023, what replaced Sierra Mist as Pepsi's primary <b>lemon-lime flavored carbonated beverage</b> in the hopes of better competing with Sprite?	<b><u>STARRY</u></b>
3b	Giant statues of Jesus aren't restricted to Rio de Janeiro. The Santuário de Cristo Rei (Sanctuary of Christ the King) is a 92 foot-high monument overlooking the capital city of <b>what country</b> in a different continent from Brazil?	<b><u>PORTUGAL</u></b>
4a	Three-time Tony Award winner Hinton Battle guest starred as Sweet on a 2001 musical episode of <b>what TV show</b> , which included the songs "Going Through the Motions" and "Under Your Spell"?	<b><u>BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER</u></b>
4b	In <b>which dark comedy/action film</b> does the song "Where is My Mind" by Pixies begin to play during the iconic last scene, just before the closing credits start to roll?	<b><u>FIGHT CLUB</u></b>

**Round 4**

1a	What was <b>the name of the MLB pitcher</b> who played for seven different teams from 1972-1982, who thanks to his medical training, went into the stands on multiple occasions to help administer life-saving treatment to a fan having cardiac distress?	GEORGE "DOC" <u>MEDICH</u>
1b	<b>Fill in the blank</b> of this 'Super Bowl tweet' from Neil deGrasse Tyson: "Not that anybody asked, but Raymond James Stadium, home to #SuperBowl LV, is oriented precisely north-south in the Northern Hemisphere. This means the <b>(BLANK)</b> from Earth's rotation will deflect any 50-yard kick nearly 1/2 inch to the right. I'm just sayin'." While the description sounds a bit like centrifugal force, Tyson filled in the blank with a different science term.	<u>CORIOLIS FORCE/EFFECT</u> (accept either)
2a	In October 1973, Spiro Agnew resigned as vice president after evidence of his political corruption was uncovered by the U.S. Justice Department. <b>Who</b> succeeded Agnew in that office, a role he held for less than a year?	<b>Gerald R. FORD</b> (accept but give side eye to anyone who answers Leslie Lynch <u>KING</u> )
2b	In 1784, after North Carolina ceded several counties worth of land to the United States Congress, those counties elected John Sevier as their governor and attempted to become the 14th State. What would <b>this state</b> , named after a founding father that never served as president, have been called?	<u>FRANKLIN</u> (also accept <u>FRANKLAND</u> )
3a	In 1969, Salvador Dalí created a series of surrealist paintings based on <b>what literary work</b> ? Various scenes are depicted, including ones with human-sized playing cards, a pool of giant tears and a tea set.	<u>ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND</u> (accept <u>ALICE IN WONDERLAND</u> )
3b	What is the name of the <b>YouTube content creator</b> who, in March 2024, signed a deal with Amazon Prime to produce a reality show with a \$5 million prize pool? One of his more popular recent videos saw 100 people, one representing each age from 1 through 100 years old, competing to win \$250,000. Real name or the name he goes by online is acceptable.	<u>MR. BEAST</u> (accept Jimmy <u>DONALDSON</u> )
4a	The first-ever TV theme song to reach No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 was a 1974 recording by MFSB featuring vocals by The Three Degrees. <b>What show</b> , at one point hosted by Shemar Moore, are we talking about?	<u>SOUL TRAIN</u>
4b	A 2022 Netflix drama from Korea focuses on an autistic woman's first foray into the job market. <b>Name the profession</b> that fills in the show's title: "Extraordinary <b>(WHAT)</b> Woo"	<u>ATTORNEY</u> (accept <u>LAWYER</u> , since the Korean Hangul title can also be translated as "Strange Lawyer Woo")

**HALFTIME – SWITCH SIDES!**

**Round 5**

1a	What is the <b>shared last name</b> of the physicist who is somewhat synonymous with the laws of motion and the first rookie quarterback in NFL history to throw for over 4,000 yards?	<u><b>NEWTON</b></u> (Isaac and Cam)
1b	<b>What WNBA team</b> , whose name references a celestial object, moved into its new casino-based stadium after relocating from Orlando in 2003? Tina Charles and Jonquel Jones are among this franchise's all-time standout players.	<u><b>CONNECTICUT SUN</b></u> (accept <b>SUN</b> , prompt on Connecticut)
2a	Poland's flag is two horizontal stripes, white on top of red. <b>Name one of the two countries</b> that display these colors in the opposite order (horizontal stripes, red on top of white) although the dimension ratios are different.	<u><b>INDONESIA</b></u> or <u><b>MONACO</b></u> (both correct, only one required)
2b	One of the first maps to be registered for copyright in the US was created in 1796 by Abraham Bradley Jr., a former Connecticut lawyer. This map showed, in exquisite detail, all of the routes, schedules and timetables for <b>what service</b> ?	<u><b>MAIL DELIVERY</b></u> (Accept <b>POST OFFICE</b> or similar intent. Do not accept "Pony Express" because it was founded in 1860.)
3a	What is the <b>common name of the sash</b> , originally worn in Japan by the noble class as a belt, that is now prevalent in the Western Hemisphere as part of certain athletics uniforms?	<u><b>OBI</b></u>
3b	A 2007 tome by A. J. Jacobs, which describes the author's attempt to adhere to over 700 religious rules and regulations for a full 365 days, was titled "The Year of Living <b>WHAT</b> "? It was adapted into a short-lived sitcom in 2018.	<u><b>BIBLICALLY</b></u>
4a	Directed by Ron Howard and starring Clint Howard, <b>what NBC made-for-TV movie</b> from 1978 is centered around a group of teens who compete in a local Battle of the Bands? The sweetly titled movie was also co-written by the Howard brothers and both set and shot on location in Dallas.	(Ron Howard's) <u><b>COTTON CANDY</b></u>
4b	The annual Eurovision Song Contest is one of the most watched television events in the world, but that doesn't mean that Americans haven't taken part in the competition. Flo Rida offered up his rap skills to help enhance the efforts of Senhit's "Adrenalina" in 2021. <b>What small country</b> did they represent?	<u><b>SAN MARINO</b></u> (FLAVOR: They finished 22nd overall.)

**Round 6**

1a	Dan Feyer, Tyler Hinman and Ellen Ripstein have all locked down top honors among participants from all across the US in <b>which annual competition</b> ? Generic description is acceptable.	AMERICAN <b>CROSSWORD PUZZLE</b> TOURNAMENT
1b	James Richards, a biomechanist at the University of Delaware, believes that limitations on angular momentum and inertia put a cap on the number of possible full spins a figure skater could ever hope to make during a jump at <b>what number</b> ?	<b>FOUR</b> (accept <b>QUADRUPLE/QUAD</b> )
2a	In 1963, John Lewis was elected chairman of <b>what organization</b> ? Along with CORE and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, this organization continued sending Freedom Riders to the South throughout 1961 after the initial group of 13.	<b>SNCC (STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE)</b> (accept verbalized answer of "SNICK")
2b	Name the city and country of the only current world capital that begins with the letter I.	<b>ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN</b>
3a	The St. James Theatre has been hosting Broadway productions since 1928. While the theater currently hosts a show inspired by a Sufjan Stevens album, in October it will host the transfer of a West End revival production of <b>which musical</b> , based on a 1950 film?	<b>SUNSET BOULEVARD</b>
3b	What horror-themed rougelike deck-building <b>video game</b> first released in 2021 hit \$1 million in less than two months? Gameplay sees players stuck in a cabin, playing a tabletop game puppetered by a peculiar gamemaster.	<b>INSCRIPTION</b>
4a	What <b>three-word phrase</b> does Elmer Fudd repeatedly sing to the tune of Wagner's " <i>Ride of the Valkyries</i> " in one of the more memorable Bugs Bunny cartoons from the 1950s?	<b>KILL THE WABBIT</b> (accept RABBIT instead of WABBIT, but feel free to playfully prompt)
4b	John Williams has been nominated for the Oscar for Best Original Score dozens of times, but has only won five times. Two years after he won for Jaws, he won again for <b>what movie</b> , directed by George Lucas, that ranks No. 27 on the AFI's "Most Thrilling American Films" list?	<b>STAR WARS</b> Episode IV: A New Hope



Round 7

1a	What is the <b>first name</b> of the Ukrainian athlete with the last name Astakhova who won 10 Olympic medals in gymnastics, tied for third most of all time in the sport? Her first name can be constructed, in order, with the symbols for the chemical elements with atomic numbers 84, 3 and 11.	<b><u>POLINA</u></b> (Po+Li+Na)
1b	Many a major league pitcher has had to undergo Tommy John Surgery to reconstruct their UCL, including the namesake Mr. John himself. What does <b>the C in UCL</b> stand for?	<b><u>COLLATERAL</u></b> (Ulnar Collateral Ligament)
2a	K Island (also known as the Island of Happiness), home to thousands of birds and only about four miles long, has been the subject of a quite-litigious territorial dispute since the early 2000s when it started forming out of sand in a European sea. <b>What two nations</b> each claim the birds (and the tourism money they generate) should be theirs alone?	<b><u>ROMANIA and UKRAINE</u></b> (both required) <i>FLAVOR: Based on a 2009 court ruling, K is technically sitting in about a 60/40 split in favor of Ukraine.</i>
2b	Talk about high highs and low lows! What is the name of <b>the only person</b> to have both walked in space (as part of the Challenger crew) as well as to have descended all the way to The Challenger Deep?	KATHRYN D. <b><u>SULLIVAN</u></b>
3a	<b>Which citrus soda</b> , originally created in Coca-Cola Company in 1979 to compete with Pepsi's Mountain Dew, still retains its original rhyming name? While market availability has been reduced in the U.S. and abroad, it can still regularly be found as a fountain drink in restaurants like Culver's, Arby's and Cracker Barrel.	<b><u>MELLO YELLO</u></b>
3b	Giant statues of Jesus aren't restricted to Rio de Janeiro. Christ the Redeemer of the Andes, erected at a much higher elevation level than the Rio De Janeiro statue, sits on the border of <b>what two countries</b> ? Both names required.	<b><u>ARGENTINA, CHILE</u></b>
4a	Two-time Tony Award winner Phil Silvers guest starred as Harold Hecuba on a 1966 musical episode of <b>what TV show</b> , which included dialogue from " <i>Hamlet</i> " sung to melodies from Bizet's " <i>Carmen</i> "?	<b><u>GILLIGAN'S ISLAND</u></b>
4b	In 2015, a pair of dystopian/science fiction <b>TV shows</b> both brilliantly utilized Maxence Cyrin's piano cover of " <i>Where is My Mind</i> " by Pixies. One was on HBO and starred Justin Theroux and Carrie Coon. One was on USA and starred Christian Slater and Rami Malek. <b>Name either one.</b>	<b><u>THE LEFTOVERS</u></b> or <b><u>MR. ROBOT</u></b> (flavor: The Leftovers also features a clip of the original Pixies version of the song)

**Round 8**

1a	Though not a doctor at all, what <b>member of the Boston Red Sox</b> is believed to have saved a 4-year-old boy's life in 1982 by jumping into the stands and carrying him into the dugout to receive medical attention after the child was struck by a line drive?	Jim <u>RICE</u>
1b	<b>Fill in the blank</b> of this 'Super Bowl tweet' from Neil deGrasse Tyson: "Just an FYI: A 250-lb. football player, running 15 mph, has more <b>(BLANK)</b> than a bullet fired from an AK-47 rifle." While the description sounds a bit like momentum, Tyson filled in the blank with something else.	<u>KINETIC ENERGY</u>
2a	Spiro Agnew was the second vice president to resign from the office. John C. Calhoun was the first when he resigned in 1832, with only months left in his term, to seek a Senate seat representing <b>which state?</b> Current senators from this state are Tim Scott and Lindsey Graham.	<u>SOUTH CAROLINA</u>
2b	In 1849, leaders in <b>which state</b> attempted to jump the line and beat California to become the 31st State. If successful, this state would've been named Deseret.	<u>UTAH</u>
3a	In 1955, Pablo Picasso created a black-and-white sketch of two men atop two animals looking off into the distance under a childlike sun, based on <b>what literary work?</b>	<u>DON QUIXOTE</u>
3b	Mr. Beast's most popular video (with over 607 million views) was an elaborate recreation of what popular, Emmy-winning <b>TV show</b> from 2021? The video reportedly cost around \$3.5 million to produce and required a cast of nearly 500 people.	<u>SQUID GAME</u>
4a	In 1992, Fox aired <b>what show</b> about a struggling band trying desperately to make it big -- which most critics called preposterous, especially given how bad their songs were. And yet, the theme song, " <i>How Do You Talk to an Angel</i> " (performed by the fictional band) reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 on November 14. Nevertheless, the show was cancelled one week later.	<u>THE HEIGHTS</u>
4b	A 2024 Netflix romantic comedy from Korea focuses on a love/hate workplace relationship when former high school rivals reunite. <b>Name the profession</b> that fills in the show's title: " <b>(WHAT)</b> Slump"	<u>DOCTOR</u>

**Spare Questions**

1	Barbara Billingsley played <b>what beloved sitcom mom</b> from 1957 through 1989 (although not continuously)?	JUNE <u>CLEAVER</u>
2	She played the daughter of Jane Fonda and Martin Sheen on " <i>Grace and Frankie</i> " and podcasts about movies alongside husband Paul Scheer. <b>Who is she?</b>	JUNE DIANE <u>RAPHAEL</u> (RAY-fee-uhl)
3	Amy Adams received her first Oscar nomination for <b>what 2006 film?</b>	<u>JUNEBUG</u>
4	Performed over the years by artists like Judy Garland and Frank Sinatra, what is the <b>opening lyric</b> of the song "How About You?"	<u>I LIKE NEW YORK IN JUNE</u> (also accept "LOVE" instead of "LIKE")