



**ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE REGIONS**  
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Round 1

1a	In the romance novel "Cheat Cute", teammates Grace and Phoebe fall in love while vying for the same spot on the fictional Women's National Team for <b>what real international competition</b> ?	FIFA Women's <u>WORLD CUP</u>
1b	What <b>actor</b> won an Emmy for playing Olivia Benson in "Law & Order: SVU"? She is also a daughter of the actor Jayne Mansfield.	Mariska <u>HARGITAY</u>
2a	Milan Kundera once described 1947's "A Survivor from Warsaw" as "the greatest memorial ever dedicated to the Holocaust." This cantata was composed by <b>which Jewish composer</b> who emigrated as the Nazis who considered his music "degenerate" rose to power?	Arnold <u>SCHOENBERG</u> (SHERN-berg)
2b	"Full" and "half" tie knots are named for <b>which royal house</b> , the current ruling house of the United Kingdom?	House of <u>WINDSOR</u>
3a	Newton's first law of motion describes a tendency of objects in motion to stay in motion and those at rest to stay at rest, a principle better known by <b>what word</b> ?	<u>INERTIA</u>
3b	One of the shipwrecks underwater archeologist David Gibbins discusses in his book "A History of the World in Twelve Shipwrecks" is the Uluburun (oo-loo-boo-ROON) shipwreck off the coast of Western Turkey. Evidence suggests that the ship may have carried royal cargo from Ancient Egypt because of the presence of a unique gold scarab bearing the name of <b>which ruler</b> ? This ruler's most famous depiction is a stucco-coated limestone bust.	<u>NEFERTITI</u>
4a	Though he had been leading the state as an SSR since 1989, in 1991 Islam Karimov became the first ever president of <b>which newly independent country</b> ? He held this position until his death in 2016.	The Republic of <u>UZBEKISTAN</u>
4b	Which <b>improv format</b> starts with a group game to gather lots of associated elements to a prompt and is then followed by three rounds of three scenes based on the themes from the opening game, with an unrelated game between each round? The format shares its name with the first name of the writer of "Betrayal".	<u>HAROLD</u>

**Round 2**

1a	What <b>type of enzyme</b> , a class of endonuclease, creates "blunt" and "sticky" ends when cleaving DNA strands? The fragments created by these enzymes can then be used in genetic recombination.	<b><u>RESTRICTION</u></b> enzymes or <b><u>REASE, ENASE,</u></b> or <b><u>RESTRICTASE</u></b>
1b	An image of a yellow-tinted hallway accompanies <b>which creepypasta</b> about liminal spaces found by "no-clipping out of reality"? YouTuber Kane Pixels created shorts based on this creepypasta and earned a film deal with A24.	The <b><u>BACKROOMS</u></b>
2a	One of the few countries to have multiple capital cities, <b>which South American country</b> has its official capital of Sucre and an administrative center at La Paz?	The Plurinational State of <b><u>BOLIVIA</u></b>
2b	Lesser-known hosts of <b>what long-running American game show</b> include Tom Kennedy, Doug Davidson, Dennis James, and Bill Cullen?	The <b><u>PRICE IS RIGHT</u></b>
3a	What <b>Western Conference NBA franchise</b> holds the dubious record for the most losses, with over 3200 and counting?	<b><u>SACRAMENTO KINGS</u></b> (accept either city or team)
3b	"A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" by Georges Seurat (ZHORZH Sir-RAH) is one of the most notable examples of <b>what painting technique</b> , in which tiny contrasting dots of color are used to form a larger image?	<b><u>POINTILLISM</u></b>
4a	In 1999, the song "I Want It That Way" was recorded by a vocal group who, according to their name, were "Boys" from <b>what urban location</b> ?	The <b><u>BACKSTREET</u></b> Boys (prompt on <b><u>STREET</u></b> )
4b	A shortened form of the term for Germany's early strategy in World War II, what was the <b>colloquial name</b> in Britain for the Luftwaffe's eight month bombing campaign on London?	The <b><u>BLITZ</u></b> (prompt on Blitzkrieg)

### Round 3

1a	2024 marks the 20th anniversary of the release of "Music from The OC: Mix 1", an album that introduced 2000s-era indie bands to a more mainstream audience. The last song on the album is the show's theme song, "California". Although a remix by Mates of State was used in an episode set in an alternate universe, the standard versions were performed by <b>what band</b> featuring Jason Schwartzman on drums?	<b><u>PHANTOM PLANET</u></b>
1b	In Homer's "Odyssey", Odysseus uses <b>what herb</b> with milk-white flowers as an antidote against Circe's drugs that have transformed his men into pigs? It features prominently in Madeline Miler's "Circe" retelling and has been identified with several real-world plants, possibly the common snowdrop.	<b><u>MOLY</u></b>
2a	In <b>what form of immersive entertainment</b> are players confined in a space for a limited amount of time while they have to discover clues, solve puzzles, and accomplish tasks to find their way out?	<b><u>ESCAPE ROOM</u></b> (accept: exit room, puzzle room, escape game, riddle room)
2b	Partly motivated by a lack of pay, landsknechts serving <b>what Holy Roman Emperor</b> sacked and looted Rome in 1527? Riches from the conquests of the Aztec and Inca empires drove inflation during his reign as the first Habsburg king of Spain.	<b><u>CHARLES V</u></b> (prompt on Charles alone; do not accept or prompt on a wrong regnal number)
3a	The cryptolect Pajubá (PA-zhoo-BA) is spoken by the LGBT community and those who follow the Candomblé (can-dom-BLAY) and Umbanda (um-BON-da) religious traditions in <b>what country</b> ?	The Federative Republic of <b><u>BRAZIL</u></b>
3b	In his early 20th-century culinary guide, Auguste Escoffier (oh-GOOST ess-cough-YAY) laid out the five "mother sauces," from which a large number of classical French sauces can be derived. <b>Which mother sauce</b> is created by creating a roux with melted butter and flour, then whisking in milk and grated nutmeg over low heat? Alfredo sauce and Mornay are based on this mother sauce.	<b><u>BECHAMEL</u></b>
4a	What <b>symbol</b> is used to notate the factorial operation in mathematics?	<b><u>EXCLAMATION POINT (!)</u></b>
4b	Chuck Jones claimed that he and the artists followed nine rules while creating the Road Runner & Wile E. Coyote cartoons. <b>What line</b> is the lone exception to the no-dialogue rule? According to another rule, the Road Runner may say this to harm Coyote.	<b><u>BEEP BEEP or MEEP MEEP</u></b> (prompt on a single "Beep" or "Meep")

**Round 4**

1a	Which <b>building</b> is the most recent American building to be the tallest skyscraper in the world? This Chicago tower was beaten by the Petronas Towers in 1998.	<u>SEARS</u> or <u>WILLIS</u> Tower
1b	The father-and-son duo of François and Jean-Claude Duvalier (doo-val-YAY) were dictators who ruled <b>which Caribbean country</b> ?	The Republic of <u>HAITI</u>
2a	Which <b>mineral</b> is second on the Mohs scale for mineral hardness? It is used in fertilizers, plaster, and chalk	<u>GYPSUM</u>
2b	What <b>2003 children's book</b> written by Kate DiCamillo features a young mouse inspired by tales of knights and princesses? The book was adapted into a 2008 animated film of the same name.	The <u>TALE OF DESPEREAUX</u>
3a	Closely associated with Richard Wagner (VOG-ner), <b>what term</b> refers to a recurring short musical theme that accompanies the reappearance of a person, idea, or situation?	<u>LEITMOTIF</u> (prompt on just "motif")
3b	Which <b>drag queen</b> won the ninth season of "RuPaul's Drag Race" before starting their own drag show, "NightGowns"? En route to her season win, she performed a lip-sync to Whitney Houston's "So Emotional" in which rose petals cascaded from under her wig.	<u>SASHA VELOUR</u> (or Alexander <u>STEINBERG</u> )
4a	The Jester, a powerful enemy resembling a jack-in-the-box, appears in what <b>2023 co-op horror game</b> ? Players explore abandoned moons to obtain pieces of scrap and meet ever-growing quotas in this game.	<u>LETHAL COMPANY</u>
4b	Which <b>conservative American website</b> , founded in 1995, was the first to break the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal? It is named after its founder, whose first assistant was Andrew Breitbart.	The <u>DRUDGE REPORT</u>

**HALFTIME – SWITCH SIDES!**

**Round 5**

1a	The 88's song "How Good It Can Be" was featured on the album "Music from the OC: Mix 1". Another song of theirs, "At Least It Was Here", was used as the theme song of <b>what other TV show</b> ?	<u>COMMUNITY</u>
1b	What <b>possibly fictional potion</b> is mentioned in Homer's "Odyssey" as being used to cause forgetfulness? It also appears in Edgar Allen Poe's "The Raven" as the narrator begs for this to forget his lost Lenore.	<u>NEPENTHE</u>
2a	Kaliarda (ka-lee-AR-da) is the cant spoken by the LGBT community in <b>what country</b> ? Speakers used it to define their own cruising spaces and tavernas, though it has decreased in usage since the overthrow of the repressive military junta in 1974.	<u>GREECE</u> or The <u>HELLENIC REPUBLIC</u>
2b	A tie knot where the tie is flipped over rather than pulled through the main knot is named for <b>which Greek shipping magnate</b> , the second husband of Jacqueline Kennedy?	Aristotle <u>ONASSIS</u>
3a	The "Puckboys", "Scoring Chances", and "Sin Bin" series of male/male romance novels follow the spicy adventures of players in a fictional version of <b>what real professional sports organization</b> ?	<u>NHL</u> or <u>NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE</u>
3b	Partly motivated by a lack of pay, tercios serving <b>what king of Spain</b> sacked Antwerp in 1576? Riches from the first Manila galleons could not stop this king from defaulting on his father Charles V's debts four separate times.	<u>PHILIP II</u> (prompt on Philip alone; do not accept or prompt on a wrong regnal number)
4a	Newton's second law of motion states that <b>what vector quantity</b> is equal to mass times acceleration?	<u>FORCE</u>
4b	Who became the <b>longest-running male series actor</b> in history for playing Fin Tutuola in "Law & Order: SVU"? He is better known for his work in other performing arts.	<u>ICE-T</u> (or Tracy Lauren <u>MARROW</u> )

**Round 6**

1a	Players with the Jester role deliberately try to get themselves voted for execution in <b>what browser-based social deduction game</b> ? Appropriately for its colonial America-inspired setting, an expansion to this game added a Coven faction.	<b><u>TOWN OF SALEM</u></b> (do not accept or prompt on "Salem" by itself)
1b	Sasha Velour's season 9 win came at the expense of <b>which drag queen</b> , whom many considered the runaway favorite going into the final week? This queen later won the fifth season of "Drag Race All Stars" and they returned for the all-winners "All Stars" season 7.	<b><u>SHEA COULEÉ</u></b> (or Jaren Kyei <b><u>MERRELL</u></b> )
2a	Which <b>mineral</b> with the chemical formula SiO <sub>2</sub> is seventh on the Mohs scale? It is the second most abundant material, behind feldspar, in the continental crust.	<b><u>QUARTZ</u></b> (accept "crystalline silica" and prompt on "silica")
2b	Soon after the failure of the Blitz, Germany started a ground invasion of the Soviet Union which they code-named Barbarossa after a 12th-century leader of <b>what empire</b> ?	The <b><u>HOLY ROMAN</u></b> Empire
3a	In 1966, the song "Good Vibrations" was recorded by a rock band who, according to their name, were "Boys" from <b>what idyllic location</b> ?	The <b><u>BEACH</u></b> Boys
3b	Which <b>American website</b> was founded in 2005 as a progressive alternative to Drudge Report? Andrew Breitbart was a cofounder with the woman who served as its namesake and who became Editor in Chief when it was bought by AOL.	The <b><u>HUFFINGTON POST</u></b> (accept <b><u>HUFFPOST</u></b> or <b><u>HUFFPO</u></b> )
4a	Which <b>Asian country</b> has its official capital of Kuala Lumpur (kwa-la lum-POOR) as well as its administrative seat of government at Putrajaya (poot-ra-JY-a)?	<b><u>MALAYSIA</u></b>
4b	Pablo Picasso's "Les Femmes d'Alger" (O.J. no. 116) was one of the earliest works in <b>what style of art</b> that often visually rearranged the subject in abstract, sometimes geometric ways?	<b><u>CUBISM</u></b>



Round 7

1a	What <b>symbol</b> is used to denote the square root of negative one (-1) in mathematics?	lower case <u>i</u> (i)
1b	Which <b>mother sauce</b> is created by emulsifying egg yolk, melted butter, and lemon juice or vinegar? Bearnaise sauce and Maltaise sauce are derived from this mother sauce.	<u>HOLLANDAISE</u>
2a	In <b>what form of immersive roleplay entertainment</b> can players use costumes and props to physically portray their characters, sometimes inspired by tabletop gaming such as Dungeons and Dragons? Acronym or full term acceptable.	<u>LARP</u> ing or <u>LIVE ACTION</u> role play/playing
2b	Which <b>improv format</b> begins with a storyteller monologuing about a true story, and is followed by the players performing scenes based on the monologue? The format shares its name with the first name of the creator of "Veep".	<u>ARMANDO</u>
3a	Though he'd been leading the state as an SSR since 1985, in 1990, Saparmurat Niyazov became the first ever president of <b>which newly independent country</b> ? He held this position until his death in 2006.	<u>TURKMENISTAN</u>
3b	Chuck Jones claimed that he and the artists followed nine rules while creating the Road Runner & Wile E. Coyote cartoons. According to these rules, <b>what natural force</b> is Coyote's greatest enemy?	<u>GRAVITY</u>
4a	1988's "Different Trains" was an examination of <b>which composer's</b> Jewish heritage? He references his experience taking the train cross-country in the 1940s to spend time with his divorced parents, reflecting on how his train rides would have been more harrowing had he been born in Europe instead.	Steve <u>REICH</u> (RYSH)
4b	Another shipwreck Gibbins discusses in "A History of the World in Twelve Shipwrecks" is the Belitung (bell-it-TONG) shipwreck in Indonesia. The pottery discovered here provided unique evidence for a "Maritime Silk Road" between Abbasid Persia and <b>which Chinese dynasty</b> that ruled from 618-907? Poets Li Bai and Du Fu come from this period of high art and culture.	<u>TANG</u>

**Round 8**

1a	In 1973, the Sears Tower took the title of tallest skyscraper in the world from <b>what pair</b> of New York towers?	<b><u>WORLD TRADE CENTER or TWIN TOWERS</u></b> (prompt on WTC)
1b	The father-and-son duo of Pierre and Justin Trudeau (true-DOE) have been prime ministers of <b>which country</b> ?	<b><u>CANADA</u></b>
2a	Written between 1853 and 1869, <b>what series of operas</b> written by Richard Wagner features hundreds of leitmotifs, with many occurring throughout the series?	The <b><u>RING CYCLE</u></b> The <b><u>RING SERIES</u></b> or The <b><u>RING OF NIBELUNGEN</u></b> or <b><u>DER RING DES NIBELUNGEN</u></b> (prompt on just "Ring")
2b	Lesser-known hosts of <b>what long-running American game show</b> include John Davidson, Mike Richards, Donny Osmond, and Bill Cullen?	The \$xx,000 <b><u>PYRAMID</u></b> (Allow any number for the xx. Shows have used 10, 25, 50, and 100 thousand)
3a	What <b>type of enzyme</b> creates phosphodiester (foss-foe-die-ESS-ter) bonds to join the sticky ends of DNA fragments, playing an important role in DNA replication and genetic recombination?	DNA <b><u>LIGASE</u></b>
3b	What <b>1961 children's book</b> written by Norton Juster features a young boy named Milo who encounters characters such as Tock the "watchdog", the Humbug, and the Whether Man? The book was adapted into a 1970 film with mixed success.	The <b><u>PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH</u></b>
4a	Despite losing less than half the number of games the Sacramento Kings have lost, <b>what Western Conference NBA franchise</b> holds the dubious record for the worst franchise win-loss percentage in history, including their recently ended playoff run?	<b><u>MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES</u></b> (accept either city or team)
4b	According to urban legend, <b>what game</b> appeared in Portland arcades for around a month in 1981, causing strange behavior in those who played it? The first season of "Loki" depicted a cabinet for this game as an object pruned out of history, and Llamasoft produced an actual game version in 2016.	<b><u>POLYBIUS</u></b>

**Spare Questions**

1	The English author of "Pride and Prejudice" published her books anonymously under the name A Lady. What was <b>her real name</b> ?	Jane <b><u>AUSTEN</u></b>
2	A pink Cadillac is the top reward for consultants in <b>what multilevel marketing company</b> ?	<b><u>MARY KAY</u></b> Inc. or <b><u>MARY KAY</u></b> Cosmetics
3	A video game released in May 2024 from Double Dagger Studios follows <b>what sort of small animal's</b> adventure in the Big City?	Little <b><u>KITTY</u></b> , Big City (or <b><u>KITTEN</u></b> or house <b><u>CAT</u></b> )
4	What <b>Iron Age Anatolian kingdom</b> had its capital at Sardis? Gyges, whose magic ring is an allegory in Plato's "Republic," was supposedly its first king and the more historical Croesus, who standardized gold coinage, was its last.	<b><u>LYDIA</u></b>