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| 1A | Founded by Otis and Elizabeth Chandler and later acquired by Amazon, <u>which website</u> enables users to track their reading habits and post reviews of their books? As of late 2023, it had over 150 million members. | GOODREADS |
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| 1B | A long wordless scene featuring a murder and violent kidnapping outside a diner set to Fleetwood Mac's The Chain appears in <u>what TV show</u> ? The pilot of this show features a similar wordless chase scene set to Tusk. | The <u>AMERICANS</u> |
| 2A | May 1968 saw a series of widespread student protests in <u>what</u> <u>country</u> after Charles de Gaulle secretly fled to West Germany? By some counts, 22% of this country's workforce engaged in sympathy strikes, and this country still has a reputation for its propensity to strike. | FRANCE or the FRENCH REPUBLIC |
| 2B | In 1966, Bobbi Gibb became the first woman to finish which race after her official application was rejected when the race manager told her women could only run 1.5 miles maximum? | BOSTON MARATHON |
| ЗA | Earlier this year, Indonesia celebrated its independence day for the first time in which city , its planned capital to replace Jakarta? | NUSANTARA [noo- son-TAR-a] |
| 3B | A song from <i>South Pacific</i> proclaims "What do you leave to your child when you're dead? / Only whatever you put in its head" and that children are told "to hate all the people your relatives hate." This song's anti-racism message caused complaints about its inclusion in the show. In its title, "You've Got to Be <u>WHAT TWO-WORD PHRASE"</u> ? | You've Got to be <u>CAREFULLY</u> <u>TAUGHT</u> |
| 4A | A Prince Rupert drop is made by dropping the molten form of <u>what</u> <u>material</u> into water? The internal tension causes it to be very resilient but it will explode if its tail is nicked. | <u>GLASS</u> |
| 4B | In a children's rhyme, an old lady swallows <u>what small insect</u> , beginning a series of increasingly larger ingestions? Upon swallowing a horse, she died, of course. | a <u>FLY</u> |

| 1A | Martin Scorsese's 1995 film <i>Casino</i> featured <u>which insult comic</u> and frequent cast member of the 1960s <i>Beach Party</i> film series? He also voiced a role in the <i>Toy Story</i> films. | Don RICKLES |
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| 1B | Also known as the Belfast Agreement, which pair of documents named for the day they were signed in April 1998, led to the current devolved government system in Northern Ireland, and is seen as a major end to the violence of The Troubles? The Democratic Unionist Party was the only major political group in Northern Ireland to oppose the agreement. | GOOD FRIDAY Agreement |
| 2A | Which shortstop has the highest defensive wins above replacement for those who have played within the last decade? This Curaçao-born player is known for his stints with the Braves and the Angels between 2012 and 2020. | Andrelton SIMMONS |
| 2B | Named for the head of animal it resembles, <u>what roller coaster</u> <u>element</u> takes riders on a double inversion through two half vertical loops connected by two half corkscrews? The similar banana roll does a full corkscrew and thus has only one inversion. | COBRA roll |
| ЗA | Which musician sang the cheated-on country single Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under? in 1995? This was released off her breakout album <i>The</i> <i>Woman in Me,</i> produced by her not-yet-cheating husband Mutt Lange. | Shania TWAIN or Eileen EDWARDS |
| 3B | In the mathematical mnemonic SOHCAHTOA, what part of a right triangle do both Hs stand for? | HYPOTENUSE |
| 4A | In Celtic folklore, what shape-shifting creatures can discard their seal skins in order to live as humans? Sometimes they are forced to remain in their human forms if their seal skins are stolen. | <u>SELKIE</u> s |
| 4B | What Maya ethnic group is the largest minority group in Guatemala? Their namesake language is the second-most spoken language after Spanish, and an activist of this ethnicity, Rigoberta Menchú Tum, received the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize. | K'ICHE [Key-CHAY] Maya |

| 1A | Azucena Villaflor and Esther Ballestrino are two of the mothers who protested in <u>what main square of Buenos Aires</u> about the mass kidnapping and disappearance of Argentinians including their children during the military dictatorship of the 1970s and early 1980s? | <u>PLAZA DE MAYO</u> |
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| 1B | Which soccer/football team named after a character from myth has won the most Eredivisie [Air-a-di-VIZ-ee] titles and is generally considered to be the most successful Dutch team? | AJAX [EYE-ax] |
| 2A | <u>What four-letter word</u> is the name of the standard connector shape for jigsaw puzzle pieces? These tabs stick out from the piece to fit into the openings in other pieces. | <u>KNOB</u> |
| 2B | Lada Gaga portrays <u>which DC character</u> in <i>Joker: Folie a Deux</i> ? Other notable actors to portray or voice this character include Margot Robbie, Kaley Cuoco, and Arleen Sorkin. | HARLEY QUINN (accept Harleen "Lee" QUINZEL, prompt on just Harley or Quinn) |
| ЗA | What spinal procedure involves injecting anesthetic or steroids into the space around the spinal cord? It is commonly given during labor. | EPIDURAL injection |
| 3B | Following four queer Black men preparing for a cooking contest in Nashville, Katori Hall's 2021 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama sees the actors actually cooking on stage. Main character Cordell attempts to win a festival dedicated to <u>what chicken dish</u> ? | HOT WINGs (or HOT WANGs according to the festival name. The play is <i>The Hot Wing</i> <i>King.</i>) |
| 4A | The Pont Neuf and the Pont des Arts are two bridges spanning the Seine [Sen] River in what French city ? | PARIS |
| 4B | What hyphenated adjective describes a clavier in a work featuring compositions in all 24 major and minor keys by J.S. Bach? This adjective pertains to tuning systems rather than a good disposition. | WELL-TEMPERED |

| 1A | When playing <i>Wingspan</i> , what food comes out of the feeder is determined by using what common board gaming item , also central to the game of craps? | DICE or DIE or CUBEs |
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| 1B | <u>What sportswear brand</u> is pronounced as one syllable instead of two in Britain? This brand's products often feature its signature swoosh logo. | NIKE |
| 2A | Korean Canadian actress Grace Park played Sharon Valerii [Va-LAIR-ee], a reimagined gender-swap of Lieutenant Boomer, in <u>what 2003 science</u> <u>fiction TV series reboot</u> that also starred Edward James Olmos? | BATTLESTAR GALACTICA |
| 2B | The first-ever AIDS Awareness Week in 1984 was set by <u>what mayor of</u> <u>San Francisco</u> who held that position from 1978 to 1988? | Diane <u>FEINSTEIN</u> |
| ЗA | What word for a non-Western religious text follows Sunflower and Wichita Vortex in the titles of two prose poems by Allen Ginsberg? | <u>SUTRA</u> |
| 3B | The three-Michelin-star restaurants Noma and Geranium can be found in which European capital city? | COPENHAGEN , Denmark |
| 4A | Those who watched the 2024 NBA playoffs may recall a Wingstop commercial that used what debut single by rap duo Rae Sremmurd? This song, whose three-word title may describe an area that prohibits bragging about or displaying wealth, repeats the line They know better. | " <u>NO FLEX ZONE</u> " |
| 4B | In organic chemistry, if you want to hydrogenate an alkyne to an alkene without the reaction progressing further to form an alkane, <u>what type of</u> <u>catalyst</u> should you use? This type of catalyst uses palladium that is poisoned with lead or sulphur compounds. | LINDLAR catalyst |

HALF-TIME - SWITCH SIDES

| 1A | In 2018, Burundi moved its capital from Bujumbura [boo-joom-BOOR-a] to which city two hours east of there? This city was formerly the royal capital of the country until the Kingdom's abolition in 1966. | GITEGA [gi-TAY-ga] |
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| 1B | The Well-Tempered Clavier includes preludes and <u>what kind of</u> <u>complex contrapuntal compositions</u> ? Bach also wrote a famous D minor Toccata and (ONE OF THESE) for organ. | <u>FUGUE</u> s |
| 2A | The Prince Rupert drop is an example of <u>what process</u> used to make toughened or safety glass? Uneven heating of the final glass product induces an internal tension that causes the glass to break into small pieces when damaged. | TEMPER ing |
| 2B | A series of meals, beginning with one apple on Monday and ending with ten different items on Saturday and a stomachache-curing leaf on Sunday, is consumed by <u>what very hungry insect</u> in a book by Eric Carle? | The Very Hungry <u>CATERPILLAR</u> |
| ЗA | 1959 and 1960 saw the huge Anpo [ON-poe] protests in <u>which</u> <u>country</u> over an agreement this country's government made to continue to allow U.S. military bases to exist in the country? This continues to be a problem to this day with protests over the U.S. military presence common in Okinawa. | <u>JAPAN</u> |
| 3B | A long mostly wordless scene depicting a bloody murder, before the two male protagonists embrace and topple over a cliff together, ends <u>what</u> <u>TV show</u> ? The scene is soundtracked to Siouxsie Sioux's Love Crime, which was specifically recorded for this show. | <u>HANNIBAL</u> |
| 4A | Headquartered in New Zealand and advertizing itself as Goodreads for film, which website allows users to track the movies they see and post reviews? It had around 14 million viewers as of June 2024. | <u>LETTERBOXD</u> |
| 4B | Named for a runner in Greek mythology, <u>what is Bergamo's</u> <u>soccer/football club</u> in Italy's Serie A [See-ree Ah]? | ATALANTA |

| 1A | Which Jack Kerouac novel published a year after On the Road focuses on fictionalized versions of himself and Gary Snyder partying, studying Zen Buddhism, and eventually climbing mountains together? | The DHARMA BUMS |
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| 1B | In either the American mathematical mnemonic PEMDAS or the British BODMAS, <u>what does the first letter</u> <u>stand for</u> to start the order of operations? | PARENTHESES/PARENTHESIS (accept variations like PARENTHETICALs) or BRACKETs |
| 2A | Those who watched the 2024 NBA playoffs may recall a Fanduel commercial that used <u>what song</u> by Yo Gotti? Its four-word title describes where private flirting on Instagram may take place. | " <u>DOWN IN THE DM</u> " |
| 2B | The three-Michelin-star restaurants Hélène Darroze [Ay-LEN da-ROSE] at The Connaught [CON-ott] and Alain Ducasse [AI-ANN doo-COSS] at the Dorchester can be found in which European capital city ? | LONDON, England |
| 3А | Grace Park also played a gender-swapped version of Officer Kono on <u>what 2010</u> <u>police procedural TV series reboot</u> ? Peter M. Lenkov set his reboots of MacGyver, Magnum P.I., and this show in the same universe. | HAWAII FIVE-0 |
| 3B | In a 1991 speech aimed at his fellow AIDS activists, Larry Kramer started by shouting <u>what word</u> ? The 2012 documentary and 2016 book How to Survive a (ONE OF THESE) display the early days of AIDS activism, including in ACT UP, the group Kramer founded in 1987. | PLAGUE |
| 4A | In <i>Wingspan</i> , the red-colored icon on the dice represents <u>what class of food</u> , which often appears in the centre of the screen when playing Pac-Man, and many types of which feature as symbols on a classic slot machine? | FRUIT or CHERRIES/CHERRY or BERRIES/BERRY |
| 4B | What name is given to a roller coaster that does not make a complete circuit, but at some point reverses and returns backwards along the same track? | SHUTTLE or BOOMERANG Coaster |

| 1A | In what surgical procedure is cerebrospinal fluid removed from the lower back for testing? The two-word medical term or the common phrase used in a popular mockumentary are acceptable. | LUMBAR PUNCTURE or SPINAL TAP |
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| 1B | Also featuring food preparation live on stage, <i>Clyde's</i> is a 2021 play about ex-convicts working in a sandwich shop. It was written by <u>what</u> <u>African-American playwright</u> , who won the Pulitzer Price for Drama in 2009 for <i>Ruined</i> and in 2017 for <i>Sweat</i> ? | Lynn <u>NOTTAGE</u> |
| 2A | The Ponte della Costituzione [PONT-ay della Con-stih-toot-see-OH- nay] and the Ponte di Rialto [PONT-ay dee Ree-ALL-toe] are two bridges spanning the Grand Canal in what Italian port city ? | VENICE |
| 2B | In what hit song from South Pacific does Emile de Becque [BECK] recount the first time he saw the nurse Nellie Forbush? The song is reprised as Emile asks Nellie to marry him, however she initially rejects him on account of his two biracial children. | " <u>SOME ENCHANTED</u> <u>EVENING</u> " |
| 3A | What six-letter word is the name of a jigsaw puzzle piece that is shaped like some other object? | WHIMSY piece |
| 3B | Alfonsina Strada remains the only woman to have competed in one of cycling's three major stage races. She competed in which annual <u>race</u> in Italy? Please give the original-language name. | GIRO [ZHEE-row] d'Italia |
| 4A | Yehor Soboliev and Vitali Klitschko led protests in <u>what central</u> <u>square of Kyiv</u> as part of the 2014 Revolution of Dignity that toppled Viktor Yanukovych? | MAIDAN or EUROMAIDAN |
| 4B | Colin Farrell reprises his role as which DC character in a titular crime drama miniseries? Other notable actors to portray or voice this character include Burgess Meredith, Danny DeVito, and Nolan North. | The <u>PENGUIN (</u> accept Oswald <u>COBBLEPOT</u> or Oz <u>COBB)</u> |

| 1A | Which musician sang the 2006 cheated-on country single Before He Cheats? This was released off her debut 2005 album <i>Some Hearts,</i> which included the bonus track Inside Your Heaven that she performed on a noted television season finale. | Carrie <u>UNDERWOOD</u> |
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| 1B | What Spanish word is used to refer to the majority population of Guatemala, comprised of people of Spanish or <i>mestizo</i> descent? It is a homonym of an unrelated Romance language spoken by a religious minority. | LADINO |
| 2A | In Celtic folklore, what shape-shifting creatures often take the form of spirit horses who occupy the lochs of Scotland? Though they have similar names, they are unrelated to a type of seaweed. | KELPIEs |
| 2B | In organic chemistry, if you then want to synthesise a polymer from your terminal alkene, what type of catalyst should you use? These types of catalysts can either be based on titanium compounds or complexes of group 4 metals, and they are named after two scientists. | ZIEGLER- NATTA catalyst |
| ЗA | Which <u>catcher</u> has the second highest defensive wins above replacement for those who have played within the last decade? This native of Puerto Rico was an All Star as recently as 2021 and retired in 2022, having spent his entire career as a Cardinal. | Yadier <u>MOLINA</u> |
| 3B | The British pronunciation of what sportswear brand stresses the first syllable instead of the middle one? This brand's products often feature three parallel stripes. | ADIDAS |
| 4A | Martin Scorsese's 1995 film <i>Casino</i> featured <u>which singer and star of the</u> <u>1960s Beach Party film series</u> ? He appeared as the ghostly Teen Angel to sing Beauty School Dropout for 1978's <i>Grease</i> . | Frankie <u>AVALON</u> |
| 4B | In May 2022, <u>which nationalist party</u> won the most seats in the Northern Ireland Assembly, beating the Democratic Unionist Party for the first time in their history? The party contests elections in both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, and has a name meaning We Ourselves in Irish. | <u>SINN FEIN</u> [Shin Fayn] |

Spares

| 1 | What 2023 <i>Transformers</i> movie was filmed at Chichen Itza because it features a key that enables time travel hidden in a Peruvian temple? | Transformers: <u>RISE</u> <u>OF THE BEASTS</u> |
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| 2 | In 2023 on the first anniversary of his death, what epic soccer player 's jersey was projected onto the statue of Christ the Redeemer, whose outstretched arms have inspired Brazilian goal celebrations? | <u>PELE</u> or Edson Arantes do <u>NASCIMENTO</u> |
| 3 | Known in Mandarin as Fánghuŏ Chángchéng, <u>what English</u> <u>translation</u> names China's system of internet censorship and control? | The <u>GREAT</u> <u>FIREWALL</u> |
| 4 | The Taj Mahal is a mausoleum for the wife of Shah Jahan who died giving birth to her fourteenth child. <u>What name</u> meaning Exalted One did he give her? | MUMTAZ Mahal |