



ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE

Questions set by Quotidian
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READER'S NOTE. Please read aloud:

Welcome to Season 3 of Online Quiz League USA! If you're a new team, please ask any questions at this time. [Explain basic format if necessary]. Please remember to play all games – especially your first – in a spirit of generosity with new players. Please also note the new coin flip rule: Heads means Home goes first, Tails means Away goes first. Nobody needs to call the coin.

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Round 1

1a	What country appointed Audrey Tang as a minister of its Executive Yuan in 2016, making them the first transgender and non-binary person to serve in that body?	<u>TAIWAN</u> (accept "Republic of China" but do not prompt "China")
_1b	Debuting in the very first installment of the <i>Final Fantasy</i> series and appearing in many games thereafter, what sword is described as "a legendary katana without peer" and gets its name from a real-life medieval Japanese blacksmith?	<u>MASAMUNE</u> (accept "Masmune")
2a	A 2011 survey of newspaper columnists named their third-favorite American column of all time as a 1982 piece by Molly Ivins entitled "A Short Story About" what Washington, D.C. landmark?	<u>VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL</u>
2b	The plant <i>Dionaea muscipula</i> has a genus name that refers to Aphrodite, or "Dione's daughter." By what two-word name is this carnivorous plant better known?	<u>VENUS FLYTRAP</u>
3a	Ogden Nash's terse poem "Reflections on Ice-Breaking" declares that "Candy is dandy, but liquor is" WHAT?	<u>QUICKER</u>
3b	Eisbach, or "ice brook," is a small man-made river popular with surfers that is located in the Englischer Garten, a park in what German state capital city?	<u>MUNICH</u> (accept MÜNCHEN)
4a	According to a 1988 number-one song by Martika, "Step by step, heart to heart, left right left, we all fall down like" what titular items? Your answer should have two words.	<u>TOY SOLDIERS</u>
4b	The 2000s CW show "Girlfriends" featured what actress, who went on to play Bow in "Black-ish," as lawyer and unofficial "den mother" Joan Clayton?	Tracee Ellis <u>ROSS</u>

Round 2

1a	In the Before Times, approximately 120,000 of what bourbon-based cocktail that's served over crushed ice were sold each year at the Kentucky Derby?	<u>MINT JULEP</u>
1b	Of the five rivers that fed the mythological underworld -- Styx, Acheron, Cocytus, Phlegethon, and Lethe -- which one, meaning "river of woe," is the name of a real 32-mile-long river on the Grecian mainland?	<u>ACHERON</u>
2a	In Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution, what word completes the phrase, "Representatives and direct [BLANK] shall be apportioned among the several States"?	<u>TAXES</u>
2b	In 2020, DJ LeMahieu became the first modern-era Major League Baseball player to win batting titles in both the American and National Leagues. What AL team, whose previous batting title winners have included Mickey Mantle, did he bat .364 for in 2020?	<u>NEW YORK YANKEES</u> (accept either name)
3a	Reaching number one on the Billboard charts in April 2021, what Lil Nas X song has the name of a Luca Guadagnino movie in parentheses in its title? You don't need to give us the part in parentheses.	<u>MONTERO (Call Me By Your Name)</u>
3b	Until it was dethroned by the anime film "Demon Slayer" in 2020, what 2001 Hayao Miyazaki film about a young girl whose parents are turned into pigs was the highest-grossing film in Japan?	<u>SPIRITED AWAY</u>
4a	A Claes Oldenburg sculpture installed in 1976 near Philadelphia's City Hall is a 45-foot-tall version of what household item that's more typically three-and-a-quarter inches long?	<u>CLOTHESPIN</u>
4b	Named for its rigidity, what molecule is the most stable isomer with chemical formula C ₁₀ H ₁₆ , and has the same arrangement of carbon atoms seen on a larger scale in diamond? It is not to be confused with a substance in Marvel comics.	<u>ADAMANTANE</u> (can't accept "Adamantium," sorry)

Round 3

1a	Many of the most famous songs associated with Duke Ellington, such as "Take the A Train" and "Lotus Blossom," were actually written by what composer who collaborated with Ellington for decades?	Billy <u>STRAYHORN</u>
1b	In civil engineering, what C-word means a long, rigid beam that is fixed at only one end, as seen in Scotland's Forth Bridge and New York's old Tappan Zee Bridge?	<u>CANTILEVER</u>
2a	Featured in short stories and a staggering 75 novels, Inspector Jules Maigret is the most famous fictional character created by what Belgian author?	Georges <u>SIMENON</u>
2b	A young Catherine Deneuve played Genevieve Emery, a teenager who marries a wealthy jeweler while pregnant with another man's child, in what 1964 movie musical with entirely sung dialogue?	The <u>UMBRELLAS OF CHERBOURG</u> (accept "Les Parapluies de Cherbourg")
3a	Kim Kardashian and Kanye West have agreed to joint custody of their four children: North, Chicago, Saint, and what youngest son with a Bible-inspired name?	<u>PSALM</u>
3b	What Olympic snowboarding event, a timed race between four competitors boarding through a course filled with obstacles, has a name inspired by an off-roading motorcycle event?	Snowboard <u>CROSS</u> (accept <u>BX</u>)
4a	For corrupting the youth of Athens, the philosopher Socrates was condemned to death by drinking a beverage brewed from what poisonous plant of the parsley family?	<u>HEMLOCK</u>
4b	The high-speed rail network known as the TGV, or Train a Grande Vitesse, operates in what country?	<u>FRANCE</u>

Round 4

1a	Martha Argerich, Mitsuko Uchida, and Yuja Wang are considered among the greatest living classical artists who play what musical instrument? Every four years, the Van Cliburn competition is held for this instrument.	<u>PIANO</u> (accept "keyboard")
1b	Before he started cooking crystal meth with Jesse Pinkman, what subject did Walter White teach at J.P. Wynne High School?	<u>CHEMISTRY</u> (prompt if "science" is given)
2a	What appropriately named singer-songwriter played two pianos at the same time at the 2019 Grammys, in a performance that included Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag" and her own "Empire State of Mind"?	Alicia <u>KEYS</u>
2b	Named after a dynasty based there, what large stone mosque, one of the oldest in the world, is also known as "The Great Mosque of Damascus"?	<u>UMAYYAD</u> Mosque
3a	Specifically named as an indigenous group with rights in the Canadian constitution, what is the term for a person of mixed Indigenous Canadian and European -- usually French -- ancestry?	<u>MÉTIS</u>
3b	Often called PKU for short, what inherited disorder is the inability to metabolize the amino acid phenylalanine, leading to brain and nerve damage if untreated?	<u>PHENYLKETONURIA</u>
4a	"Try it, you'll like it" and "I can't believe I ate the whole thing!" originated as advertising slogans in the 1970s for what brand you might use after a meal of fried food?	<u>ALKA-SELTZER</u>
4b	What football club's "Himno del Centenario," or centennial anthem, has been memorably performed on several occasions by tenor Placido Domingo, including in 2012 when the team won its 32nd league title?	<u>REAL MADRID</u> (prompt if "Madrid" is given, or "Real")

HALFTIME – SWITCH SIDES!

Round 5

1a	Adapted into an opera by Claude Debussy, "Pelleas et Melisande" (PEL-ee-ah eh mell-ee-SOND) is among the stage dramas by what Nobel Prize-winning Belgian playwright?	Maurice <u>MAETERLINCK</u> (MATE-er-link)
1b	Nearing age 60, Catherine Deneuve played Gaby, a woman whose husband has been murdered in an Agatha Christie-style mystery, in what 2002 movie musical?	<u>8 WOMEN</u> (accept "Huit Femmes")
2a	In Article I, Section 3 of the United States Constitution, what word completes the sentence, "The Senate shall have the sole power to try all [BLANK]"?	<u>IMPEACHMENTS</u>
2b	In civil engineering, what C-word means the curve that a hanging chain or wire will assume under its own weight, supported only at its ends?	<u>CATENARY</u>
3a	The composer of "Black Bottom Stomp," "Wolverine Blues," and other classics, what pianist famously claimed to have invented jazz?	Jelly Roll <u>MORTON</u> (accept Ferdinand Joseph <u>LaMothe</u>)
3b	Erato, Thalia, Urania, and six other streets are named after the Muses of Greek mythology in what U.S. city? Other tourist-heavy streets here include Canal and St. Charles Avenue.	<u>NEW ORLEANS</u>
4a	Muddle sugar with bitters and water, add bourbon, and garnish with orange zest to get what antique-sounding cocktail?	<u>OLD FASHIONED</u>
4b	DJ LeMahieu won the first of his two batting titles in 2016, when he was playing for what National League West team, whose high-altitude home field helps with hitting?	<u>COLORADO ROCKIES</u> (accept either name)

Round 6

1a	What term, originally half a Hawaiian phrase meaning "white foreigner," is today often used to mean any person of mixed East Asian or Southeast Asian ancestry?	<u>HAPA</u>
1b	Although it debuted in a 1918 American Broadway musical, "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" has become the anthem of what London football club? They are currently fifth in the Premier League and poised for a best-ever finish in that league.	<u>WEST HAM</u> United
2a	The sexist phrase "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride" originated as an ad slogan in 1925 for what brand that you might use after a meal heavy on onions and garlic?	<u>LISTERINE</u>
2b	Known for its large gold-covered central dome, what Kuala Kangsar mosque is considered one of Malaysia's most beautiful? Hint: As with "Umayyad," it starts with a U, seven letters.	<u>UBUDIAH</u> Mosque
3a	Strickland Gilliland's poem "Lines on the Antiquity of Microbes" is three words long: "[BLANK] had 'em." What Biblical character goes in the blank?	<u>ADAM</u>
3b	The plant genus Heliamphora (hee-lee-AM-for-a) attracts insects by secreting a nectar-like substance, then drowns them in a reservoir of rainwater. The name of this group of plants includes what P-word you might use to serve drinks?	<u>PITCHER</u>
4a	"Like a thief in the night who can't get enough, I am willing to fight 'cause I'm a soldier of love." So sang what Utahan in a 1989 number-two song?	Donny <u>OSMOND</u>
4b	Debuting a year before "Friends," what 1990s sitcom featured Queen Latifah as Khadijah (ka-DEE-jah), an entrepreneur sharing a Brooklyn brownstone with her besties?	<u>LIVING SINGLE</u>

Round 7

1a	"Rocket Man Meets Piano Man" was a 1970s promotional slogan for a two-piano tour featuring Elton John and what Long Islander?	Billy <u>JOEL</u>
1b	Maple-syrup urine disease is the inability to metabolize leucine, isoleucine, and valine, which are also known as BCAAs. "BCAAs" stands for what kind of amino acids?	<u>BRANCHED-CHAIN</u>
2a	Anne-Sophie Mutter, Sarah Chang, and Hilary Hahn are considered among the greatest living classical artists who play what musical instrument? The Paganini Competition is held for this instrument.	<u>VIOLIN</u>
2b	Although his day job was teaching Spanish, we know Will Schuester best as the coach of the New Directions singing group on what Fox TV series?	<u>GLEE</u>
3a	Published in 1944 by the Scripps Howard syndicate, the column voted journalists' favorite was "The Death of Captain Waskow," written from the front lines in Italy by what Pulitzer Prize-winning war correspondent?	Ernie <u>PYLE</u>
3b	The blade wielded by Sora in Square's <i>Kingdom Hearts</i> franchise is named for and shaped like what object that is not usually a weapon?	<u>KEY</u> ("Keyblade")
4a	On March 24, 2021, Rachel Levine became the first openly transgender federal official confirmed by the U.S. Senate, becoming an assistant secretary in what cabinet department?	<u>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</u> (accept "HHS")
4b	Wadi Adventure is a water park featuring artificial waves that regularly make surfers' bucket lists, in the oasis city of Al Ain, in what Middle Eastern country?	<u>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</u> (accept UAE; prompt if "Emirates")

Round 8

1a	Kim Kardashian was married for 72 days in 2011 to what power forward who played for the New Jersey Nets at the time?	Kris <u>HUMPHRIES</u>
1b	The high-speed rail network colloquially known as "shinkansen," literally "new trunk line," and often called "bullet trains" in English, operates in what country?	<u>JAPAN</u>
2a	Peaking at number five on the Billboard charts in 2019, what Lil Nas X song's title refers not to a food item, but rather a character from a Cartoon Network show?	<u>PANINI</u>
2b	As a skateboarder might do, what Olympic snowboarding event takes place in a semicircular ditch up to 6.7 meters deep, and involves scoring the boarder on their performance in various tricks and jumps?	<u>HALF-PIPE</u>
3a	In 2006, former KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko was confirmed to have died from drinking tea poisoned with the radioactive 210 isotope of what element that's named for a country?	<u>POLONIUM</u>
3b	What 1988 Hayao Miyazaki film's title character is a giant, furry forest spirit who lives near the new home of the Kusakabe family and rides around in a bus shaped like a huge cat?	<u>MY NEIGHBOR TOTORO</u>
4a	A 1994 Claes Oldenburg installation in front of Kansas City's Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art features four 18-foot-long versions of what sporting goods item that's more typically about two-and-a-half inches long?	<u>SHUTTLECOCK</u> (accept "birdie" or really anything involving "thing you hit in badminton")
4b	What is the specific name for a layer of carbon atoms arranged in a two-dimensional hexagonal lattice that is one atom thick? Many of these layers stacked on each other lead to the name you're likely more familiar with.	<u>GRAPHENE</u> (prompt if "graphite" is given)

Spare Questions

1	A statue of a Michael Bond children's literature character can be found in what London railway and underground station?	<u>PADDINGTON</u>
2	With a thick purple skin concealing tender, sweet white segments inside, what fruit native to Southeast Asia is known as "the queen of fruits"?	<u>MANGOSTEEN</u>
3	With a thick, scaly-looking green skin concealing tender white flesh, what fruit native to central and south American is also known as the "custard apple"?	<u>CHERIMOYA</u>
4	Because she appeared on one-dollar silver certificates beginning in 1896, what first lady is the first woman to appear on US currency?	Martha <u>WASHINGTON</u>