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Results

Rank	Team	1	2	3	Final
1	Ship Launcher	15	14	14	43
2	Not For Sale	14	11	13	38
3	Lion Pack	13	12	9	34
4	Fuck Them	15	9	5	29
4	Winken, Blinken, and Nod	10	13	6	29
6	Call an Uber	11	9	8	28
7	Four's Company	10	10	7	27
8	M2C2	13	9	3	25
9	We Used to be Blonde	8	11	3	22
10	Eggs-berant	9	4	7	20
11	Risky Bitchness	4	6	3	13
12	Team Next Door	5	6	3	14
13	Tequila	4	4	3	11
AVERAGE		10.1	9.1	6.5	25.6

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Category 1 - Science and Technology

1. USB technology was developed in 1996 in order to standardize data exchange between devices. What is USB an acronym for?
2. We use the word "plumbing" to refer to the piping which transports waste and water because the first sanitation systems were constructed from this element.
3. In human biology, what does your "rhesus factor" help determine?
4. With archaeological evidence potentially showing it dating back to 45,000 BC, this surgical procedure can be considered the world's oldest.
5. This periodic table element with the highest-known melting point has the symbol W, as it was called wolframite when it was first isolated in 1783.

Category 2 - The Juno Awards

6. The first official Juno Awards ceremony, under that name, was held in 1971. Before this, for one ceremony in 1970, the award was known under a different name. By what dendric name was the original Juno Award known as?
7. This Canadian band won the Juno Award for Best New Group in 2005, after the release of Watch Out!, their second studio album. They didn't win another until 2023, when they won Best Rock Album of the Year, for their album, Otherness.
8. This popular Canadian artist has won 13 total Juno Awards to date, as well as five Grammys, and two CMA Awards - they also won the World Music Award for Bestselling Canadian Artist in 2001.
9. This musical group, originally composed of session musicians, coalesced in the late 50's and early 60's in Toronto, Ontario and completed their farewell tour in November of 1976. Despite being inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame in 1989, and winning the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, they never won any Juno Awards.
10. This Canadian artist was the first to win the Juno Award for Rap Recording of the Year, and the first hip-hop artist to be inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame. This artist also had a notable role on television, in a CBC show centred around a school.

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Category 3 - Word Origins

11. We get the word "orange" from the Spanish word "naranja", itself borrowed from a long chain of loan words. From which language does the word originate?
12. This word originally referred to a tribe of Germanic peoples - it has since been used to refer to several styles of architecture, as well as a moody youth subculture.
13. The word "vaccine" is derived from the Latin word for this animal, which lent its English name to the less-deadly disease used to create the first smallpox vaccinations.
14. Despite being a ubiquitous quick meal, the English word for this handheld food item only dates back to the 18th century, being derived from the title of an English nobleman.
15. The word "yahoo" might be used to describe someone who is coarse, brutish, or obscene - it was invented by Jonathan Swift, in this literary work.

Category 4 - the Small Screen

16. A New Mexico family sold their house in Albuquerque due to the pressures of dealing with fans of this show, who would often recreate a scene by throwing a pizza on the house's roof.
17. A fictional ad pitch for Heinz ketchup, "Pass the Heinz", from this television series was turned into a real ad campaign in 2017, two years after the show stopped airing.
18. This television show, created by and starring Bill Hader as a semi-reluctant hitman turned actor, also starred Henry Winkler, who received his only primetime Emmy award for his role as the title character's acting coach.
19. The cartoon character Daria, who later starred in her own self-titled series, first appeared on this low-brow MTV show.
20. One of Robin Williams's first major roles was the alien Mork, which he played on Mork and Mindy, which was itself a spin-off of an episode of which 1970's television staple?

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Category 5 - Canadian Politics

21. The word "fuddle duddle" entered the Canadian political lexicon in 1971, when this Prime Minister swore at his opponent in the House of Commons.
22. Canada's 18th Prime Minister died in February of 2024. Who was the 18th Prime Minister?
23. This Canadian politician was infamous, among other things, for viral videos in which he covered various pop songs, including John Lennon's Imagine and Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline.
24. This archipelago lies just off the coast of Newfoundland, yet remains a possession of France.
25. This Indigenous general famously created a united confederation of tribes in the Great Lakes, eventually allying with the British against the Americans, and dying in the Battle of the Thames in the War of 1812.

Category 6 - Cameos

26. In 2024's Deadpool and Wolverine, a store sign in the background of a scene pays tribute to this comic book artist, who created Deadpool in 1990, and was infamous, among many other things, for his supposed inability to draw feet.
27. In the 2006 US The Office episode "Valentine's Day", Michael Scott gets distracted while sightseeing at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, and narrowly misses this celebrity, who would have been taping a show that night in the building. Note: Valentine's Day was a Tuesday in 2006.
28. In the 1981 film Raiders of the Lost Ark, the actor playing René Belloq bravely completes a line reading near the end of the final cut of the film, which was almost ruined by him accidentally swallowing what?
29. This author is famous for making short cameos in many of the film and television projects based on their works - they cameoed as the first victim of a machine uprising in the only film they ever directed, 1986's Maximum Overdrive.
30. This famous musician, who previously played the villain in the 1986 film Labyrinth, cameoed as a "walk-off" judge in Ben Stiller's 2001 film, Zoolander.

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Category 7 - Mythology and Religion

31. This Hindu deity, among his other titles and offices, is known as the "Lord of the Dance", or "Lord of the Cosmic Dance".
32. The car manufacturer Mazda takes their name from Ahura Mazda, the benevolent creator deity of this religion.
33. Carl Linnaeus called this species of tree "salix babylonica", due to a misunderstanding of a particular word in a Bible passage, which states that the Israelites hung their harps on these trees.
34. This Catholic saint is the patron of athletes and plague victims, among others, and is often depicted pierced with many arrows, referencing his martyrdom.
35. In Greek mythology, this Olympian goddess was the firstborn child of Cronus, Zeus' older sister, and held dominion over the hearth, home, and hospitality.

Category 8 - Historical Sports

36. This civilization was known to play a ball game in massive stone courts, where players attempted to keep a rubber ball aloft by striking it with their hips, and the losing players may have been ritually sacrificed.
37. This athletic event is named for an Ancient Greek city, and a battle that took place there featured the first such instance of this event.
38. The Fair of Taitiu was a practice of funeral games, including spear throwing, the long jump, archery and swimming, native to which modern country?
39. This iconic sport originated as a ritual dance to obtain a good harvest, re-enacting the hand-to-hand combat of two deities known as kami.
40. In Florence, a medieval version of this modern sport is preserved as calcio storico, which allows players to punch, tackle, and kick one another.

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Category 9 - Space

41. Approximately how long does it take for light from the Sun to reach our planet?
42. In astronomy, an AU, or astronomical unit, is a unit of fixed length, stated since 2012 to be an approximate constant of 150 million kilometres. What distance does this unit represent?
43. In Star Wars: A New Hope, Han Solo states that he can complete the Kessel Run in under twelve parsecs. What does a parsec measure?
44. In October 2024, an exoplanet discovered around this star made it the second-closest solar system to our own, at 5.96 light years away from Earth.
45. On which planet in our solar system does one rotation around the sun take roughly two "days" on the surface, due to its retrograde rotation?

Category 10 - History

46. This European monarch has the dubious distinction of being the first known head of state to be assassinated by firearm.
47. The book and television show Shogun focuses on Yorii Toranaga, a fictionalized character attempting to seize the title of Shogun. What is the name of the real historical figure on which he is based?
48. The two-letter name of this ancient city is often applied as a prefix to a word to give the meaning of "oldest" or "first".
49. The phrase "to cut the Gordian Knot", references a legend surrounding this famous historical figure.
50. This President of the United States served for the least amount of time, dying from illness one month after his inauguration, also becoming the first president to die in office.

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Category 11 - Art

51. This German artist became a leading figure in the movement of Romanticism, with his painting Wanderer Above a Sea of Fog being considered one of the movement's masterpieces.
52. This British artist's famous works show up in many pieces of media - his painting, The Fighting Temeraire, was the focus of a short scene in the James Bond film Skyfall.
53. This French artist was a contemporary of Monet and Van Gogh, and was famous for his paintings of the native inhabitants of the island of Tahiti.
54. This Japanese artist is famous for his works in the ukiyo-e style, with The Great Wave off Kanagawa being the most reproduced of his series of woodblock prints.
55. This Spanish artist grew famous from his depictions of the horrors of the 1807 Peninsular War - his final disturbing series of paintings, called the "Black Paintings", were completed on the walls of his house.

Category 12 - Miscellaneous

56. This physics phenomenon results in two particles mirroring the state of one another, even when separated by any amount of matter or distance.
57. This area of the world used to be known as Van Diemen's Land, a name which sounds like a synonym for the title of the most famous animal from this region.
58. This song was Beyoncé's first single as a solo artist after leaving Destiny's Child.
59. The name of this city translates literally to "black weed", a reference to a plant known in English as Wormwood, which sparked apocalyptic fears after an infamous disaster took place here.
60. This nu-metal band takes their name from one of the ways that a noose may be tied.

Answers Round 1

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	Difficulty
1. Universal Serial Bus	53.8%
2. Lead (Latin plumbum)	15.4%
3. Blood type (positive or negative)	69.2%
4. Circumcision	84.6%
5. Tungsten	61.5%
6. The Gold Leaf Award	100.0%
7. Alexisonfire	92.3%
8. Shania Twain	0.0%
9. The Band	61.5%
10. Maestro Fresh Wes OR Wesley (Wes) Williams	100.0%
11. Sanskrit	100.0%
12. Goth (Gothic)	15.4%
13. Cow	46.2%
14. Sandwich (Earl of Sandwich)	7.7%
15. Gulliver's Travels	30.8%
16. Breaking Bad	15.4%
17. Mad Men	23.1%
18. Barry	30.8%
19. Beavis and Butthead	46.2%
20. Happy Days	38.5%

Answers Round 2

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	Difficulty
21. Pierre Elliot Trudeau	0.0%
22. Brian Mulroney	7.7%
23. Stephen Harper	69.2%
24. St Pierre et Miquelon	46.2%
25. Tecumseh	38.5%
26. Robert (Rob) Liefeld	84.6%
27. Conan O'Brien, at the time the host of Late Night	69.2%
28. A fly	84.6%
29. Stephen King	30.8%
30. David Bowie	7.7%
31. Shiva	69.2%
32. Zoroastrianism	92.3%
33. The Weeping Willow	84.6%
34. Saint Sebastian	84.6%
35. Hestia	61.5%
36. The Maya (Olmec or Aztec also acceptable)	15.4%
37. Marathon	38.5%
38. Ireland	84.6%
39. Sumo wrestling	53.8%
40. Soccer (football)	69.2%

	Difficulty
41. Eight (8) minutes	46.2%
42. The distance from the sun to the Earth	69.2%
43. Distance (206,265 AU)	84.6%
44. Barnard's Star	100.0%
45. Venus	84.6%
46. William the Silent (William I of the Netherlands)	100.0%
47. Ieyasu Tokugawa	92.3%
48. Ur	61.5%
49. Alexander the Great	69.2%
50. William Henry Harrison	61.5%
51. Caspar David Friedrich	76.9%
52. J M W Turner	84.6%
53. Paul Gauguin	61.5%
54. Hokusai	76.9%
55. Francisco Goya	61.5%
56. Quantum entanglement	92.3%
57. Tasmania (Tasmanian devil)	7.7%
58. "Crazy in Love"	61.5%
59. Chornobyl (Chernobyl)	53.8%
60. Slipknot	7.7%

Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Avg difficulty	56.9%	70.8%	40.0%	30.8%	32.3%	55.4%	78.5%	52.3%	76.9%	76.9%	72.3%	44.6%

Round	1	2	3
Avg difficulty	49.6%	54.6%	67.7%

Question difficulty	Easy (0-33%)	Medium (34-66%)	Hard (67-100%)
% of game	25.0%	30.0%	45.0%

Extreme Questions	Everyone got it	No one got it
% of game	3.3%	8.3%

General Categories	ART	CUL	ENT	GAM	GEO	HIS	LIT	MIX	MUS	NAT	SCI	SPO
Asked	5	9	14	0	2	16	3	10	8	1	13	5
% of game	8.3%	15.0%	23.3%	0.0%	3.3%	26.7%	5.0%	16.7%	13.3%	1.7%	21.7%	8.3%
Avg difficulty	72.3%	57.6%	54.4%	--	26.9%	55.8%	48.7%	42.3%	53.8%	84.6%	62.4%	52.3%

Team size (players)	1	2	3	4	4+	TTL teams (TTL players)
# of teams	--	2	3	7	1	13 (46)
Avg score	--	12	25.7	28.3	34	25.6