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Results

Rank	Team	1	2	3	Final
1	Alex in Wonderland	19	14	17	50
2	Flying High Again	16	16	16	48
3	Just the Hip	19	12	14	45
4	Quizzard of Oz	17	11	13	41
5	Jimmy Kimmel is Next	16	12	11	39
6	404 Team Name Not Found	12	8	13	33
7	Crabby Hoes	12	11	8	31
8	Vulgar	10	7	11	28
9	Dutch Touch	9	6	4	19
	Job Steelers	5	7	7	19
AVERAGE		13.5	10.4	11.4	35.3

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Category 1 - Food

1. This classic American food is actually named after Germany's largest port city - its shortform name was used in the medieval era to refer to the legal inhabitants of a city.
2. Due to the presence of the chemical myristicin, this spice, commonly added in powdered form to eggnog, can have hallucinogenic properties if a large quantity is consumed raw.
3. This now-ubiquitous kitchen staple can be found growing on every continent except Antarctica, and was one of the first vegetables grown in space - they even grew on Mars in the 2015 film The Martian.
4. Scientist Kikunae Ikeda first proposed this taste in 1908 to describe the savoury flavour of foods high in glutamate. In the scientific and culinary world, it is now referred to by this Japanese word.
5. This edible spreadable was first created at the behest of French Emperor Napoleon III, who wanted a resilient dairy substitute created from beef fat that wouldn't spoil over the course of a long military campaign.

Category 2 - Name's the Same

6. The villain in Othello, or Jafar's parrot in Disney's Aladdin.
7. Michael Connolly's detective with a self-titled Amazon Prime TV series, or the Dutch Renaissance painter of The Garden of Earthly Delights.
8. The voice of Marlin in Pixar's Finding Nemo, or the physicist who wrote the mass-energy equivalence formula.
9. The fourth actress to play Catwoman on film, or Shakespeare's wife.
10. A New York cop and hero of Nakatomi Plaza, or the real name of a black-masked character in 2019's Death Stranding.

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Category 3 - Canada According to the Hip

11. The Tragically Hip song "Locked in the Trunk of a Car" is thought to pertain to the abduction and murder of Pierre Laporte by this group in October of 1970.
12. The Tragically Hip's "Three Pistols" name-drops this Canadian artist, not one of the Group of Seven but claimed as a major influence on them.
13. This Bath, Ontario prison, now home to Paul Bernardo and Bruce McArthur, is referenced in the Tragically Hip song "38 Years Old", where a prison break is changed from happening in '72 to '73, to better fit the rhyme.
14. The Hip song "Fifty Mission Cap" makes reference to the story of Bill Barilko, a hockey defenceman for this Canadian team who went missing in 1951 - his team didn't win a Stanley Cup until 1962, when his body was found and buried in his hometown of Timmins, Ontario.
15. The Tragically Hip's "Looking for a Place to Happen" makes reference to this sixteenthcentury French explorer and serial kidnapper, who was the first European to sail up the St. Lawrence River, and named Canada due to a miscommunication with its Indigenous inhabitants.

Category 4 - Sports on Film

16. Margot Robbie played the title role in a 2017 film chronicling the life and professional career of this controversial American figure skater.
17. This 2008 sports comedy starred Will Farrell as Jackie Moon, one-hit-wonder singer and the owner, head coach and power forward of the fictional Flint Tropics during the 1976 ABANBA league merger.
18. This 1991 film stars Keanu Reeves as an undercover FBI agent attempting to infiltrate a gang of bank-robbing surfers.
19. Donnie Yen played the title role in this 2008 film, which chronicled the life of Bruce Lee's teacher, a grandmaster of the Wing Chun martial arts.
20. Luca Guadagnino directed this 2024 romantic sports drama, which focuses on a love triangle between three professional tennis players, culminating in a showdown at the eponymous event.

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Category 5 - Shakespeare Adaptations

21. Baz Luhrmann adapted this Shakespeare play to a modern setting in 1996, swapping rapiers and daggers for pistols, and starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Clair Danes in the leading roles.
22. George Lucas was both writer and executive producer of this 2015 animated jukebox musical, which was named after an ELO song and based on the plot of A Midsummer Night's Dream.
23. Director Akira Kurosawa adapted this Shakespeare play as his final epic, Ran, in 1985, in which an elderly daimyo deals with the fallout of dividing his lands amongst his feuding children.
24. Ian McKellen plays the title character in this 1995 update of a Shakespeare play, recasting the central character as a fascist military leader in an WWII-era civil war.
25. Ralph Fiennes plays the titular traitorous war hero in the only film adaptation of this Shakespeare play, which also moves the action from Rome to the Yugoslav Wars-era Balkans.

Category 6 - Colours

26. This colour is not on the flag of the Netherlands, but is nevertheless associated with the country due to it also being the name of the noble house which founded the nation, and from which the current king descends.
27. This sea, an inlet of the Indian Ocean, is theorized to get its name from the algae blooms which seasonally colour its waters.
28. This plant, with the scientific name curcuma longa, is harvested for its roots, which, when ground up, produce a striking yellow powder that is used for both food colouring and flavour in South Asian cuisine.
29. In Quentin Tarantino's 1992 film Reservoir Dogs, Steve Buscemi plays a character known only by a codename derived from this colour, which he initially objects to.
30. This pigment, in reality a coating of vertically-aligned nanotube arrays, was first unveiled to the public in 2014, and creates a pitch-black colour by absorbing and trapping incoming light.

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Category 7 - Famous Archers

31. This Swiss folk hero was an expert archer and marksman, and despite his vital role in the rebellion which created the predecessor to modern Switzerland, he is perhaps most famous for the story where he shot an apple off of his son's head.
32. This famous archer and crusader has been played on film by Kevin Costner, Cary Elwes and Russell Crowe, among many others, and continues to be a popular symbol of revolt.
33. King Henry V used the longbow skills of his English archers to great effect at this decisive battle in the Hundred Years' War - a neighbourhood in northeast Toronto bears its name.
34. This Greek god, among his numerous attributes and domains, is also one of the patrons of archery along with his twin, using his bow to deliver plagues to the world of mortals.
35. This hero of the Mahābhārata is the son of Indra, and famed for his prowess as an archer, and also for his central role in the Bhagavad Gita, one of the most prominent sacred Hindu texts.

Category 8 - Music

36. Bob Marley and the Wailers released this song on their eighth studio album, Rastaman Vibrations - the lyrics are almost entirely taken from a speech delivered by Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie I to the United Nations.
37. The Black Sabbath album Paranoid was originally going to take its title from this opening track - this is still reflected in the album artwork, which depicts a distorted police officer with a sword and shield.
38. This Guns N' Roses song was first featured on a 1990 charity album - it was later released on Use Your Illusion II, and features an intro sampled from the 1967 film Cool Hand Luke.
39. Edwin Starr had a number-one hit in 1970 with a Motown re-recording of a 1969 song by The Temptations, who did not want to risk their reputation and fanbase by releasing an overt protest song.
40. This genre-blending American band had a major hit with "Low Rider", which was later sampled by the Beastie Boys and Korn, and featured in the films Up in Smoke and Dazed and Confused.

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Category 9 - Sports Nicknames

41. This black-clad racecar driver was known as "the Intimidator" for his aggressive driving style, which saw him win 76 Winston Cup races before his death in 2001.
42. NBA player Daron Oshay Blaylock was better known by this nickname - the members of Pearl Jam originally wanted to name their band after him, settling instead on naming their first album Ten, after his jersey number.
43. Considered one of the greatest soccer players of all time, Edson Arantes do Nascimento was most commonly known by this nickname.
44. This paralympic athlete and convicted murderer was known on the track as the "Blade Runner", and "Oz".
45. This professional basketball player and occasional Papa John's Pizza spokesman attempted to give himself the nickname "Big Aristotle" in the year 2000 - it didn't stick.

Category 10 - Palindromes

46. A Canadian power trio released this album in 1976 - it saw them move towards progressive rock, and featured "The Twilight Zone" and "A Passage to Bangkok" in addition to the title track.
47. This Scandinavian disco quartet was formed in Stockholm in 1972, and found success for a decade until disbanding in 1982. Their band name was formed from the first initials of the band members.
48. This Christopher Nolan film took plot events and character names from a famous Latin inscription known as the Sator stone, composed of a square palindrome - the film's title, as well as the film's structure, are also palindromes.
49. Name one of the five Pokémon with palindromes for names - of these, only one is from the first generation, although it has received a new evolution with almost every subsequent generation.
50. The palindrome sentence, "Able was I, ere I saw Elba", is often incorrectly attributed to this exiled French politician - no record exists of him composing it.

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Category 11 - Interesting Instruments

51. This instrument takes its name from the German word for a concord of sounds, and operates as an aerophone, or an instrument that is played by forcing air through it, with numerous keys directing the flow of air and changing the sound.
52. This instrument is a member of the woodwind family, and some of the oldest examples from China may be from 10,000 BC. It is famously played by the protagonist, Link, in a 1998 game in the Legend of Zelda series.
53. This stringed medieval instrument works by operating a hand crank to turn a wheel which, in turn, plays strings much like a violin - a keyboard operates tangents which strike the strings, allowing one to play a melody.
54. This electrical instrument, referred to by its creator as an aetherphone, is now more commonly known by the last name of its inventor - it is played by moving one's hand around two antennas, producing an eerie sound commonly associated with science fiction or aliens.
55. Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote a poem titled after this stringed musical instrument, named after the Greek god of the wind, which was most often tuned and then set in front of a window, so that the wind might play it independently.

Category 12 - Pulp Fiction

56. Edgar Rice Burroughs wrote eleven books centring on the adventures of this Civil War veteran, transported by "astral projection" to Mars, known as Barsoom by its native inhabitants - Disney attempted a live-action film simply titled as the character's name in 2012.
57. Robert E. Howard wrote numerous stories, first published in pulp magazines, about this hero's adventures in the Hyborian Age, between the fall of Atlantis and the start of recorded history. John Milius would write and direct a successful film adaptation in 1982.
58. This pulp sci-fi hero is an Earth athlete who principally fought against Ming the Merciless, emperor of the planet Mongo - his comic strip was one of the most popular in the 1930's, and was adapted into a 1980 film with a soundtrack by the band Queen.
59. Robert E. Heinlein wrote this sci-fi novel in 1959, depicting a far-future fascist Earth locked in a never-ending war with a hostile alien species known only as "Bugs" - it was adapted, and satirized, in a cult-classic 1997 Paul Verhoeven film.
60. This pulp detective character originated as the narrator of a radio show, beginning each broadcast with an ominous laugh, asking "who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men?" - he would go on to star in his own magazine and comic series.

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	Difficulty
1. Hamburger.	0.0%
2. Nutmeg.	10.0%
3. Potatoes.	20.0%
4. Umami.	0.0%
5. Margarine.	50.0%
6. Iago.	30.0%
7. Bosch (Hieronymus Bosch).	40.0%
8. Albert Einstein	50.0%
9. Anne Hathaway.	20.0%
10. John McClane.	20.0%
11. The FLQ.	20.0%
12. Thom Thompson.	40.0%
13. Millhaven.	50.0%
14. The Toronto Maple Leafs.	40.0%
15. Jacques Cartier.	50.0%
16. Tonya Harding (I, Tonya).	10.0%
17. Semi-Pro.	60.0%
18. Point Break.	30.0%
19. Ip Man.	60.0%
20. Challengers.	50.0%

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	Difficulty
21. Romeo and Juliet (Romeo + Juliet).	10.0%
22. Strange Magic.	80.0%
23. King Lear.	40.0%
24. Richard III.	90.0%
25. Coriolanus.	90.0%
26. Orange.	20.0%
27. The Red Sea.	20.0%
28. Turmeric.	10.0%
29. Mr. Pink.	10.0%
30. Vantablack.	30.0%
31. William Tell.	30.0%
32. Robin Hood.	0.0%
33. Agincourt.	50.0%
34. Apollo.	30.0%
35. Arjuna.	90.0%
36. "War".	100.0%
37. "War Pigs".	70.0%
38. "Civil War".	80.0%
39. "War".	50.0%
40. War.	60.0%

	Difficulty
41. Dale Earnhardt (Senior).	70.0%
42. Mookie (Mookie Blaylock).	60.0%
43. Pelé.	30.0%
44. Oscar Pistorius.	20.0%
45. Shaquille O'Neal.	30.0%
46. 2112	60.0%
47. ABBA.	10.0%
48. Tenet.	50.0%
49. Eevee, Ho-oh, Girafarig, Farigiraf, Alomomola.	20.0%
50. Napoleon I.	10.0%
51. Accordion.	40.0%
52. Ocarina.	30.0%
53. Hurdy-gurdy (organistrum).	80.0%
54. Theremin.	20.0%
55. Aeolian harp.	90.0%
56. John Carter.	50.0%
57. Conan the Barbarian.	50.0%
58. Flash Gordon.	30.0%
59. Starship Troopers.	50.0%
60. The Shadow.	60.0%

Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Avg difficulty	16.0%	32.0%	40.0%	42.0%	62.0%	18.0%	40.0%	72.0%	42.0%	30.0%	52.0%	48.0%

Round	1	2	3
Avg difficulty	32.5%	48.0%	43.0%

Question difficulty	Easy (0-33%)	Medium (34-66%)	Hard (67-100%)
% of game	46.7%	36.7%	16.7%

Extreme Questions	Everyone got it	No one got it
% of game	5.0%	1.7%

General Categories	ART	CUL	ENT	GAM	GEO	HIS	LIT	MIX	MUS	NAT	SCI	SPO
Asked	3	8	18	3	3	10	13	10	17	1	1	12
% of game	5.0%	13.3%	30.0%	5.0%	5.0%	16.7%	21.7%	16.7%	28.3%	1.7%	1.6%	20.0%
Avg difficulty	36.7%	30.0%	44.8%	23.3%	20.0%	38.0%	53.1%	24.0%	53.2%	10.0%	50.0%	39.2%

Team size (players)	1	2	3	4	4+	TTL teams (TTL players)
# of teams	--	3	5	2	--	10 (29)
Avg score	--	27.7	41.8	30.5	--	35.3