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### Categories

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Video Games	Canada Rocks	Restaurants
Optics	Name's the Same	Alliterative Massacres
First Ladies	Comedy	Enter the Millennium
Compound Words	In the Navy	Sequence

### Results

Rank	Team	1	2	3	Final
1	Actors, Comedians, and Clows	17	16	19	52
2	Born in Alberta	14	17	18	49
3	Nope	16	12	17	45
	6th Roof Over	13	19	13	45
5	Houston, We have a Problem	14	13	14	41
6	Alexander's Ragtime Band	13	15	8	36
7	Hurry Hard	8	11	9	28
8	Track 4	7	3	4	14
AVERAGE		12.8	13.3	12.8	38.8

## Round 1

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### Category 1 - Video Games

1. This classic video game character is known in Japan as Rockman - he's also sometimes referred to as "the Blue Bomber".
2. This video game console, launched in 1988, was originally known as the Mega Drive - in North America, it instead shares a name with a book of the Bible.
3. Game of Thrones author George R. R. Martin collaborated with developer From Software to create this much-anticipated 2022 open world action-RPG, which was acclaimed by many publications as the game of the year.
4. Highlighted as kickstarting the "cozy games" trend, this 2016 indie hit is one of the bestselling video games of all time - developer Eric Barone drew inspiration for it from previous series like Harvest Moon.
5. UK game show Time Commanders featured contestants squaring off in historic battles in this strategy game series, which features installments set in feudal Japan, ancient Rome, the Middle Ages, and the Warhammer universe.

### Category 2 - Optics

6. A popular myth states that this pioneer of optics technology, at the conclusion of a trial forcing him to recant his scientific findings, stated "and yet it moves", in reference to the Earth.
7. Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first scientists to develop a theory of colour based on his use of a dispersing prism - this classic rock album's cover very prominently illustrates this experiment.
8. The "red eye" effect seen in photographs is the result of a bright camera flash briefly illuminating this blood-filled structure in the eye.
9. This children's toy was first patented in 1817, and uses a tube filled with mirrors to create fascinating fractal patterns.
10. In Greek mythology, the hundred-eyed sentinel Argus was slain by the god Hermes - in memory of her servant, the goddess Hera preserved his eyes in the tail of this animal.

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### Category 3 - First Ladies

11. This American was only the third woman in space, but possibly the first to have been LGBTQ, a fact which only emerged after her 2012 death from pancreatic cancer.
12. The Simon & Garfunkel song "Mrs. Robinson" was originally titled for and written about this prominent First Lady, who had a hand in the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
13. 1966 saw the election of this politician, the first and, to date, only woman who has held the office of Prime Minister in the country of India.
14. This driver, sponsored by GoDaddy.com, became the first woman to win an IndyCar Series race, and holds the record for the best finishing time for a female driver at NASCAR's Daytona 500.
15. Around 1021 AD, female courtier Murasaki Shikibu created the Genji Monogatari, considered to be the world's first example of this.

### Category 4 - Compound Words

16. This compound word, often associated with November 5th in England, is thought to originate from the pyres constructed to dispose of human remains, or to burn accused witches.
17. This word for the tiny individual elements that a digital image is built from is actually a compound word, created by combining syllables from "picture" and "element".
18. Although one might think it is a compound word, this popular autumn berry's name does not come from a recognizable English word when separated from its suffix.
19. This common compound word is used as the company name for both a large investor and a security service, but its first part doesn't refer to a vehicle - it originally referred to the lead unit of an army.
20. Don Quixote famously fought against these stereotypically Dutch compound word structures, imagining them to be giants.

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### Category 5 - Canada Rocks

21. This Canadian punk band originally performed as Pezz until 2001, when they changed their name to what they are now known as, taking it from the guitarist in the novel and film *Hard Core Logo*.
22. This Canadian band takes its name from a stereotypically British activity, but play a fusion of Middle Eastern rock that was dubbed "Moroccan Roll" by the music press.
23. The Edmonton Oilers 2025 playoff run was punctuated by ads which prominently featured a hit single from this power trio, who played a pre-game show before the Stanley Cup finals in Edmonton.
24. According to schoolyard rumour, a ticket to a concert featuring Curtis Jackson III and this Canadian band would only cost 45 cents.
25. Hailing from Halifax, this springtime Canadian band "liked to rock", and was led by Myles Goodwyn from 1969 until his death in 2023.

### Category 6 - Name's the Same

26. A way in, or to mesmerize someone.
27. The most famous vehicle in *Monster Jam*, or a churchyard sexton.
28. A part of the city where illicit activity and prostitution are openly available, or a 2004 album by Ludacris.
29. An epic tale of the Viking Age, or the Canadian band with the single "Scratching the Surface".
30. A tool for mixing paints, or a standardized portable platform.

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### Category 7 - Comedy

31. This actor, native to Regina, Saskatchewan, began his career in films like *The Forbidden Planet*, but ended it in a succession of comedy roles hinging on his deadpan persona. He's serious, but don't call him Shirley.
32. This avant-garde performer described himself as an anti-comedian, and would often adopt different stage personas, like the loathsome lounge singer Tony Clifton.
33. One of the few Shakespeare characters to appear in three different plays, this oafish knight was based on the real Sir John Oldcastle, whose descendant forced Shakespeare to change the character's name to what he is now most known as.
34. This funnyman from Newmarket was the highest-paid actor in the world in 2004, with annual earnings of \$66 million, the same year that he starred in *A Series of Unfortunate Events*.
35. Athenian playwright Aristophanes skewered many public figures in his plays, but the satire "The Clouds" was directed in particular against this famous Athenian, who is depicted as taking the youth of Athens away to his "Thinkery" to fill them full of useless knowledge.

### Category 8 - In the Navy

36. The arms race which would start World War I was kicked off by the British, who built this ship and provoked immense panic amongst their peers on the world stage.
37. This unit of measure derived from a means of gauging speed at sea, whereby a device known as a chip log was thrown overboard, attached to a rope with ties at multiple intervals.
38. The starboard side of a ship is so named because it is where this device was traditionally located on ancient vessels.
39. This admiral and hero of the British Navy died at the Battle of Trafalgar, giving the British a much-needed win in the Napoleonic Wars, and was honoured with a column and statue in London's rechristened Trafalgar Square in 1840.
40. This nation and former sea power built the largest and most heavily-armed battleship ever, which displaced 72,000 tonnes of water, and was armed with nine 46cm guns.

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### Category 9 - Restaurants

41. In their efforts to make a million dollars before they turned 50, two brothers opened the first location of this fast-food franchise in California in the 1940s, whose mascot was, at the time, a hamburger-headed chef known as "Speedee".
42. This seafood restaurant, specializing in shrimp, was created in partnership with Paramount Pictures, and opened its first location in 1996, two years after the film it took its name from premiered.
43. Despite taking its name from an American city, this restaurant chain is Canadian, and was founded in Edmonton, Alberta in 1964. They go by a different name internationally, where they were required to add an apostrophe and "s".
44. Sylvester Stallone, Bruce Willis, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Wesley Snipes were all shareholders in this film-themed restaurant, which opened its first location in 1991 and has only three locations left as of 2025 - in Disney World, Times Square, and Qatar.
45. This American pizza chain delivered an advertising oddity in the 1980s with "The Noid", a red spandex-clad character attempting to thwart the on-time delivery of the chain's pizzas.

### Category 10 - Alliterative Massacres

46. The terrain feature dubbed Hill 937 was instead given this unappetizing nickname in the Vietnam War, due to what human remains looked like under sustained automatic fire.
47. Occurring just months before the Branch Davidian siege at Waco, this alliterative Idaho mountainside played host to a deadly altercation between a survivalist militia and the FBI.
48. 212 BC saw the capture of this Sicilian city by the Roman Army during the Second Punic War, after three years of resistance due in no small part to the ingenious defences devised by its most famous resident, Archimedes.
49. The Wars of the Roses effectively ended with this 1485 battle, in which Richard III was slain, with his remains later being found beneath a parking lot near the theorized location of the battlefield.
50. The Schwerer Gustav, the largest artillery gun ever built, was deployed for the siege of this Russian port city on the Black Sea in World War II, after which only 11 undamaged buildings remained.

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### Category 11 - Enter the Millennium

51. While Will Smith played the title role on the long-running Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, his musical partner had a frequent recurring role, appearing under this stage name.
52. Music piracy took off in the 90s, and the turn of the millennium saw Metallica filing a lawsuit against this major host website, which subsequently declared bankruptcy in 2002.
53. This Microsoft Office virtual assistant gave users headaches when he was active from 2000-2003, but made a comeback in 2025 as the symbol of right-to-repair legislation.
54. This Canadian show premiered in 1994 in the early days of computer animation, and ran until 2001, chronicling the inner world of a computer, with programs fighting against viruses.
55. The mid-90s saw the introduction of this toy on the market, which was a handheld version of a Simon Says-type game, and came in an "Extreme" version, which resembled a steering wheel.

### Category 12 - Sequence

56. If you were to ask the question, "Are we not men?", the appropriate answer would be "We are" this avant-garde new wave band, the members of which wore red "energy domes" in several of their iconic looks.
57. Mark Mothersbaugh wrote the soundtrack to the first three installments of this video game platformer series, starring an orange-furred mascot marketed as Sony's answer to Nintendo's Mario.
58. Video game developer Naughty Dog would find critical and commercial success with this 2013 video game, which would later be turned into an HBO TV series.
59. Matt Damon and Pedro Pascal played medieval European mercenaries caught in a war with extraterrestrials in this big-budget sci-fi action film from 2016.
60. This author, famed for their cosmic horror stories, wrote "Pickman's Model" in 1927, hinting at the existence of a devolved group of humanoid cannibals in the catacombs of Boston.

## Bonus Round

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### Lightning Death Round

61. The capital of Hell in John Milton's *Paradise Lost* is named this, a Greek phrase which means "all of the demons".
62. This language was created in 1887 to serve as a true "international" language, and its name means "one who hopes".
63. If you're using "basic" as an acronym, you would be referring to a type of this, created in 1964 to enable non-science students to use computers without creating custom programs.
64. The name for this character class in *Dungeons & Dragons* comes from the Carolingian Empire, where it merely meant "of the palace", referring to Charlemagne's most elite knights.
65. This Renaissance artist and pioneer of the chiaroscuro technique made enemies nearly everywhere he went – he depicted his own severed head in the painting *David with the Head of Goliath*.
66. In the 1998 video game *Metal Gear Solid*, the boss Psycho Mantis reads your PlayStation's memory card, and will react if data is present from three possible games. Name one!
67. Andrei Tarkovsky adapted the Strugatsky Brothers' novel "Roadside Picnic" as this film, titled after the protagonist's profession.
68. *Scars on Broadway* is the solo project of Daron Malakian, a guitarist, vocalist and multi-instrumentalist most known for his work with this genre-defying band of the late 90s and early 2000s.
69. The Penrose Stairs are a theoretical object consisting of an infinite staircase that cannot exist in standard Euclidean geometry – they play a role in this 2010 Christopher Nolan film.
70. Ted Nelson coined the word "hypertext" to describe the kind of enriched document now common on the Internet with embedded links, and had a failed project to develop a parallel internet which shared the same name as a fabled location in a Samuel Taylor Coleridge poem.

**Answers Round 1**

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	Difficulty
1. Mega Man.	50.0%
2. Sega Genesis.	25.0%
3. Elden Ring.	75.0%
4. Stardew Valley.	62.5%
5. Total War.	87.5%
6. Galileo Galilei.	25.0%
7. Dark Side of the Moon.	0.0%
8. Retina.	50.0%
9. Kaleidoscope.	0.0%
10. Peacock.	25.0%
11. Sally Ride.	37.5%
12. Eleanor Roosevelt.	37.5%
13. Indira Gandhi.	25.0%
14. Danica Patrick.	12.5%
15. A novel.	75.0%
16. Bonfire.	50.0%
17. Pixel.	0.0%
18. Cranberry (mulberry).	12.5%
19. Vanguard.	62.5%
20. Windmill(s).	12.5%

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	Difficulty
21. Billy Talent.	50.0%
22. The Tea Party.	12.5%
23. Triumph.	75.0%
24. Nickelback.	37.5%
25. April Wine.	37.5%
26. Entrance.	0.0%
27. Grave Digger.	12.5%
28. Red-light district.	0.0%
29. Saga.	25.0%
30. Pallet (palette).	37.5%
31. Leslie Nielsen.	12.5%
32. Andy Kaufman.	25.0%
33. Falstaff.	37.5%
34. Jim Carrey.	12.5%
35. Socrates.	50.0%
36. HMS Dreadnought.	50.0%
37. Knot.	12.5%
38. Steering oar (steerage).	100.0%
39. Horatio Nelson.	37.5%
40. Japan.	50.0%

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	Difficulty
41. McDonald's.	37.5%
42. Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.	0.0%
43. Boston Pizza.	0.0%
44. Planet Hollywood.	37.5%
45. Domino's Pizza.	12.5%
46. Hamburger Hill.	12.5%
47. Ruby Ridge.	62.5%
48. Siege of Syracuse.	62.5%
49. Battle of Bosworth.	37.5%
50. Siege of Sevastopol.	87.5%
51. Jazz (DJ Jazzy Jeff).	25.0%
52. Napster.	12.5%
53. Clippit (Clippy).	37.5%
54. ReBoot.	50.0%
55. Bop-it.	37.5%
56. Devo.	12.5%
57. Crash Bandicoot.	62.5%
58. The Last of Us.	37.5%
59. The Great Wall.	75.0%
60. H. P. Lovecraft.	50.0%

**Answers Lightning Death Round**

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61. Pandaemonium.
62. Esperanto.
63. Programming language.
64. Paladin.
65. Caravaggio.
66. Castlevania, Symphony of the Night, Vandal Hearts, Suikoden.
67. Stalker.
68. System of a Down.
69. Inception.
70. Xanadu

Game Stats

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Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Avg difficulty	60.0%	20.0%	37.5%	27.5%	42.5%	15.0%	27.5%	50.0%	17.5%	52.5%	32.5%	80.8%

Round	1	2	3
Avg difficulty	36.3%	33.7%	57.5%

Question difficulty	Easy (0-33%)	Medium (34-66%)	Hard (67-100%)
% of game	45.7%	38.6%	12.9%

Extreme Questions	Everyone got it	No one got it
% of game	18.6%	4.3%

General Categories	ART	CUL	ENT	GAM	GEO	HIS	LIT	MIX	MUS	NAT	SCI	SPO
Asked	3	18	11	9	0	13	8	30	11	0	9	2
% of game	4.3%	25.7%	15.7%	12.9%	0.0%	18.6%	11.4%	42.9%	15.7%	0.0%	12.9%	2.9%
Avg difficulty	17.6%	29.9%	36.6%	63.1%	--	45.2%	56.0%	41.2%	33.0%	--	23.1%	43.8%

Team size (players)	1	2	3	4	4+	TTL teams (TTL players)
# of teams	--	--	4	4	--	8 (28)
Avg score	--	--	45.5	32	--	38.8