

January 14, 2026

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Categories

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| January | Films Within Films | Cover Songs |
| Canadian Restaurants | Acro-Names | Originals |
| Sports | Show Me the Money | Famous Ships |
| Science! | Art | War! |

Results

| Rank | Team | 1 | 2 | 3 | Final |
|----------------|--------------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1 | Mohs Money Mohs Problems | 19 | 18 | 15 | 52 |
| 2 | Spirit of Radio | 18 | 14 | 18 | 50 |
| 3 | Laff-a-lympics | 16 | 11 | 18 | 45 |
| 4 | Two for the Show | 16 | 10 | 9 | 35 |
| 5 | Golden | 15 | 7 | 7 | 29 |
| 6 | Cody Simpson | 15 | 10 | 3 | 28 |
| AVERAGE | | 16.5 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 39.8 |

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Category 1 - January

1. The Roman temple to this god of transitions had its gates closed in peacetime, but open whenever war was declared.
2. In January of 49 BC, Julius Caesar crossed this river, marking the beginning of a Roman civil war and giving rise to a particular idiom.
3. This famous figure has an American federal holiday named after them - they actually had a birthday on January the 15th, but the holiday is celebrated on the third Monday of January - in 2026, it will fall on the 19th.
4. In Spain, it is traditional to eat 12 of this food item, one for each bell that tolls at midnight on New Year's Eve.
5. The United Nations uses the fourth of January to commemorate this system of writing, designed to allow the blind to read.

Category 2 - Canadian Restaurants

6. This Canadian restaurant borrows its name from a New England capital, and was founded in Edmonton, Alberta in 1964. In the States, it goes by a slightly different name in order to avoid associations with its nominal city.
7. Despite also taking the name of a prominent East Coast city, this chain's Canadianness is betrayed by its many poutine offerings, although it was originally founded at the South Street Seaport.
8. Though the name of this restaurant evokes a European mountainside retreat, it was actually founded as a casual dining chain in 1954 in Toronto, Ontario.
9. This Canadian bar and grill chain was founded in 1992, and uses the name of the "Gateway to the West" to sell its "devilishly good" spicy wings and ribs.
10. This Canadian restaurant takes the name of a Midwestern state to serve Southern-style barbeque fare, and is headquartered in Vaughan, Ontario.

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Category 3 - Sports

11. Legendary hockey player Gordie Howe has his own special "hat trick" named after him, considered accomplished when a player performs these three actions in one game.
12. UFC promoter Dana White landed himself in hot water in 2023 for promoting a competitive league based solely around this combat "sport", which many athletes and professionals warned would lead to severe concussions.
13. This team-based sporting event is likely older than recorded history itself, and is the only sport to have featured in both the Olympics and Squid Game.
14. Player shortages during World War II forced these two currently-active NFL teams to temporarily merge into the "Steagles" in 1943.
15. This sport, the second-most popular in the world, will return as an Olympic sport in the 2028 LA Olympics, only being played once before in the 1900 Olympics, with only two nations, Britain and France, competing.

Category 4 - Science!

16. This object appears to be roughly the same size as the Sun in our sky, despite being over 400 times smaller.
17. Nuclear reactors use fusion to create power - nuclear weapons operate on a different principle, the splitting of the atom, known as this.
18. The second law of thermodynamics states that there is a finite amount of this in the universe - a part of Einstein's relativity equation, it cannot be created, and can only ever be "exchanged".
19. A 2012 experiment at the Large Hadron Collider sparked apocalyptic fears of creating a black hole, but was actually designed to find this elementary "God particle".
20. What is the name of the scale of hardness used to measure minerals (and, occasionally facetiously, heavy metal music)?

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Category 5 - Films Within Films

21. The production crew on this film had fun making a fictional gangster film, *Angels with Filthy Souls*, which the protagonist uses to his benefit on multiple occasions.
22. This film is a film-within-a-film-within-a-film, chronicling the disastrous production of a war movie based on the memoirs of fake Vietnam vet Four-Leaf Tayback.
23. The Paris premiere of *Stolz der nation*, or "Nation's Pride", is the target of Operation Kino in this film's fictionalized version of World War II.
24. The title character, played by Rowan Atkinson, crashes the Cannes film festival and inserts his own camcorder footage by accident into a pretentious documentary in this film's climax.
25. Three films were made out of the fake trailers which bracket this Quentin Tarantino/Robert Rodriguez collaboration double feature, including *Hobo With a Shotgun*, *Machete*, and *Thanksgiving*.

Category 6 - Acro-Names

26. The acronym "HRH" refers to this specific person, in Canada, at least.
27. Born Christopher Wallace, this New York music artist was better known by this infamous acronym stage name.
28. This band is often thought to have a common optical acronym as their name, referencing a state of sleep - the band frontman, however, denies that the name has any meaning.
29. This American president, better known by his initials, spent most of his inheritance money on a hydrotherapy clinic in Warm Springs, Georgia, and was instrumental in the development and proliferation of the polio vaccine.
30. This religious figure is often referred to in English texts as, or accompanied by, the acronym PBUH.

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Category 7 - Show Me the Money

31. This currency was minted between 1663 and 1814, and was approximately one quarter-ounce of gold, and shares its name with the country where most of Britain's gold was mined.
32. Despite coming from a very small city-state, this coin was common currency throughout medieval Europe, from the middle of the 13th century onward, and shares its name both with the city it was minted in, and a fictional country in *The Princess Bride*.
33. We get the English word for a military professional from this Roman coin, which was used to pay the wages of the Roman army.
34. The fourth-most traded currency on the foreign exchange, this is also the world's oldest currency, having been in circulation in one form or another since 775 AD.
35. This British rock band had a big hit with "Money", a bluesy song with an unusual $7/4$ time signature.

Category 8 - Art

36. This Renaissance artist is most famous for his paintings and sculptures, but also wrote poetry in his spare time, including one about how much his back hurt after being suspended in the air for so long painting one of his most famous works.
37. You can see Norman knights invading England, and Harold Godwinson getting shot in the eye, in this famous 11th-century work of embroidery.
38. This city in the Netherlands was the birthplace of Jan Vermeer, and is also known for its iconic pottery products in a striking blue.
39. This Edvard Munch painting, his most famous, was stolen from an Oslo museum in 1994 during the Witner Olympics, and held for a million-dollar ransom.
40. Diego Velazquez produced this self-portrait, and one of the most celebrated and analyzed Western paintings, in 1656, depicting himself painting the Spanish royal family.

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Category 9 - Cover Songs

What are the song titles of these covers? [Originally audio clips]

41. "How does it feel to treat me like you do? / When you've laid your hands upon me / And told me who you are"
42. "Mama, take this badge off of me / I can't use it anymore / It's getting dark, too dark to see"
43. "Who knows? Not me / We never lost control / You're face to face"
44. "Don't come a-hangin' around my door / I don't wanna see your face no more / I got more important things to do"
45. "Nobody on the road, nobody on the beach / I feel it in the air, the summer's out of reach"

Category 10 - Originals

Who are the original artists of the previous 5 original songs?

46. "How does it feel to treat me like you do? / When you've laid your hands upon me / And told me who you are"
47. "Mama, take this badge off of me / I can't use it anymore / It's getting dark, too dark to see"
48. "Who knows? Not me / We never lost control / You're face to face"
49. "Don't come a-hangin' around my door / I don't wanna see your face no more / I got more important things to do"
50. "Nobody on the road, nobody on the beach / I feel it in the air, the summer's out of reach"

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Category 11 - Famous Ships

51. This ship is one of the World War II-era Tribal-class destroyers, the "fightingest ship in the Canadian Navy", and is currently moored in Hamilton, Ontario as a museum ship.
52. This ship's name became infamous after it caused an environmental disaster in 1989 upon hitting a reef, spilling more than 10 million gallons of crude oil.
53. Named for a Central European mountain range, this ship was the first on the scene to rescue the survivors of the sinking of the Titanic.
54. Sailor and later samurai William Adams was one of the only survivors of the wreck of this Dutch ship, contracted by Rotterdam merchants to open trade with Japan's shogunate.
55. Greenpeace operated this former trawler as their flagship - the original was sunk in 1985 by remote explosives planted by the French secret service in an operation codenamed Satanique.

Category 12 - War!

56. This native of the island of Guernsey had a brief but prominent military career in Canada, dying in the opening shots of the Battle of Queenston Heights after leading a charge with his men.
57. General Douglas MacArthur was in favour of dropping an excess of nuclear bombs in the course of this war, leading to his being relieved of command by the President Truman.
58. This is the earliest conflict which is recorded on the Canadian National War Memorial in Ottawa, in which only 8,000 Canadian troops were deployed to support the British Empire.
59. The Night Attack on Targoviste was a battle fought against the Ottoman Empire by this Wallachian voivode and infamous torturer.
60. The Middle Ages is said to have ended with the climactic siege of this city in 1453 AD, one of the last remnants of the Roman Empire still in existence at the time.

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| | Difficulty |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. Janus. | 16.7% |
| 2. The Rubicon. | 33.3% |
| 3. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Day). | 33.3% |
| 4. Grapes. | 50.0% |
| 5. Braille. | 0.0% |
| 6. Boston Pizza. | 0.0% |
| 7. New York Fries. | 0.0% |
| 8. Swiss Chalet. | 0.0% |
| 9. St. Louis. | 16.7% |
| 10. Montana's. | 0.0% |
| 11. Goal, assist and a fight. | 16.7% |
| 12. Slapping (slap fight, Power Slap). | 33.3% |
| 13. Tug-of-war. | 33.3% |
| 14. Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles. | 0.0% |
| 15. Cricket. | 0.0% |
| 16. The Moon. | 0.0% |
| 17. Fission. | 0.0% |
| 18. Energy. | 16.7% |
| 19. The Higgs Boson. | 50.0% |
| 20. The Mohs scale. | 50.0% |

Answers Round 2

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| | Difficulty |
|---|-------------------|
| 21. Home Alone. | 16.7% |
| 22. Tropic Thunder. | 16.7% |
| 23. Inglourious Basterds. | 16.7% |
| 24. Mr. Bean's Holiday. | 16.7% |
| 25. Grindhouse (Planet Terror/Death Proof). | 50.0% |
| 26. The monarch (Charles III). | 16.7% |
| 27. The Notorious B. I. G. (Biggie Smalls) | 33.3% |
| 28. REM. | 0.0% |
| 29. Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR). | 33.3% |
| 30. The Prophet Muhammad. | 66.7% |
| 31. Guinea. | 66.7% |
| 32. Florin. | 83.3% |
| 33. Solidus. | 100.0% |
| 34. Pound sterling. | 83.3% |
| 35. Pink Floyd. | 50.0% |
| 36. Michelangelo. | 0.0% |
| 37. The Bayeux Tapestry | 66.7% |
| 38. Delft. | 33.3% |
| 39. The Scream. | 16.7% |
| 40. Las Meninas. | 66.7% |

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| | Difficulty |
|--|------------|
| 41. Blue Monday. | 66.7% |
| 42. Knockin' on Heaven's Door | 33.3% |
| 43. The Man Who Sold the World. | 33.3% |
| 44. American Woman. | 0.0% |
| 45. The Boys of Summer. | 16.7% |
| 46. New Order. | 66.7% |
| 47. Bob Dylan. | 50.0% |
| 48. David Bowie. | 16.7% |
| 49. The Guess Who. | 50.0% |
| 50. Don Henley. | 50.0% |
| 51. HMCS Haida. | 33.3% |
| 52. Exxon Valdez. | 33.3% |
| 53. Carpathia. | 33.3% |
| 54. Liefde. | 100.0% |
| 55. Rainbow Warrior. | 66.7% |
| 56. Sir Isaac Brock. | 33.3% |
| 57. Korean War. | 16.7% |
| 58. Boer War (Second Boer War). | 50.0% |
| 59. Vlad III Dracul (Dracula, Vlad the Impaler). | 16.7% |
| 60. Constantinople. | 66.7% |

Game Stats

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| Category | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|----------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Avg difficulty | 26.7% | 3.3% | 16.7% | 23.3% | 23.3% | 30.0% | 76.7% | 36.7% | 30.0% | 46.7% | 53.3% | 36.7% |

| Round | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Avg difficulty | 17.5% | 41.7% | 41.7% |

| Question difficulty | Easy (0-33%) | Medium (34-66%) | Hard (67-100%) |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| % of game | 43.3% | 36.7% | 20.0% |

| Extreme Questions | Everyone got it | No one got it |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| % of game | 20.0% | 3.3% |

| General Categories | ART | CUL | ENT | GAM | GEO | HIS | LIT | MIX | MUS | NAT | SCI | SPO |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Asked | 5 | 14 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| % of game | 8.3% | 23.3% | 11.7% | 0.0% | 1.7% | 31.7% | 0.0% | 8.3% | 23.3% | 0.0% | 8.3% | 8.3% |
| Avg difficulty | 36.7% | 38.1% | 33.3% | -- | 33.3% | 48.2% | -- | 30.0% | 34.9% | -- | 23.3% | 16.7% |

| Team size (players) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4+ | TTL teams (TTL players) |
|---------------------|----|------|------|----|------|-------------------------|
| # of teams | -- | 2 | 3 | -- | 1 | 6 (18) |
| Avg score | -- | 32.0 | 49.0 | -- | 28.0 | 39.8 |