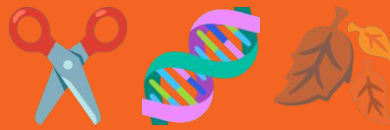

Fall 2026 Miracle on Splice III Invitational



How This is Going to Work

1. A speed-based seeding round
 2. Team creation
 3. Themed team rounds
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Speed Round

You're On Your Own!

1. There are 10 questions in this round.
 2. Set your Zoom chat to only send to me!
 3. Speed Quizzing Round 1 Rules: 2 points per correct answer, and 1 point to the fastest correct answer.
 4. I will read the question at the same time it appears on the slide. You can answer at any point once I start reading.
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A → Z
Letters

Question 1

Ping Bodie, born in San Francisco as Francesco Stephano Pezzolo, played for what city's MLB team in 1917, the original home of the Athletics?

Philadelphia

A → Z
Letters

Question 2

In an SNL sketch featuring Emma Stone, what Fisher Price playset is introduced for “sensitive young boys”?

Well (**W**ishing Well)

A → Z
Letters

Question 3



If you turn west off the Embarcadero onto this famous street, you'll suddenly be faced with, essentially, a cliff.

Luckily, the street continues at a new altitude before its eventual wiggle.

Lombard

1 2 3 4
Numbers

Question 4

In what year did the following events occur?

- Edmund Hillary & Tenzing Norgay summit Mt. Everest.
 - Laos becomes independent from France.
 - Georgia is the first state to approve a literature censorship board.
 - The first TV broadcast of the Academy Awards.
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1953

A → Z
Letters

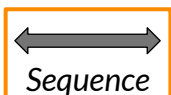


Question 5



Slow lorises can impart a toxic bite when they lick a gland on what body part, the secretion from which mixes with saliva to create the toxin?

Arm(pit)



Question 6

Place these bird species in order from smallest to largest average wingspan.

- A. Changeable hawk-eagle
 - B. Steller's sea eagle
 - C. Secretarybird
 - D. Snowy owl
 - E. Peregrine falcon
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A, E, D, C, B

- A. Changeable hawk-eagle (~2.4 feet)
- B. Steller's sea eagle (~7 feet median)
- C. Secretarybird (~6.5 feet)
- D. Snowy owl (~4.9 feet)
- E. Peregrine falcon (~3 feet)

A → Z
Letters

Question 7



This neat writing implement helps you easily draw 5 equidistant parallel staff lines for sheet music.



Rastrum
(Same root as “raster”)

A B C D
Multiple Choice

Question 8

Recall our guy Ping Bodie from Question 1.

In 1919, he won a spaghetti-eating contest against Percy, who was what kind of animal at the Jacksonville Zoo?

- A. Chimpanzee
 - B. Ostrich
 - C. Brown bear
 - D. Hyena
-

B

“He was declared the winner after finishing his 11th plate before Percy passed out while starting his.”

1 2 3 4
Numbers

Question 9

How many more questions does my remote trivia format have than a standard three rounds of Speed Quizzing?

1 more question ($10 + 36 = 46$, vs. $3 * 15 = 45$)

A → Z
Letters

Question 10

Peaking in relative YouTube popularity from 2013 to 2017 as one of the most viewed and subscribed channels, what's the given name of this popular Swedish gamer?

Felix Kjellberg (PewDiePie)

Themed Team Rounds

Nerds Who Imbibe

1. We have 6 themed rounds, each with 6 questions.
 2. Your team will have a spreadsheet for entering answers. Each round, you'll get a slide deck with the questions.
 3. I'll split you into breakout rooms to work on them, and we'll reconvene at the end of each round.
 4. You can apply a 2X Joker bonus to one round of your choosing, but you must decide before that round ends.
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Themes!

1. Latest and Greatest
 2. What's That Slang?
 3. Ms. Frizzle
 4. 🎵 Music Round 🎵 (Automatically worth double)
 5. Comfort with Ambiguity
 6. Anything Goes
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1. A round on famous dead people
2. Now that I'm thirty, I have to ask this question a lot.
3. It's all about The Magic School Bus
4. We know all about this.
5. These are all based on Wikipedia "disambiguation" pages
6. Like it says

Round 1

Latest and Greatest

Question 1

This Polish virtuoso pianist gave fewer than 30 public performances in his lifetime before dying of being generally sickly in the 1800s at the age of 39.

Frederic Chopin

Question 2

You know, Tim Curry and Mark have a lot in common, both having had major roles in productions of this Gilbert & Sullivan musical.

Pirates of Penzance

Question 3

This longest-lived United States president won the Nobel Peace Prize and published a book of poetry with illustrations by his granddaughter.

Jimmy Carter

Question 4

Pete Rose is a controversial baseball figure due to being caught gambling on his own games while as a player and manager. He's also the all-time leader in what batting statistic?

Technically Games, PAs, ABs, Hits

Question 5

You almost certainly read a book by this American author in high school, most known for his Great Depression-era literature.

When he won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1962, the *New York Times* described him as an author whose “limited talent is, in his best books, watered down by tenth-rate philosophising.”

John Steinbeck

Question 6

When Dolly Parton signed with Monument Records at the age of 19, they wouldn't let her record any country music because they worried what aspect of her wasn't suited to the genre?

Her high soprano voice

Round 2

What's That Slang?

A mix of modern and old phrases, sourced from all over

Question 1

Which adjective means “drunk”?

- crocked
 - hinkty
 - moosh
-

[crocked](#)

- hinkty is like “putting on airs/being fancy/snobbish”
- moosh is “nice/pleasant”

Question 2

According to the totally legit listicle “100+ Teen Slang Words and Phrases To Know in 2026”, what phrase is used to mean something you spend a lot of time thinking about?

Roman Empire

Question 3

As it turns out, a lot of slang references drinking.

The South African term *regmaker* refers to something to help with what?

A hangover

Question 4

Back to the totally legit listicle “100+ Teen Slang Words and Phrases To Know in 2026”.

Define “poggers”.

Exciting

Question 5

This fairly common term dating back to the 1800s means “the potential and actual victim of a con-man, a gullible person.”

mark

Question 6

We're expanding our vision to "Gen Z & Teen Slang: A Parent's Guide to 200+ Terms".

Define "mogging".

One- upping someone on appearance and attractiveness.

Round 3

Ms. Frizzle

A round all about "The Magic School Bus"

Question 1

What is Ms. Frizzle's first name?

Valerie

Question 2

In the original book series that predates the television show, Ms. Frizzle's class had 19 students!

How many students does she have in the PBS animated series?

Question 3

Which celebrity was not a guest star voice actor in the animated series?

- Alex Trebek
 - Betty White
 - Carol Channing
 - Dolly Parton
 - Eartha Kitt
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Betty White

- Alex played the "Show-and-tell host"
- Carol played Professor Cornelia C. Contralto II
- Dolly played Katrina Eloise "Murph" Murphy
- Earth played Mrs. Franklin, Keesha's grandmother

Question 4

In the episode “Rewing Up”, the class must diagnose and fix engine issues in the bus before it gets crushed at the junkyard.

It turns out most of the issues were caused by what food item?

Peanut butter

Question 5

In the episode “Inside Ralphie”, what nearly manages to destroy the bus and its riders?

White blood cell

Question 6

Which started first: The *Magic School Bus* books or the *Magic Tree House* books?

Magic School Bus, by 6 years

Round 4

  **Music Round**  

It's Basically Autumn

It may be the beginning of San Francisco summer, but all I notice are the leaves constant falling on the front porch.

I apologize that the lawn maintenance folks were outside my window while assembling this autumnal playlist.

For each song, give the **band or artist** for 1 point, and **song title** for 1 point.

Good luck!

[Link to songs](#)

**Safety slide in case I screw up trying
to click a link!!**

Answers

1. *September* by Earth, Wind & Fire — 1978
 2. *Wake Me Up When September Ends* by Green Day — 2004
 3. *November Rain* by Guns N' Roses — 1992
 4. *Sweater Weather* by The Neighbourhood — 2013
 5. *We're Going To Be Friends* by The White Stripes — 2002
 6. "Autumn" from *The Four Seasons* by Antonio Vivaldi — 1725
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Round 5

Comfort with Ambiguity

All about Wikipedia disambiguation pages

Question 1

A card, or a villain.

Joker

Question 2

A sport, or a sport.

Football

Question 3

A grain, or a university.

Rice

Question 4

A description in many STEM fields, or a YA book series.

Divergent

Question 5

A “foundation” in many contexts, or an extreme sport.

Base

Question 6

12 different films, 20 different albums or EPs, 35 different songs, and associated with the number 79.

Gold (its atomic number is 79)

Round 6

Anything Goes

Question 1

There is something for nerds of all stripes when discussing Königsberg, the old German city that is now Kaliningrad, Russia.

However, among math folks it is most well known for what architectural features?

7 bridges

Question 2

What movie is Roger Ebert reviewing here?

[The movie] doesn't think the audience is very bright. There is a scene that is absolutely wrong. In it, a lawyer[...] previews his courtroom strategy to his friends. The strategy then works as planned — which means that an element of surprise is missing from the most important moment in the movie, and the key scene[...] is undermined — robbed of suspense, and made inevitable.

A Few Good Men



Question 3

These sketches are early concept drawings for what video game character?

Knuckles the Echidna

Question 4

The Twin Peaks in San Francisco (allegedly) also go by what two names?

Eureka & Noe

Question 5

This thrice-weekly webcomic has used the same artwork for (nearly) every comic for over 20 years, only changing the dialogue.



Dinosaur Comics

Question 6

The Wikipedia page for this privately-held food supplier that operates nationwide, founded in Brooklyn in 1905, has a simple table of contents:

History

Fatalities linked to products

References

Boar's Head