
November 2024 Miracle on Splice Invitational



How This is Going to Work

1. A little warm up
 2. A speed-based seeding round
 3. Team creation
 4. Themed team rounds
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But First...

A group decision.

[Do I want this?](#)

Warm Up

Let's Sporcle it Up



1. I'll randomly ask someone to choose a category.
2. I'll randomly ask someone else to choose a letter.

[Classic Sporcle Quizzes](#)

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

This Minnesotan lost to Richard Nixon in the 1968 Presidential Election after serving one term as Lyndon B. Johnson's Vice President.

A → Z
Letters

Question 2

Manufacturer of all of your favorite mid-tier waterproof bluetooth speakers, JBL is headquartered in what California city?

A → Z
Letters



Question 3

Shown here as a child standing next to his dad, this chuckling actor has played characters in many animated films, including the *Kung Fu Panda* series, *Horton Hears a Who!*, *Monsters vs. Aliens*, *Sausage Party*, and that weird pseudo-realistic remake of *The Lion King*.

A B C D
Multiple Choice

Question 4

Often seen in crosswords, *hep* is synonymous with:

- A. Hap
 - B. Hip
 - C. Hop
 - D. Hup
 - E. Hype
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A → Z
Letters

Question 5

Caroline carefully clipped her cacti is an example of what literary device?



Question 6

Place these UCSF Nobel Prize laureates in chronological order of when they received their awards.

- A. Elizabeth Blackburn
 - B. David Julius
 - C. Stanley Prusiner
 - D. J. Michael Bishop & Harold Varmus
 - E. Shinya Yamanaka
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A B C D
Multiple Choice

Question 7

Which of these country music artists has never won a Grammy for Best Country Album?

- A. Alison Krauss
 - B. Blake Shelton
 - C. Chris Stapleton
 - D. Dixie Chicks / The Chicks
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1 2 3 4
Numbers

Question 8

In what year did the following events occur?

- The novel *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* was released.
 - Whoopi Goldberg joined *The View*.
 - Drew Carey began hosting *The Price is Right*.
 - A man was kicked into a large hole on the big screen with the release of Zack Snyder's *300*.
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A → Z
Letters

Question 9

Eugene “Gene” Friend took to what profession after graduating from UC Berkeley in 1938, earning a mix of criticism and excitement from locals with his family store’s sale of zoot suits?

1 2 3 4
Numbers

Question 10

How many Spider-Man films have featured Tobey Maguire?

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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Round 1
The Jock Team

Question 1

The Minnesota Twins moved to Minnesota in 1961, a relocation of which franchise?

- A. Cleveland Spiders
 - B. Washington Senators
 - C. St. Louis Browns
 - D. Providence Grays
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Question 2

Former NFL quarterback and semi-obnoxious commentator
Troy Aikman attended which California university?

Question 3

The Stanley Cup was established in 1915. Which Canada-based NHL franchise has won the most?

Question 4

In American football discussions, what does the phrase “scorigami” refer to?

Question 5

With the son managing the feat last week, what father-son NBA duo are the first to each record a triple-double?

Question 6

Mike Tyson boxed in 58 Heavyweight matches during his career. How many of these were a victory by knockout?

- A. 24
 - B. 34
 - C. 44
 - D. 54
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Round 2

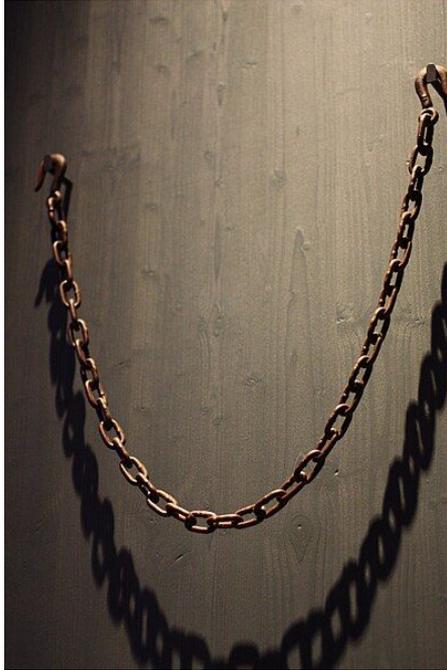
Nerd Alert

Question 1

Though often used in the context of acidity, this chemical procedure more generally refers to a method for determining the concentration of a substance in solution.

Question 2

A heavy rope or chain hanging under its own weight from two endpoints forms what mathematical curve?



Question 3

According to one hypothesis, what involuntary physical reflex evolved to allow greater milk consumption among mammals by expelling air bubbles from the stomach?

Question 4

As nerds, we all know, love, and love to hate pedants. Which of the following professions was *pedant* a synonym for in the past?

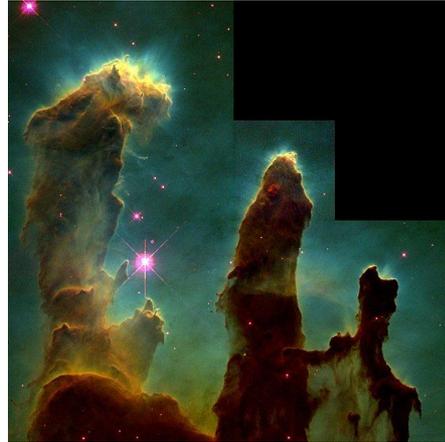
- A. Teacher
 - B. Lawyer
 - C. Doctor
 - D. Scientist
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Question 5

Now extinct, the only species in the genus *Pinguinus* is what arctic-dwelling flightless bird?

Question 6

What is the title of this famous Hubble Space Telescope image of elephant trunks of interstellar gas in the Eagle Nebula?



Round 3

Movie Buff

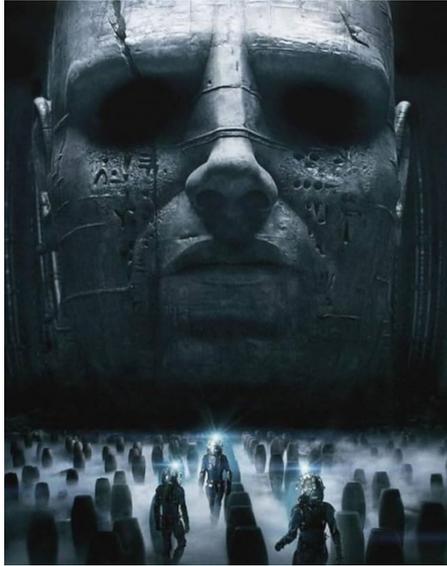
Question 1

In *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*, what piece of sports equipment accidentally triggers the ray gun in the attic?

Question 2

Steven Soderbergh was brought on to direct *Magic Mike* after being fired from the production of what 2011 biographical sports drama starting with the same letter?

Question 3



Sarcastically known online for its “School of Running Away From Things,” name the movie whose poster is (mostly) shown here.

Question 4

Nosferatu (1922) is a famous German film adaptation/retelling of *Dracula*. However, “Nosferatu” is not the given name of the main vampiric character. It was actually:

- A. Herr Culadra
 - B. Burgrave Meinert
 - C. Herzog Ferat
 - D. Count Orlok
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Question 5

In one of the opening scenes of *Top Gun: Maverick*, the titular Maverick destroys a prototype experimental jet when he pushes it to hit what speed?

Question 6

In *Toy Story 4*, where does the sentient spork Forky spend much of the film trying to get himself to?

Round 4
A Long-Lost Music Round

It's Back!

In this music round, each song is on the *Billboard* Year-End Hot 100 from the start of a different decade.

However, to bring back that Anchor nostalgia where it was difficult to hear, there are some added audio effects.

For each song, give the **band or artist**.

Good luck!

[Link to songs](#)

Answers

1. The Weeknd (Blinding Lights, 2020)
 2. Owl City (Fireflies, 2010)
 3. Destiny's Child (Say My Name, 2000)
 4. Vanilla Ice (Ice Ice Baby, 1990)
 5. Blondie (Call Me, 1980)
 6. The Jackson 5 (I'll Be There, 1970)
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Round 5
I Live in Connecticut Now

Question 1

This aerospace company, headquartered near Hartford, CT, is the second-largest manufacturer of airplane engines in the world.

Plus, my paternal grandfather worked there as a mechanical engineer, including spending time on the Saturn V propulsion system.

Question 2

This Austrian confection company, known for its unique way of doling out its candy, produces its candy in Jánossomorja, Hungary and Orange, CT.

Question 3

Which of the following celebrities was not born in Connecticut?

- A. Christopher Walken
 - B. Stephenie Meyer
 - C. John Mayer
 - D. Adam Sandler
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Question 4

Becoming the Connecticut state insect in 1977, this non-native order of species is known for standing motionless on its rear four legs and using its two forelegs to snatch prey.

If it helps, the females of some species are also known for practicing sexual cannibalism.

Question 5

Gilmore Girls is no doubt the most popular show set in Connecticut.

But back in the '60s and '70s, this popular sitcom was set in Westport, CT, switched from black-and-white to color, and prominently featured the female lead's nose.

Question 6

Started in Bridgeport, CT as *Pete's Super Submarines* in 1965, named after the friend who lent \$1,000 to founder Fred DeLuca, this sandwich shop was eventually renamed seven years later to what?

Round 6
Anything Goes

Question 1

This sharp-looking phone from the mid-2000s was a game token in *Monopoly: Here and Now* and was still the third most popular phone in 2009, five years after its release.

Question 2

In Roger Ebert's review of this popular mid-1990s film, he writes:

[The main character] turns out to be incapable of doing anything less than profound.

...[The main character] understands everything he needs to know, and the rest, the movie suggests, is just surplus. He even understands everything that's important about love...

Question 3

To aid all the naive internet denizens, this website, alongside its normal investigation into the truth of various statements and stories, has a helpful “Satire” label for pieces from publications like *The Onion*.

Question 4

What recreational facility existed next to the San Francisco Zoo before shutting down in 1971 and being demolished in 2000, and at the time of its opening in 1925 was the largest of its kind in the world?

- A. Outdoor pool
 - B. Lawn bowling center
 - C. Polo grounds
 - D. Velodrome
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Question 5

According to a paper by Limb, Limb, Limb & Limb (2015) that was investigating this phenomenon, orthopedic surgeons have a higher frequency of the surname “Limb” than would be expected by chance.

Question 6

This Dallas-based company produced the first commercially-scalable silicon transistor and the first transistor radio in 1954. In 1958, their researchers created the integrated circuit and, in 1967, blew open the technological doors with the invention of the handheld calculator.
