

ROUND ONE: Sports & Games

*Request from David: Seahawks*

1. In February, the Seahawks won Super Bowl LX, their second ever. In what Super Bowl did they win their first championship? (*Write the Roman numerals.*)

XLVIII

*Request from Eric: League of Legends*

2. In League of Legends, what slang term is used to describe a teammate dying repeatedly, giving the enemy team resources?

feeding

3. Lauina Futi is a wing for the Seattle Seawolves. What sport does he play?

rugby

*Request from Sophia: Olympic taekwondo*

4. In Olympic taekwondo, what is the highest scoring blow you can deliver to your opponent? (*Be specific.*)

turning kick to the head

5. What Pokémon game was the first to feature online trading and battling?

Diamond and Pearl

*Request from Kimberly: Final Fantasy VII*

6. In Final Fantasy VII, what fictional animal can the player ride to reach certain otherwise inaccessible locations?

chocobo

*Request from Yixin: bouldering*

7. The highest boulder grade YOUR DASHING HOST has climbed is V6—or V2, if you only count outdoor boulders. Elias Iagnemma made waves last year after his ascent of the boulder “Exodia” when he proposed what record-breaking grade for it?

V18

ROUND TWO: Around the World

*Request from Madeline: World's Fair landmarks*

1. For Seattle's 1962 World's Fair, the city unveiled what new transportation project?

Seattle Center Monorail

2. There are eight countries with more foreign-born than native residents. Name two of them. (*Half a point for each.*)

Qatar, UAE, Monaco, Liechtenstein, Kuwait, Andorra, Bahrain, Luxembourg

*Request from Jimmy: Macau*

3. Macau is famous for its casinos. What card game, which has a variation named "Macao", is the Macau government's single greatest source of revenue?

baccarat

4. After English, Spanish, and Chinese, what is the fourth-most widely spoken language in Seattle?

Vietnamese

*Request from Russell: the Epstein files*

5. Little Saint James, also known as "Epstein Island", is part of what (perhaps darkly apt) U.S. territory?

U.S. Virgin Islands

6. What ancient civilization occupied Central America, including what is now Guatemala and Belize, until about 1700 A.D.?

Maya

*Request from Allen: Eurasian geography*

7. The region of Crimea is hotly contested because of its strategic position beside what sea?

Black Sea

ROUND THREE: Music

Write the title and artist of each song. You get half a point for each.

*Request from Eujean: K-pop*

1.

Girls' Generation – Genie

2.

Black Eyed Peas – I Gotta Feeling

3.

The Beatles – Eleanor Rigby

4.

Gym Class Heroes ft. Adam Levine – Stereo Hearts

5.

Bonnie Tyler – Total Eclipse of the Heart

6.

Olivia Rodrigo – get him back!

7.

Dave Brubeck – Take Five

ROUND FOUR: Pop Culture

1. What trendy collectible line partnered with Coca-Cola, Vans, and One Piece in 2024 and 2025?

Labubu

*Request from Giselle: Harry Potter*

2. In *Harry Potter*, Voldemort's real name is anagrams to I AM LORD VOLDEMORT. What is his full real name unscrambled?

Tom Marvolo Riddle

3. What type of dog is Scooby-Doo?

Great Dane

*Request from Cecilia: sitcoms*

4. In *The Office* (U.S.), what is the name of the paper company that Michael Scott starts after leaving Dunder Mifflin?

Michael Scott Paper Company

5. Bringing in \$1.86 billion worldwide, what was the highest-grossing Hollywood film of 2025?

Zootopia 2

6. What long-running television show coined the phrase "Debbie Downer"?

Saturday Night Live

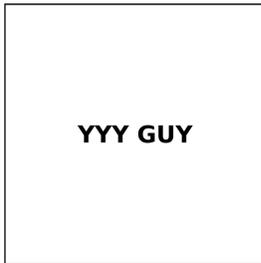
7. What musical theatre song won a Grammy in 2026 for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance?

Defying Gravity

ROUND FIVE: Pictures

These rebus puzzles all encode a word or phrase using puns. Write the word or phrase for each.

1. wise guy



5. middle aged



2. scrambled eggs



6. tripod



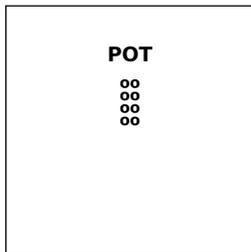
3. safety in numbers



7. I'll get over it



4. potatoes



ROUND SIX: Checksum

Each answer has a number in it. The numbers add up to 2,038.

1. What role-playing game won Game of the Year and eight other awards at the 2025 Game Awards?

Clair Obscur: Expedition 33

2. What Ray Bradbury book is named for the temperature at which paper burns?

Fahrenheit 451

3. What dye, also known as Allura Red, did the FDA slate to be phased out as part of the "Make America Healthy Again" initiative?

FD&C Red 40

*Request from Garrett: first aid*

4. FAST is a mnemonic to remember the warning signs of a stroke. It stands for:

Face drooping or twisting

Arm weakness

Speech difficulty

What does the T stand for?

Time to call 911

5. What NBA franchise has featured stars like Wilt Chamberlain, Allen Iverson, and Joel Embiid?

Philadelphia 76ers

6. After what widely-viewed auto race does the winner traditionally drink milk to celebrate?

Indy 500

7. Jimi Hendrix, Kurt Cobain, and Amy Winehouse are members of what ill-fated "club"?

27 club

ROUND SEVEN: Estimation Showdown

Estimate the quantities. The group that gets closer to the true value for each question wins it.

1. The year Abraham Lincoln was born.

1809

2. The odds that a random hand of five playing cards will be a full house.

0.144%

3. The Unix time at 9 p.m. tonight. (*Unix time is the number of seconds since midnight UTC on January 1st, 1970.*)

1773634149

4. The land area of Mercer Island.

6.38 sq mi

5. The number of words in *War and Peace*.

587,287

6. The high jump world record (*in feet and inches*).

8 ft 1/4 in.

7. The current share price of GameStop stock.

\$23.53