

ROUND ONE: Creators

1. What treat was invented on accident by an 11-year-old, who'd left soda and a stirring stick out overnight?

the popsicle

2. Per the book of Genesis, on which day of creation did God create plants?

the 3rd day

3. In Pokémon lore, what Pokémon is said to have created the universe?

Arceus

4. What billion-dollar online platform has a founder who goes by 'builderman'?

Roblox

5. What studio, named after its creator, produced *The Dark Crystal* (1982) and *Fraggle Rock*?

The Jim Henson Company

6. What cereal brand was created by health reformers who thought bland food suppressed sexual appetite?

Kellogg's Corn Flakes

7. Momofuku Ando, founder of Nissin Food Products Co., Ltd., invented what easy-to-prepare food product?

Instant Ramen / Cup Noodles (either accepted)

ROUND TWO: Superlatives

1. Who is the youngest ever driver to race in Formula One?

Max Verstappen

2. What list of companies did Main Street Health top in 2026 for exhibiting 546,533% 3-year growth?

Inc. 5000

3. Per the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, what is "the most heavily exploited fish in world history"? (Exploited, in this case, means caught or farmed.)

the anchovy (specifically, the Peruvian anchoveta)

4. Bringing in about \$200M of revenue per year, what is Costco's single best-selling item?

the hot dog (I would have also accepted Kirkland Signature toilet paper, the highest by revenue, or bananas which could also be #1 if you counted per banana instead of per bunch)

5. According to Guinness World Records, what comic strip is syndicated in the most publications worldwide?

Garfield (I gave half a point for Peanuts, because some sources had it #1, not Guinness World Records though)

6. Wall Drug, the world's largest drug store and a notorious roadside attraction, resides in what U.S. state?

South Dakota

7. What fitness brand, known for its dim blue lighting, was named "Best Pilates-Inspired Studio" in 2024?

[solidcore]

ROUND THREE: Music

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

1. Bad Romance by Lady Gaga
2. Jolene by Dolly Parton
3. Glamorous by Fergie
4. Genie in a Bottle by Christina Aguilera
5. Goodbye Yellow Brick Road by Elton John
6. Black by Pearl Jam
7. Single Ladies by Beyoncé

ROUND FOUR: Missing Members

Name the member missing from each group.

1. Sleepy, Sneezy, Dopey, Doc, Bashful, Happy
Grumpy

2. Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Suriname, Guyana, Colombia, Venezuela, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Ecuador
Paraguay

3. Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Hades, Hestia
Demeter (these are the children of Kronos)

4. Suga, Jimin, RM, J-Hope, V, Jin
Jungkook

5. Maine, Montana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Mississippi
Maryland

6. tetrahedron, octahedron, dodecahedron, icosahedron
cube (these are the platonic solids; I gave half a point for "hexahedron", which is technically a name for the cube but betrays a lack of understanding)

7. Mariners, Astros, Athletics, Rangers
Angels

ROUND FIVE: 1-Star Reviews

Guess each landmark based on its 1-star online review.

1. I'm sure it provides jobs, boosts the local scone economy, and gives sheep something to look at. But as a destination? It's more "hike and squint" than "wow and wonder." This review is also a last-ditch attempt to stop my mate Jason from going. He's already paid for the trip, so he won't listen. But maybe—just maybe—after he's trudged through a windy field and realised he could've just Googled it, he'll find this review and know I tried.

Stonehenge

2. Disappointing. The promenade is quite dirty, the stars are dirty, and in some parts it smells strongly of urine. The city council should take action, as this is a world-famous promenade.

Hollywood Walk of Fame

3. Instead of oars for the boats... selfie sticks were flying around your heads. The place has potential, but it's half-finished. The structure has been open for ages; it's clear the contractor ripped them off and left the project incomplete. They need to put a roof on it in case it rains and install air conditioning.

Roman Colosseum

4. I have never experienced such a blatant rip-off in my entire life. This really borders on being illegal. A \$55 entrance fee for this metal structure! The drinks are outrageously expensive, and if you want to sit down, you have to pay another \$73 just for a seat. It's an absolute outrage! This reflects very, very badly on the country. I strongly advise everyone to stay away and give this rip-off a very wide berth.

Space Needle

5. There's nothing to see but a mausoleum. Time is wasted unnecessarily.

Taj Mahal

6. It's not really a wall, innit? Just, like, a long platform for standing. No chairs, even. The idea is really stupid, too. Why make a wall when you can use fighter jets? smh.

Great Wall of China

7. Beware. He ate my VW, chased me into a strange and dark forest and cast a wicked spell on me. Avoid taking this shortcut under the bridge unless you don't value your life.

Fremont Troll

ROUND SIX: Foreign Languages

Identify the language in which each sentence is written.

1. 정말 즐거운 시간을 보내고 있고, 진행자분도 꽤 잘생기고 매력적이시네요.

Korean

2. Çok eğleniyorum; ayrıca ev sahibi oldukça yakışıklı ve çekici.

Turkish

3. ฉันกำลังสนุกมากเลย แล้วเจ้าของบ้านก็หล่อและมีเสน่ห์มากด้วย

Thai

4. मुझे बहुत मज़ा आ रहा है, और होस्ट काफी हैंडसम और आकर्षक है।

Hindi

5. Ik vermaak me enorm, en de gastheer is behoorlijk knap en charmant.

Dutch

6. Estou me divertindo muito, e o anfitrião é muito bonito e charmoso.

Portuguese

7. Tá an-spraoi á bhaint agam as, agus tá an t-óstach go deas dathúil agus tarraingteach.

Irish (I also accepted Gaelic)

ROUND SEVEN: Matching

Match each clue to its answer in the answer bank.

1. Its tagline is, "Murder your thirst."

Liquid Death

2. It takes place in a city called Bayview.

Need for Speed: Underground 2

3. Its villain is a mad scientist whose mind has been enslaved by a sentient meteor.

Maniac Mansion

4. Emmanuel de Grouchy was one of them.

Napoleon's Marshals of France

5. It's nicknamed the "wandering meatloaf".

gumbo chiton

6. It starts in Port Townsend, Washington.

Race to Alaska

7. His father owns HP Tuners, an Australian automotive software company and racing sponsor.

Oscar Piastri

ANSWER BANK

BuzzBallz, Forza Horizon 5, Grand Theft Auto III, Golden Globe Race, gumboot chiton, Iditarod, Knights Templar, Legion of Boom, Liquid Death, Malört, Maniac Mansion, Napoleon's Marshals of France, Need for Speed: Underground 2, noblesse oblige, Oscar Piastri, Race to Alaska, Sam & Max Hit the Road, StarCraft II, Steven Adams, the Nine Worthies, water buffalo, white-lipped snail