

Box of Rocks – Cards & Game Set Up

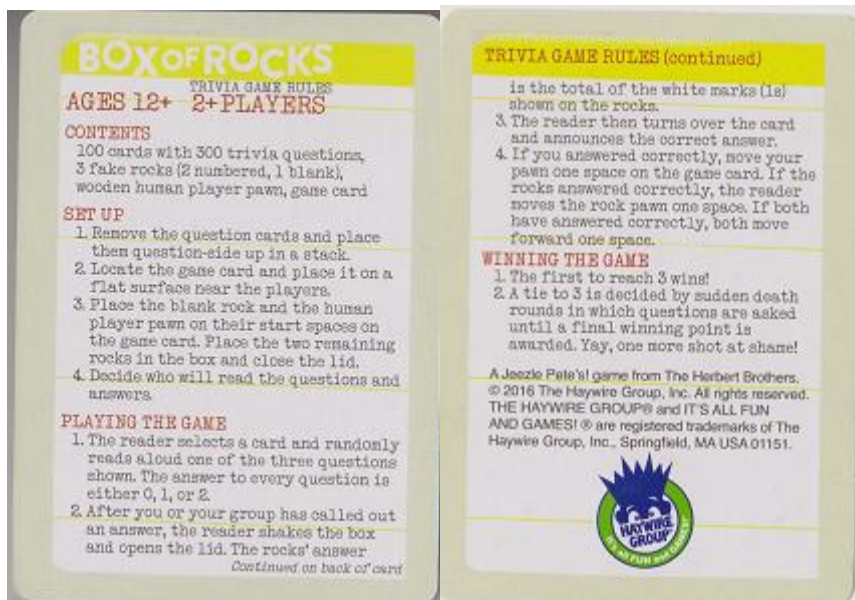
The rocks that go in the box:



Both rocks have a 1 and a 0.

Incidentally, that means that the probability of the answer being 1 is twice as high as 0 or 2.

The board & pieces:



QUESTIONS

- A** In the 1990s, how many of *TIME* magazine's Man of the Year covers featured two or more people?
- B** How many raindrops are less than half a millimeter in diameter?
- C** How many of these countries border the Mediterranean Sea: Greece, Libya, Portugal?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many categories of menswear increased in price between 2013 and 2016?
- B** How many mammals have thicker fur than sea otters?
- C** How many inches over five feet tall is Lady Gaga?

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QUESTIONS

- A** Of the six members of the quirky British comedy group Monty Python, how many were Americans?
- B** How many NBA b-ballers have played for both championship finals teams in the same season?
- C** How many ballet dancers are performing in a *pas de deux*?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many people have died from being hit by a penny dropped from the Empire State Building?
- B** How many comic books have sold for more than \$3 million at auction?
- C** FAA regulations require how many flight attendants for every 50 passengers on an aircraft?

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ANSWERS

- A** 2 In 1998, impeached POTUS Bill Clinton and his accuser, Ken Starr; in 1993 it was peacemakers de Klerk, Mandela, Rabin, and Arafat.
- B** 0 The National Weather Service says size does matter; under a raindrop are called drizzle, not drops.
- C** 2 Only Greece and Libya share a Mediterranean shoreline; Portugal borders the Atlantic.

ANSWERS

- A** 1 In fact, underwear was the only clothing whose cost didn't go down for guys during that period.
- B** 0 A sea otter can have as many as one million hairs per square inch on parts of its body.
- C** 1 Those 18-inch-high platform shoes just make her look taller.

ANSWERS

- A** 1 Only Terry Gilliam. Brits are John Cleese, Michael Palin, Graham Chapman, Eric Idle, and Terry Jones.
- B** 1 Anderson Varejao started the 2015-2016 season with the Cleveland Cavaliers, and ended it with the Golden State Warriors.
- C** 2 The phrase means "steps for two." The Sugar Plum Fairy and her prince in *The Nutcracker* do a *pas de deux*, a *tres bien one*.

ANSWERS

- A** 0 *TV's Mythbusters* tested this out and proved that a penny dropped from that height cannot gain the necessary velocity.
- B** 1 The 1938 *Action Comics* #1 sold on eBay in 2014 for \$3,207,852; it was the debut of Superman!
- C** 1 That's also the average ratio of restrooms to passengers.

QUESTIONS

- A** How many colors coat the black licorice centers of Good & Plenty candies?
- B** How many of the U.S. state abbreviations feature two vowels?
- C** How many of the six noble gases do not end in "on"?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many times has Canada hosted the Winter Olympics?
- B** How many U.S. national monuments have been dedicated to honor the LGBT community?
- C** How many of the 54 countries in Africa have a one-syllable name?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many of the episode titles on *TV's Friends* do not begin with these two words, "The One."
- B** How many teams did Packers legend Vince Lombardi coach after he left Green Bay in 1969?
- C** How many NFL teams have played the Super Bowl on their own home field?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many words in the English language rhyme with the word "silver"?
- B** About how many months did it take Erno Rubik to solve his famous colorful cube for the first time?
- C** In a traditional game of *Magic: The Gathering*, how many lands does each player start with on the table?

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ANSWERS

- A** 2 The pink and white candies, the oldest branded candy in the U.S., were first made in 1893.
- B** 1 Only the Hawkeye State, Iowa, can make that claim with the abbreviation IA.
- C** 1 Only helium, neon, xenon, argon, krypton, and radon all have the same two-letter ending.

ANSWERS

- A** 2 Vancouver in 2010, and Calgary in 1988; Montreal hosted the Summer Olympics in 1976.
- B** 1 The Stonewall National Monument in New York City, the site of a 1969 LGBT uprising, was designated by President Obama in 2016.
- C** 1 Chad is the one. With a population of 11.8 million people, it's the fifth-largest country in Africa.

ANSWERS

- A** 2 The first episode is titled "The Pilot," and the final, a two-parter, is called "The Last One."
- B** 1 Lombardi led the Washington Redskins to their first winning record in 14 years.
- C** 0 In 50 Super Bowls as of 2016, no team has ever played the game at home.

ANSWERS

- A** 0 It joins the group that includes "orange," "month," "bulb," and "purple."
- B** 1 And behold, the twisty-turny work of art turned into a blockbuster game.
- C** 0 During the game, players may play land from their hands in order to generate mana for spells, creatures, and artifacts.

QUESTIONS

- A** How many characters in the Harry Potter series are able to survive the powerful killing curse?
- B** How many species of birds can outrun an ostrich?
- C** Of the four blood types, how many can donate only to the exact same blood type group?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many South American countries have hosted the Summer Olympic Games?
- B** How many earthworms are formed when you divide one in half?
- C** As of 2015, how many countries are more charitable than the United States?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many eggs does a bat lay in each brood?
- B** How many albums by Miles Davis are in the list of top ten best-selling jazz albums of all time?
- C** In the nursery rhyme, how many bones were in Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many of his paintings did Vincent van Gogh sell during his lifetime?
- B** How many properties in the traditional game of Monopoly are not named after places in Atlantic City, New Jersey?
- C** How many of the four ghosts in Pac-Man have names that do not rhyme with the others?

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ANSWERS

- A** 2 Only Harry and Voldemort have the ability to escape the deadly spell's effects.
- B** 0 It's the fastest-running bird, and the speediest two-legged animal in the world.
- C** 1 Type AB can donate only to other AB's, but can receive from all four blood types.

ANSWERS

- A** 1 In 2016, Brazil's Summer Games were the first Olympic Games in the event's 120-year history to be held in South America.
- B** 1 Only the front section lives on (if it's lucky), and the lost body part at least partially grows back.
- C** 1 Myanmar (formerly Burma) is more giving; Buddhism emphasizes charitable acts.

ANSWERS

- A** 0 Bats are mammals, not birds; they give birth to live young. A female bat has one baby, or pup, at a time.
- B** 2 His 1959 album *Kind of Blue* placed #1, and his *Ritches* from 1970 is #9.
- C** 0 She went to the cupboard to get her dog a treat, but when she got there "the cupboard was bare."

ANSWERS

- A** 1 He sold *Red Vineyard* to his brother.
- B** 1 There's no Marvin Gardens in Atlantic City, although Marvin Gardens (with an "e") is located in nearby Margate City.
- C** 1 Clyde, the orange ghost, is the one; the others are Blinky, Pinky, and Inky.

QUESTIONS

- A** How many races did the celebrated thoroughbred Man o' War lose?
- B** How many continents cover all four hemispheres: North, South, East, and West?
- C** How many Major League Baseball pitchers have hit a grand slam in a World Series?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many days before his last original *Peanuts* cartoon was published did Charles Schulz die?
- B** How many native U.S. lizards are larger than the Gila Monster?
- C** For how many Westerns was director John Ford awarded an Oscar?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many flavors are in those "mystery flavor" Dum Dums lollipops with the question marks on their wrappers?
- B** How many members of the rock band U2 have been replaced since their 1978 formation?
- C** What is the letter value of a blank tile in a Scrabble game?

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QUESTIONS

- A** In the Olympic five-ring logo, how many rings does the red one touch?
- B** How many dollars did an adult pay for an all-day ticket on Disneyland's opening day in 1955?
- C** How many of these edibles are not classified as fruits: butternut squash, eggplant, beans, cucumbers?

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ANSWERS

- A** 1 The chestnut colt won 20 of his 21 races, losing only to a horse appropriately named Upset in 1919.
- B** 1 Africa, therefore, is also the only continent with land on both the prime meridian and the equator.
- C** 1 Dave McNally of the Baltimore Orioles crushed it during game three of the 1970 series against Cincinnati.

ANSWERS

- A** 1 Schulz died in 2000, 50 years after the first *Peanuts* comic strip was published.
- B** 0 The venomous lizard can grow up to two feet long, making it the biggest and baddest in America.
- C** 0 He won four Oscars, but none for cowboy fare: *The Informer*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *How Green Was My Valley*, and *The Quiet Man*.

ANSWERS

- A** 2 They're a mixture of the two flavors that combine when one batch ends and the next batch begins.
- B** 0 All four members are still rockin' on.
- C** 0 There are only two in a game, and they can represent any letter.

ANSWERS

- A** 1 The red ring is in the first row on the far right and only touches the green ring.
- B** 1 Kids got in for 50 cents.
- C** 0 Avocado, zucchini, and pea pods are also considered fruits, not veggies.

QUESTIONS

- A** As of 2016, how many FIFA World Cup football titles has England won?
- B** Besides chocolate, how many flavors were included in the original 3 Musketeers candy bars?
- C** According to a 1961 *Life* Magazine article, how many James Bond novels made it to President John F. Kennedy's Ten-Favorite-Books list?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many aces were in Wild Bill Hickok's poker hand when he was gunned down in 1876 in Deadwood, South Dakota?
- B** How many U.S. state capitals do not have a McDonald's?
- C** How many current Major League Baseball teams have never played in the World Series?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many times was Adolf Hitler nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize?
- B** How many of these musical stars have won Academy Awards: Adele, Katy Perry, Justin Timberlake?
- C** How many heavyweight title bouts did Muhammad Ali fight using his given name Cassius Clay?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many grand slams have been hit during an MLB All-Star game?
- B** In tennis, if the score is deuce, how many consecutive points do you need to win the game?
- C** In how many films did Alan Rickman appear after *Alice Through the Looking Glass*?

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ANSWERS

- A** 1 England, the inventor of the game called soccer in the U.S., defeated West Germany in 1966 to win its only title.
- B** 2 The original snack included three pieces per pack: vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry.
- C** 1 It was *From Russia With Love*, and it was the only book of fiction on the list.

ANSWERS

- A** 2 There were two black aces, two black eights, and the fifth card unknown in what is now called the Dead Man's Hand.
- B** 1 Montpelier, Vermont, likes to keep things local. You won't find a Burger King there, either.
- C** 2 Though they've both played in championship series, neither the Seattle Mariners nor the Washington Nationals have gone any further.

ANSWERS

- A** 1 In 1939, as a satiric gesture, an antifascist Swedish politician backed the Führer, but later withdrew the nomination.
- B** 1 Adele scored the 2013 Oscar for best original song, for "Skyfall."
- C** 1 The Louisville Lip was still called Clay when he fought Sonny Liston in 1964 and won the title.

ANSWERS

- A** 1 During the 50th anniversary game in 1963, Fred Lynn crushed it in the third inning, assuring a win for the American League.
- B** 2 "Deuce" is when each player has scored three points; the next point is called "advantage," and the winning point is "game."
- C** 0 Rickman, who died in January of 2016, voiced the Blue Caterpillar in the *Wonderland* movie, which was released in May of that year.

QUESTIONS

- A** What percentage of the fines collected by NASCAR per year is not donated to charity?
- B** How many of Newton's big three motion rules say that heavier objects require more force to move the same distance as lighter objects?
- C** What number is shown on the green slot of a roulette wheel?

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QUESTIONS

- A** He chased him for his entire career, but how many times did Wile E. Coyote actually catch the Road Runner?
- B** How many Nobel Prizes are awarded in Norway?
- C** How many U.S. states have picked an official state donut?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many times had *Family Guy* been canceled when more than 100,000 diehard fans signed a petition to bring it back?
- B** How many baby birds are chirping in the nest in the Nestlé logo?
- C** How many minutes does it take today to snap more photos than were taken during the entire 1800s?

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QUESTIONS

- A** As of 2014, how many times has a European country *not* been in the finals of a World Cup match?
- B** How many black bear sightings have been reported in Indiana during the past 100 years?
- C** How many U.S. airports are in the Top Five busiest ones in the world, as of 2016?

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ANSWERS

- A** 0 All fine money goes into the NASCAR Foundation, which supports charitable causes, mostly for children.
- B** 2 He was only 23 years of age when he developed his theory of gravity, and 43 when he published all three laws.
- C** 0 Its function is to tip the odds in the house's favor. American wheels have two green slots, giving casinos a bigger cut.

ANSWERS

- A** 1 He finally succeeds in 1990's "Soup or Sonic," a part of the TV special *Bugs Bunny's Bustin' Out All Over*.
- B** 1 Only the Nobel Peace Prize is handed out in Norway; all others are awarded in Sweden.
- C** 2 Louisiana chose the beignet, its square donut, in 1986; and Massachusetts, the Boston cream donut in 2003.

ANSWERS

- A** 2 It worked! The show was revived and the fans were delighted, until Brian the dog was shockingly killed off in 2013.
- B** 2 The Swiss company has a momma bird in there too; a nice visual tie-in to their infant cereal items.
- C** 2 Only a few million photos existed before the first commercial camera in 1901; an estimated trillion were taken in 2015 alone.

ANSWERS

- A** 2 In 1930, it was Uruguay vs. Argentina; in 1950, it was Uruguay vs. Brazil.
- B** 2 The first was spotted in 2016 in northern Indiana; the second appeared in a drone video in 2016.
- C** 2 Atlanta has been number one for 18 years; Chicago's O'Hare is fourth, Beijing is second, Dubai is third, and Tokyo is fifth.

QUESTIONS

- A** How many actors have won both an Oscar and a Razzie in the same year?
- B** How many letters are blue in the eBay logo?
- C** How many of the zodiac symbols sport horns, other than Taurus the bull?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many of the actors in the original *Star Trek* TV series appeared in all 80 episodes, including the pilot?
- B** How many planets in our solar system rotate sideways, rather than clockwise or counterclockwise?
- C** As of 2016, how many daytime soap operas were still airing on NBC?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many colors are likely to cause a bull to charge a matador?
- B** How many of the 12 Apostles of Jesus Christ were not martyred?
- C** In the Louvre, how many arms does the 6-foot, 8-inch marble statue of the Venus de Milo have?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many years after launching the Hula Hoop did Wham-O debut the Frisbee?
- B** Of the ten comedians delivering David Letterman's last Top Ten List, how many were in the countdown after Tina Fey?
- C** How many fights did heavyweight boxing champ Rocky Marciano lose in his storied career?

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ANSWERS

- A** 1 In 2010, Sandra Bullock won the Best Actress Oscar for *The Blind Side*, the day after winning the Worst Actress Razzie for *All About Steve*.
- B** 1 Only the "B" is blue in the name of the online auction house founded in 1996 by Pierre Omidyar.
- C** 2 Aries the ram and Capricorn the goat fit the description.

ANSWERS

- A** 1 Leonard Nimoy, who played Spock, never missed a day of filming.
- B** 1 Uranus is tilted on its side, causing its unique, lopsided spin.
- C** 1 *Days of Our Lives* was the lone sudser.

ANSWERS

- A** 0 Nope, not even red; bulls can't see bright colors, so it's really the taunting matador that makes the bull "see red."
- B** 1 John escaped unscathed from a boiling-in-oil bath in Rome to later die a natural death.
- C** 0 Discovered on the Greek island of Milos in 1820, she's famously missing her arms.

ANSWERS

- A** 0 The Frisbee came first in 1957 and was called the Pluto Platter; the Hula Hoop debuted in 1958.
- B** 1 Bill Murray delivered #1 of the *Top Ten Things I Always Wanted to Say to Dave*, which was "Dave, I'll never have the money I owe you."
- C** 0 The Rock's stats were 49 wins, no losses, no ties; and 43 of those wins were knockouts.

QUESTIONS

- A** How many hits by the pop music sensation ABBA reached #1 on the U.S. Billboard charts?
- B** How many fruit juices are in a Cosmopolitan, that pretty pink cocktail served in *Sex and the City*?
- C** How many times has the Rose Bowl not been played in Pasadena, California?

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QUESTIONS

- A** As of July 2016, how many search engines are more popular globally than Bing?
- B** As of 2016, how many horses have won the Triple Crown in the 21st century?
- C** As of 2016, of the five most followed people on Twitter, how many are politicians?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many of these edibles are not members of the rose family: peaches, plums, pears?
- B** How many passenger pigeons were alive on September 2, 1914?
- C** How many of Khan's men in the movie *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* were not Chippendale dancers at the time?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many letters in the Braille alphabet have only one dot?
- B** How many English words contain four Y's?
- C** How many tennis rackets did Serena Williams smash at Wimbledon in 2016, on her way to winning the women's singles championship?

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ANSWERS

- A** 1 Fourteen of their songs hit the Top 40, but only "Dancing Queen" was #1.
- B** 2 Cranberry and lime juice are added to vodka and the orange flavored liqueur, triple sec.
- C** 1 Fearing another attack after Pearl Harbor, officials moved the 1942 game between Duke and Oregon State to North Carolina.

ANSWERS

- A** 1 Bing is a distant second to Google, which tops the list with a 70% market share.
- B** 1 American Pharoah may be the first winner since 1976, but his name is still famously misspelled. (It should be *Pharoah*!)
- C** 1 Barack Obama, with 76 million followers, placed fourth; Katy Perry is in first place with 89 million. Justin Bieber, Taylor Swift, and YouTube are the others.

ANSWERS

- A** 0 Along with apples, cherries, raspberries, strawberries, and almonds.
- B** 0 The last one, named Martha, died at the Cincinnati Zoo on September 1, 1914.
- C** 0 Which would explain why they looked so hunky.

ANSWERS

- A** 1 The letter "A." Two letters, "Q" and "Y," have the most dots, each with five.
- B** 0 But at least one word has three Y's: syzygy, the alignment of three celestial bodies in a straight line.
- C** 1 It cost her one racket and one \$10,000 fine.

QUESTIONS

- A** How many people have filled out a verified perfect NCAA March Madness bracket?
- B** In George Lucas's three *Star Wars* prequels, which number episode is *Attack of the Clones*?
- C** How many fewer letters than the U.S. alphabet does the Greek alphabet have?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many Jelly Belly licorice-flavored jelly beans do you need to eat with two Buttered Popcorn jelly beans to replicate the flavor of biscotti?
- B** How many railway tunnels are longer than the 35.4-mile Gotthard Base tunnel under the Swiss Alps?
- C** How many U.S. states have given their name to elements on the periodic table?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many times have U.S. astronauts walked on the moon during the last 40 years?
- B** How many insect bites are more painful than that of the bullet ant in the South American rainforest?
- C** How many U.S. states have hosted both the Summer and Winter Olympics?

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QUESTIONS

- A** How many animals are on the Australian coat of arms?
- B** How many Marvel heroes and villains survived the 1996 comic book, *Punisher Kills the Marvel Universe*?
- C** How many flavors topped Cherry Garcia in 2015 as Ben & Jerry's most popular flavor?

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ANSWERS

- A** 0 Warren Buffett has offered \$1 billion to the first one to do it.
- B** 2 It was better received than Episode I – *The Phantom Menace*, because Jar Jar Binks has a smaller role.
- C** 2 The Greeks get it done with 24 letters.

ANSWERS

- A** 1 Yum, the recipe does taste remarkably like the anise-flavored Italian cookies.
- B** 0 Finished in 2016, the rail tunnel is the longest and deepest in the world, and took 17 years to build.
- C** 2 California to Californium (Cf), a rare earth metal; Tennessee to Tennessee (Tn), a super-heavy element created in a lab.

ANSWERS

- A** 0 The last man-on-the-moon mission was Apollo 17 in 1972.
- B** 0 According to the Schmidt Sting Pain Index, the bite feels like you've been shot, and the discomfort lasts from 12 to 24 hours.
- C** 1 California hosted the 1932 and 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, and the 1960 Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley.

ANSWERS

- A** 2 The kangaroo and emu were picked because they cannot walk backward, and thus symbolize a nation that always moves forward.
- B** 0 The Punisher wiped everyone out, including himself.
- C** 1 A favorite since 2013, the flavor Half Baked, a combo of cookie dough and fudgy brownies, was again in the top spot.

QUESTIONS

A Of the eight rules of *Fight Club*, how many are the same?

B How many of the actors who played James Bond wore a toupee in every 007 film they made?

C In 1995, how many of the six M&M colors were retired?

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QUESTIONS

A How many of Canada's ten provinces are officially bilingual?

B How many humps does a Bactrian camel sport?

C How many siblings does Harry Potter actor Daniel Radcliffe have?

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QUESTIONS

A In a standard deck of playing cards, how many of the jacks are pictured in profile, not face-forward?

B How many of the six feathers in the NBC peacock logo are purple?

C According to an Oxford University database, how many of the ten most often used words in the English language have four letters?

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QUESTIONS

A In the Harry Potter series, how many of the four Hogwarts houses have a mammal as a crest animal?

B Of the six soldiers raising the flag in the Iwo Jima Memorial statue, how many were not born in the United States?

C How many buttons does Mickey Mouse have on his pants?

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ANSWERS

A **2** Both the first and second rules are: "You do not talk about *Fight Club*." (The "do not" gets more emphasis in the second, repeated rule.)

B **1** Sean Connery played 007 seven times: He was 32 years old in *Dr. No*, his first film; and 53 in his last film, *Never Say Never Again*.

C **1** Tan was ousted in favor of blue, which joined red, yellow, green, brown, and orange.

ANSWERS

A **1** Only New Brunswick claims English and French; Quebec is officially unilingual, only French.

B **2** This denizen of Central and East Asia has one more hump than its Arabian camel cousin, the dromedary.

C **0** Like his famous character, Daniel is an only child.

ANSWERS

A **2** The so-called "one-eyed jacks" are the Jack of Spades and the Jack of Hearts.

B **1** The first peacock appeared in 1966 for color broadcasts, and it had more plumage, 11 feathers.

C **2** The word "that" is #5, and "have" is #9. The word "the" is #1.

ANSWERS

A **2** The lion and badger represent Gryffindor and Hufflepuff, while Slytherin has the serpent, and Ravenclaw, the eagle.

B **1** Marine Mike Strank was born in 1919 in Jarabunia, Czechoslovakia, but grew up in Pennsylvania.

C **2** Although there's never been an explanation as to why they're there.