trivia

13 March 2023

Round 1: biology and/or linguistics and/or geography

[4 pts each]

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Squid and cuttlefish do not have a skeleton. However, they do have a small, hard, internal structure called what?

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What is the name of this famous IKEA stuffed animal [2 points] and what do the two Swedish words forming its name mean [1 point each]?



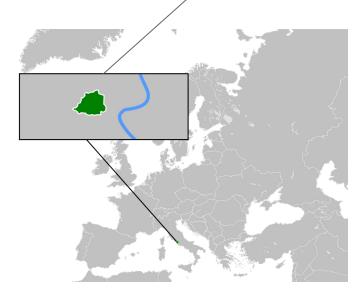
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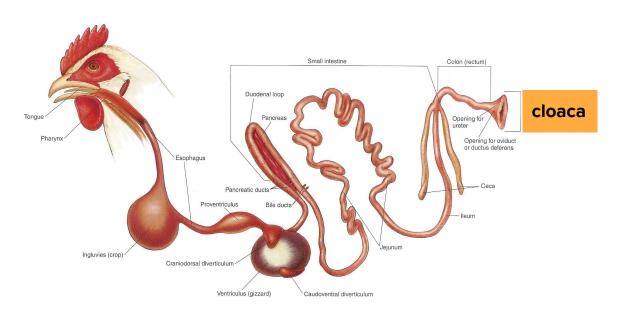
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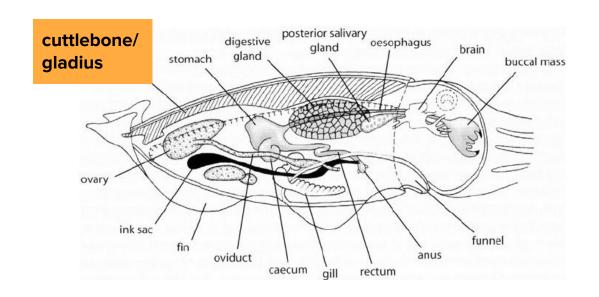
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Weasels /ˈwiːzəlz/ are mammals of the genus Mustela







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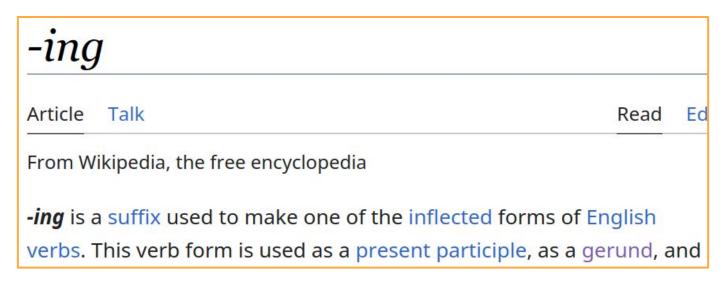






DJUNGELSKOG Soft toy

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THREE MODELS FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF LANGUAGE

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- Nominative case indicates the subject.
- Genitive case indicates possession and ca
- Dative case marks the indirect object and
- Accusative case marks the direct object.

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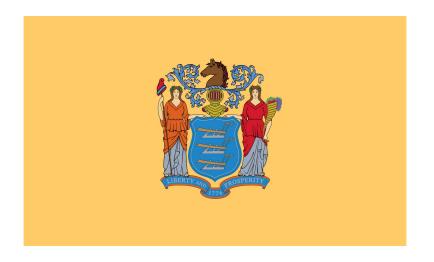


Round 2: State flags & licence plates









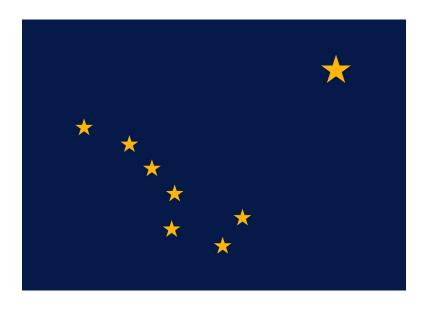












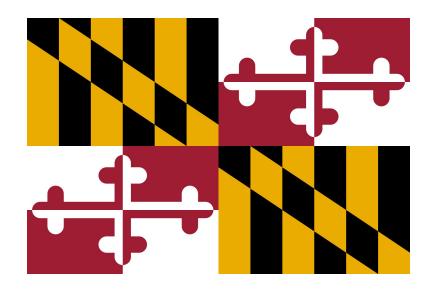
















Bonus

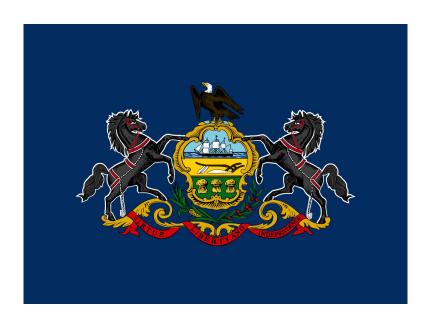




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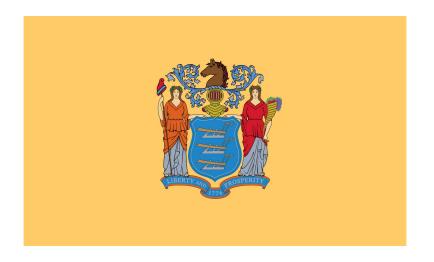
State 1: Pennsylvania





State 2: New Jersey





State 3: New York





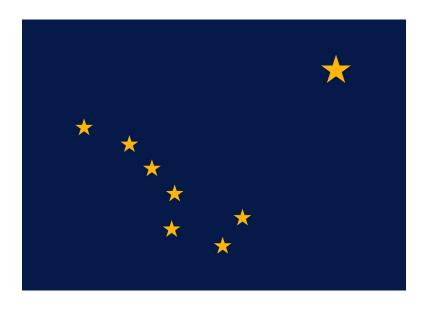
State 4: California





State 5: Alaska





State 6: Colorado





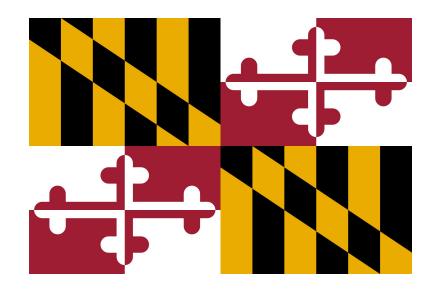
State 7: New Mexico





State 8: Maryland





State 9: Virginia





Bonus: D.C.

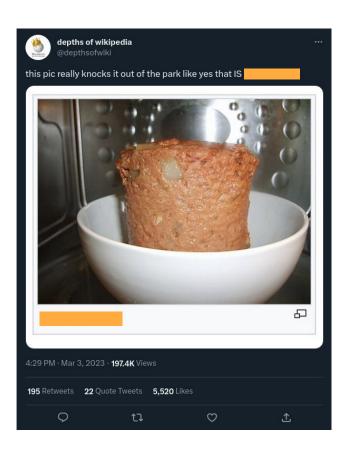




Round 3: Depths of Depths of Wikipedia





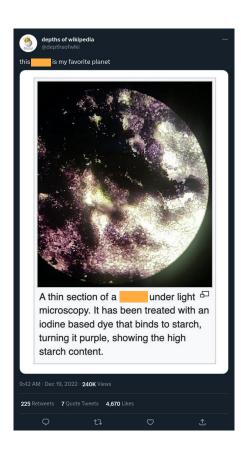


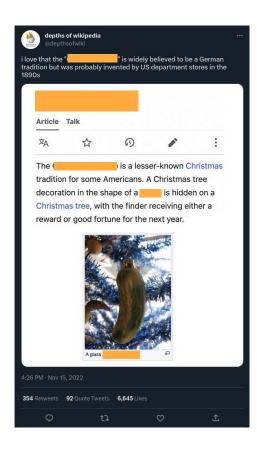














Round 3: Answers

Article 1: When pigs fly



Article 2: List of hobbies



Article 3: Mystery meat



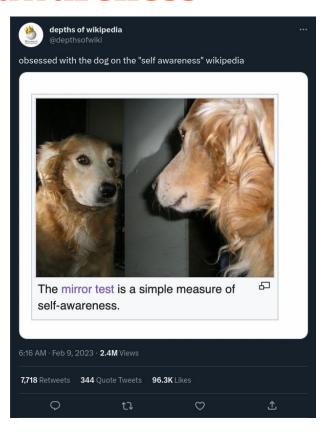
Article 4: Weinermobile



Article 5: Zygomatic bone (cheekbones)



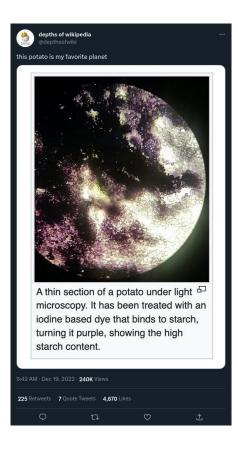
Article 6: Self-awareness



Article 7: List of gestures



Article 8: Potato



Article 9: Christmas pickle



Article 10: List of sexually active popes

