

Novelty Acts

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I admit it. My first stop in the CD store is usually to the comedy section. I love those crazy, wacky songs. In fact, I'm thinking of changing my nom in their honor. I have a couple of choices; to find out what they are, just solve the puzzles below. Each is inspired by a novelty song and will lead you to a 3 or 4-letter word. Examine the words to determine my two possible noms.

Monster Mash (Bobby "Boris" Pickett)

Whatever happened to my Transylvania Twist?

SHORTENS LEMONS

ARC LAD

HAVE NAIL

MOURN IT

MIGHT PAWN

NINE YEWS

CAR HUBCAP

CRAB DISH

FOG BIT

DEN LEG

RETRO AD

HEN POX

CUBS ERR

BANNED CHATS

In Old Mexico (Tom Lehrer)

Far away from the strikes of the A F of L and CIO

S I D E S A _ U N O T C H
T R E C H I _ U A H U A C
T R A I N A _ I D A D D Y
F A C R I C _ E T C H E D
B O S O M B _ E R O T I C
S H E R P A _ A B R A D E
U N A R A N _ A L C O V E
R E P E L I _ R O B O T S
R U M B A S _ U E T B O L
I S H A M U _ A C H O O D
C R A X E R _ L A N C O R
T U R N I P _ E B L O N G
S T O R T I _ A C T O R X
P O S I E S _ A M B L I N
M E R C A D _ N C I N E S
L A R E D O _ I N G O T S
U S E P T I _ M B R E A D
M O T I T E _ C A V A L E
S T O M P R _ M A V E R A
P A R Q U L _ E R V E Z A
M Y O P I C _ L I E N T E
C A R O M A _ Z A N A X X
S M A R T E _ E G A N Y I
T A S E R A _ E V I D E N
E A R W I G _ A M E N D S
I C H O R I _ O M E G A N
A P A R T Q _ I N E R O N
I P L O M A _ A N A L O G
E S P A N A _ I E S T A R

The Name Game (Shirley Ellis)

And there isn't any name that I can't rhyme!

Svelte eight-pint container (4 6)

Sticking together three hockey goals (3 5 6)

Communists staying at a rooming house (3 7)

Head of the angry dogs possessed envy or sloth (4 3 3 1 3)

Section of an arcade game that has no vegetation (6 5)

Casteth thine eyes upon a book about a Seussian elephant (7 6)

Wet and dirty outfit for a nun (3 5)

Exceptionally ornate loafer (5 4)

Actor/comedian * Author * Basketball player * Fictional detective * Old-time actor/comedian *
Singer * TV icon * TV/play character

I Lost On Jeopardy! (“Weird Al” Yankovic)

But I couldn't get the questions right, -ight, -ight

The Planets

It's the only planet named for a female.

“What is Jupiter?”

The Pledge of Allegiance

In 1954, this usually capitalized word was one of two added to the Pledge.

“What is Republic?”

Colors of the Rainbow

Musically, it follows “Mood” and precedes “Girls”.

“What is violet?”

The Periodic Table

This element is mainly obtained from the mineral cassiterite, where it occurs as an oxide.

“What is rubidium?”

Happy Birthday!

All kidding aside, it's the birthday of Samuel Alito, Annette O'Toole, and Barry Sonnenfeld.

“What is March 16?”

Survivor Locales

Shaba National Reserve in this country was the setting for the first season of Survivor to include a tribal swap.

“What are the Cook Islands?”

British Monarchs

She was born at Kensington Palace, the daughter of Prince Edward Augustus, Duke of Kent and Strathearn and Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld

“Who is Elizabeth II?”

Super Bowl MVPs

He is only the second quarterback to throw two go-ahead fourth-quarter touchdowns in a Super Bowl; his team needed them to upset the Patriots.

“Who is Emmitt Smith?”

U.S. Presidents

He’s the only President to hail from Indiana.

“Who is Harrison?” “Be more specific” “Who is William Henry Harrison?”

The White Album

At over eight minutes long, it’s the longest track on the album, as well as the longest ever officially released by the Beatles.

“What is ‘Mother Nature’s Son’?”

Bond Movies

The title of this film comes from the name of Ian Fleming’s Jamaica estate.

“What is *Goldfinger*?”

Letter Perfect

This letter corresponds to the longest codeword in the NATO phonetic alphabet.

“What is U?”

Best Picture Winners

This film’s first three parts are titled The Set-Up, The Hook, and The Tale.

“What is *Unforgiven*?”

Lunchlady Land (Adam Sandler)

Everybody gets enough food / Down here in Lunchlady Land

It boggles the mind, doesn't it?

S	R	I
H	F	E
C	N	S

[6 5]

L	M	E
T	A	I
F	L	O

[8]

E	J	Y
N	O	P
S	L	P

[6 3]

K	P	H
I	E	S
Y	R	D

[8'1 3]

U	O	T
F	R	E
K	N	A

[11]

A	E	E
B	N	R
R	S	G

[5 5]

O	W	K
H	L	I
E	M	D

[5 4]

O	U	T
N	A	S
D	L	L

[4 5]

L	O	H
K	A	C
L	E	T

[9 4]