

### Monster Mash

Each two-word phrase with the addition of a single letter can be anagrammed to the name of a monster:

C + SHORTENS LEMONS = LOCH NESS MONSTER

U + ARC LAD = DRACULA

T + HAVE NAIL = LEVIATHAN

A + MOURN IT = MINOTAUR

S + MIGHT PAWN = SWAMP THING

P + NINE YEWS = PENNYWISE

A + CURABLE CHAP = EL CHUPACABRA

Y + CRAB DISH = CHARYBDIS

O + FOG BIT = BIGFOOT

R + DEN LEG = GRENDDEL

P + RETRO AD = PREDATOR

I + HEN POX = PHOENIX

E + CUBS ERR = CERBERUS

R + BANNED CHATS = BANDERSNATCH

The added letters spell CUT AS PAY OR PIER, which is a clue for DOCK.

### In Old Mexico

Each line of letters hides a word inside it; solvers must add a different letter in each blank to complete the word. The twist is that these words are in Spanish, and you must use all 29 letters of the Spanish alphabet (including LL, CH, and Ñ) to complete the puzzle. The complete list is as follows:

desaYuno

chiHuahua

naVidad

cricKet

sombRero

paLabra

naranJa

peLiGro

basQuetbol

muCHacho

Blanco

pUeblo

tortiLLa

siesTa  
mercadO  
doMingo  
septiEmbre  
eXcava  
prImavera  
Cerveza  
cAliente  
maNzana  
marteS  
seraPe  
wigWam  
choriZo  
Dinero  
maÑana  
Fiesta

Within the list of added letters, one can read the phrase BU(LL) TO MEXICANS. This is a clue for TORO.

#### The Name Game

Each line clues a made-up phrase with the given enumeration. Solvers must then find a famous person whose name rhymes with the phrase. Occupations of the people are given in mixed order:

Svelte eight-pint container (4 6) – SLIM GALLON – TIM ALLEN [actor/comedian]

Sticking together three hockey goals (3 5 6) – HAT TRICK GLUING – PATRICK EWING [basketball player]

Communists staying at a rooming house (3 7) – RED LODGERS – FRED ROGERS [TV icon]

Head of the angry dogs possessed envy or sloth (4 3 3 1 3) – BOSS CUR HAD A SIN – OSCAR MADISON [TV/play character]

Section of an arcade game that has no vegetation (6 5) – BARREN LEVEL – AARON NEVILLE [singer]

Casteth thine eyes upon a book about a Seussian elephant (7 6) – READETH HORTON – EDITH WHARTON [author]

Wet and dirty outfit for a nun (3 5) – MUD HABIT – BUD ABBOT [old-time actor/comedian]

Exceptionally ornate loafer (5 4) – FANCY SHOE – NANCY DREW [fictional detective]

The initials of each of the people spell the phrase TAPE FROM A NEW BAND. This clues the word DEMO.

I Lost on Jeopardy!

The question given for each answer is incorrect. Solvers must find the correct answer and determine how far off the given answer is in the order implied by the category. These distances are converted to letters using the standard alphanumeric code.

The Planets

It's the only planet named for a female.

What is Jupiter?

[Venus – 3 planets away - C]

The Pledge of Allegiance

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

What is Republic?

[God – 8 words away in the Pledge - H]

Colors of the Rainbow

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

What is violet?

[Indigo – 1 away in ROY G BIV order - A]

The Periodic Table

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

What is rubidium?

[Tin – difference of 13 in atomic number - M]

Happy Birthday!

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

What is March 16?

[April 1 – 16 days away - P]

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?

[Kenya – 10 seasons earlier - J]

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?

[Victoria – 5 monarchs earlier - E]

### Super Bowl MVPs

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

Who is Kurt Warner?

[Eli Manning – 14 MVPs later - N]

### U.S. Presidents

He's the only President to hail from Indiana.

Who is Harrison? [more specific] Who is William Henry Harrison?

[Benjamin Harrison – 14 Presidents later - N]

### The White Album

At 8:13, 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"?

[Revolution 9 – 9 tracks later - I]

### Bond Movies

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

What is Goldfinger?

[GoldenEye – 14 films later according to the official sequence - N]

### Letter Perfect

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

What is T?

[N for November – 7 letters earlier in the alphabet - G]

### Best Picture Winners

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

What is Unforgiven?

[The Sting – 19 years earlier - S]

These difference letters spell the phrase CHAMP JENNINGS. The answer is KEN.

### Lunchlady Land

Each 3x3 grid hides Boggle style the name of a food item that might be sold in a school cafeteria.

Enumerations are given. In each grid, one or two letters are unused.

S	R	I
H	F	E
C	N	S

[6 5] FRENCH FRIES (extra S)

L	M	E
T	A	I
F	L	O

[8] MEATLOAF (L, I)

E	J	Y
N	O	P
S	L	P

[6 3] SLOPPY JOE (N)

K	P	H
I	E	S
Y	R	D

[8' 1 3] SHEPHERD'S PIE (K, Y)

U	O	T
F	R	E
K	N	A

[11] FRANKFURTER (O)

A	E	E
B	N	R
R	S	G

[5 5] GREEN BEANS (R)

O	W	K
H	L	I
E	M	D

[5 4] WHOLE MILK (D)

O	U	T
N	A	S
D	L	L

[4 5] TUNA SALAD (O, L)

L	O	H
E	A	C
K	L	T

[9 4] CHOCOLATE CAKE (L)

The extra letters spell the phrase SLINKY OR DOLL. This clues the word TOY.

Metapuzzle

The individual puzzle answers are: DOCK, TORO, DEMO, KEN, TOY. If we drop one letter from each, we can spell the name DOC/TOR/DEM/EN/TO. The dropped letters themselves spell KOOKY.