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Alphabet Rounds Sample

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ROUND 1: Each of the following begins with the letter S.

1. Leader of the Soviet Union from 1924 to 1953. Killed millions in 'purges' and through imprisonment, famine, and forced labor.
2. Type of musical composition which was traditionally played, not sung. Beethoven's fourteenth for piano is called the 'Moonlight' one.
3. Superhero played in one incarnation by Tom Holland. J. Jonah Jameson really, really wants pictures of this hero, putting Peter Parker in a pickle.
4. Element with atomic number 16. Many of its compounds have unpleasant smells.
5. Mythological figure who pushes a boulder up a hill, only to watch it roll back down again, as punishment for his attempts to cheat death.
6. Product of an integer multiplied by itself.
7. Polytheistic Japanese religion whose deities include Amaterasu.
8. University where Dr. Philip Zimbardo ran his infamous 'prison experiment'.
9. River which French president Emmanuel Macron promised to swim in before the Paris Olympics, prompting members of the public to strategically defecate upstream.
10. Soup base made by boiling bones alongside aromatics like onion and various herbs. Differs from broth, which is usually made with the meat of an animal.
11. Phase transition from solid to gas, with no liquid state in between.
12. 19th century French composer of the "Carnival of the Animals" and the "Danse Macabre" ("dawnse ma-KAHB").
13. City from which civil rights activists marched to Montgomery, following a first attempt on Bloody Sunday.
14. Name of the Stoic philosopher known for tragedies such as Phaedra ("FAY-druh") and his father 'the Elder.'
15. Popular 19th century painter of society portraits including one of 'Madame X'.
16. Fictional race from the Legend of Zelda series. They lend their name to a 'slate' which functions as the in-game user interface.
17. Dutch-speaking nation west of French Guiana and the smallest country in South America by size and population. Its capital city is Paramaribo.
18. Seminal work by Simone de Beauvoir which begins, 'For a long time I have hesitated to write a book on woman.'
19. Confessional poet and friend of Sylvia Plath. In a poem about the death of her parents, she writes, "It is June. I am tired of being brave."
20. First name shared by Mrs. Dalloway's rebellious childhood friend and an English cabaret singer who chooses to stay in the crumbling Weimar Republic.

ROUND 1 ANSWERS:

1. Joseph **Stalin**

2. **sonata**

3. **Spiderman** [or **Spider-Man**]

4. **sulfur**

5. **Sisyphus**

6. **square** number **[**or perfect **square**]

7. **Shinto** [accept **Shintoism**]

8. **Stanford**

9. The **Seine** [or La **Seine**] (“sehn”)

10. **stock**

11. **sublimation**

12. Camille **Saint-Saëns** (“sawn-SAWNS”)

13. **Selma**

14. **Seneca**

15. John Singer **Sargent**

16. **Sheikah**

17. **Suriname** (“suh-ree-NAHM”)

18. *The **Second Sex***

19. Anne **Sexton**

20. **Sally** [Seton and Bowles, respectively]

ROUND 2: Each of the following starts with the letter P.

1. Greek hero who beheaded Medusa and saved Andromeda.
2. First name of a poet and author who wrote “Ozymandias” and “Ode to the West Wind.”
3. English Baroque composer who wrote the opera *Dido and Aeneas*.
4. First name of a Chilean poet who wrote *Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair* and won the 1971 Nobel Prize in Literature.
5. Animal species of Napoleon, Snowball, and Squealer from Orwell’s *Animal Farm*.
6. Carbohydrates such as glycogen and starch which can be broken down into 2 or more sugar molecules.
7. A natural number greater than 1 whose only factors are 1 and itself. The Mersenne variants of these are one less than a power of two.
8. Battle in 1757 where Robert Clive led the British East India Company to a decisive victory.
9. Theoretical prison design posited by Jeremy Bentham. It creates the illusion of constant surveillance since inmates do not know whether they are being watched
10. European kingdom that rose to great power during the reign of Frederick the Great, who began the Seven Years' War by invading Saxony.
11. First name of a 20th century Dutch painter whose works include *Composition with Red, Blue and Yellow* and *Broadway Boogie-Woogie*.
12. Element with atomic number 15. The white variant of this element is used by militaries to illuminate battlefields.
13. Christian holiday that celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles after the Crucifixion.
14. US State where the Battle of Gettysburg was fought.
15. German physicist and originator of quantum theory whose namesake constant uses the symbol h.
16. Character from a musical who falls in love with opera singer Christine and sings “The Music of the Night.”
17. Turkish novelist who won the 2006 Nobel Prize in Literature. His works include *Snow*, *The White Castle* and *My Name Is Red*.
18. Brazilian forward who played for Santos FC from 1956–1974 and won 3 FIFA World Cups.
19. Region of South America shared by Chile and Argentina. The Tehuelche people are indigenous to this region.
20. First name of the Canadian Prime Minister who famously said “Just watch me” during the October Crisis.

ROUND 2 ANSWERS:

1. **Perseus**
2. **Percy** Bysshe Shelley
3. Henry **Purcell**
4. **Pablo** Neruda
5. **pig**
6. **polysaccharide**
7. **prime** Number
8. Battle of **Plassey**
9. **panopticon**
10. **Prussia**
11. **Piet** Mondrian
12. **phosphorus**
13. **Pentecost**
14. **Pennsylvania**
15. Max **Planck**
16. The **Phantom** of the Opera
17. Orhan **Pamuk**
18. **Pelé**
19. **Patagonia**
20. **Pierre** Trudeau

ROUND 3: Each of the following starts with the letter V.

1. Quantity which is measured in cubic meters. Can be multiplied with density to find mass.
2. Italian city home to many canals.
3. Term for Scandinavian seafarers including Leif Erikson. They name a football team in Minnesota.
4. Hindu preserver god whose avatars include Krishna and Rama.
5. Alan Moore graphic novel about a vigilante wearing a Guy Fawkes mask, later adapted into a movie starring Natalie Portman.
6. French city where Philippe Pétain commanded forces in the longest battle of World War I.
7. Measure of resistance to flow which is high in substances like ketchup.
8. Smallest string instrument, famously made by the Stradivari family.
9. Term for an elongated depression of land, typically between hills or mountains.
10. United States government department which falsified data on the hospital wait times of people who previously served in the army.
11. Campaign in which Ulysses S. Grant ended Confederate control of the Mississippi river, named for a city.
12. Car company founded by the German Labour Front. The creators of the Beetle.
13. "Shield-maidens" who bring the dead to Valhalla in Norse mythology.
14. Alfred Hitchcock movie featuring a detective with extreme acrophobia.
15. Riot Games first-person shooter with characters such as Jett and Viper.
16. Capital city on the Danube where Johann Strauss I and Franz Schubert were born.
17. Ray Bradbury short story in which Peter and Wendy lock their parents in a nursery with lions.
18. Term for meat from a calf, contrasted with beef for an adult cow.
19. Type of mythical creature exemplified by Count Orlock in Nosferatu.
20. Queen who was proclaimed Empress of India by Benjamin Disraeli.

ROUND 3 ANSWERS:

1. **volume**
2. **Venice**
3. **viking**s
4. **Vishnu**
5. ***V for Vendetta***
6. **Verdun**
7. **viscosity**
8. **violin**
9. **valley**
10. **V**eterans **A**ffairs
11. **Vicksburg** Campaign
12. **Volkswagen** (or **VW**)
13. **Valkyrie**s
14. **Vertigo**
15. **Valorant**
16. **Vienna**
17. "The **Veldt**"
18. **veal**
19. **vampire**
20. Queen **Victoria**

ROUND 4: Each of the following starts with the letter T.

1. The first and only even prime number.
2. Term for a message sent by wire, often in morse code.
3. The study of heat and energy transfer.
4. Capital city of Iran.
5. A cassava-derived starch used to make “pearls” for boba drinks.
6. Director of the movie "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood."
7. Dissonant “Devil's interval” equivalent to an augmented 4th or diminished 5th.
8. Infectious bacterial disease which affects the lungs, alternately known as “white death” or consumption.
9. Desolate planet from Star Wars ruled by Jabba the Hutt.
10. Unneutered male cat.
11. 2010 Disney movie featuring Rapunzel.
12. Shakespeare comedy about Prospero's revenge plot.
13. Brass Auguste Rodin sculpture of a man in a pensive pose.
14. Hormone-releasing organ found in human necks.
15. Massive waves caused by seismic or volcanic activity displacing a large volume of water.
16. Force required for flight along with weight, drag, and lift.
17. Thin flatbread typically made from nixtamalized [nix-TA-ma-lized] corn flour or wheat flour. A staple in Mexican cuisine.
18. 16th century Council named for the Italian city in which it met. Intended to offer clarification on Church doctrine in response to the Protestant Reformation.
19. Parasitic arachnid. Bites from the Lone Star variety can cause alpha-gal allergies.
20. A preparation of soil done before planting seeds.

ROUND 4 ANSWERS:

1. **two**
2. **telegram** [reject “telegraph,” which is the term for the device that sends telegrams]
3. **thermodynamics**
4. **Tehran**
5. **tapioca**
6. Quentin **Tarantino**
7. **tri-tone** [or **tritone**]
8. **tuberculosis**
9. **Tatooine**
10. **tom**cat
11. ***Tangled***
12. *The* ***Tempest***
13. *The* ***Thinker***
14. **thyroid**
15. **tsunami**s
16. **thrust**
17. **tortilla**
18. **Trent**
19. **tick**s
20. **till**ing

ROUND 5: Each of the following starts with the letter "W."

1. Technologically-advanced African kingdom, the source of vibranium in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.
2. Animal which suckled the infants Romulus and Remus.
3. Animal pursued by Captain Ahab's ship, the *Pequod*, in Moby Dick.
4. SI unit named for an inventor of the steam engine. It measures the rate of energy transfer over time.
5. Constituent country of the United Kingdom located to the west of England. The home of Mount Snowdon.
6. King who led the Norman conquest of England and later commissioned the Domesday Book.
7. Chopin wrote a "Minute" one of these pieces, and Johann Strauss was known as its "King."
8. Playwright who wrote about Blanche Dubois' move to New Orleans to live with Stella and Stanley Kowalski.
9. German composer of the Ring Cycle.
10. Last German emperor who abdicated in 1918, after Germany's defeat in World War I was imminent.
11. De Broglie first proposed that electrons act as both a particle and this concept.
12. This capital of Hubei contains the Huanan seafood market, the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic.
13. Evil spirit from Algonquin folklore possesses humans and causes them to desire cannibalism and be insatiably hungry, often depicted inaccurately as a humanoid deer in popular culture.
14. 97% of the Milky Way's stars are of this type. Stars that are too small to explode in supernovas become this type, remaining hot but no longer undergoing fusion.
15. Holocaust survivor who won the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize and wrote *Night* based on his experiences in Auschwitz and Buchenwald.
16. A copy of this Emanuel Leutze painting hung in the West Wing until 2014, and it contains a historically inaccurate American flag.
17. New religious movement faith that is a modern reincarnation of paganism and believes in the presence of magic and witchcraft.
18. Only Empress of China, who ruled during the Tang dynasty.
19. This German scientist originated the theory of continental drift.
20. This author wrote about the Merry Prankster's use of LSD in *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test*, and about racial tensions in New York in *The Bonfire of the Vanities*.

ROUND 5 ANSWERS:

1. **Wakanda**
2. **wolf** [or she-**wolf**]
3. white **whale**
4. **watt**
5. **Wales**
6. **William** the Conqueror
7. **Waltz**
8. Thomas Lanier **Williams** III [or Tennessee **Williams**]
9. Wilhelm Richard **Wagner**
10. **Wilhelm II**
11. **Waves**
12. **Wuhan**
13. **Wendigo**
14. **White dwarf**
15. Eliezer "Elie" **Wiesel**
16. ***Washington Crossing the Delaware***
17. **Wicca**
18. **Wu** Zetian
19. **Wegener**
20. **Wolfe**