

# The Brain Challenge

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**Ages 17+**



**May 25 - July 25**

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# brrrr!

All the answers in this word definition game begin with the letters BR.



- 1 The largest country in South America. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 A contusion. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 The person who makes the money to support a family. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 To make coffee or beer. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The organ of thought and feeling. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 System of reading and writing for the blind. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 An adornment for the wrist. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 An old fashioned word for trousers. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 A mixture of copper and tin, this metal is often used for a sculpture.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 The extreme edge... or the very point at which a disastrous turn of events will occur. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 An archaic term for sulfur, it's also one of a pair of words used to describe a style of preaching that creates vivid pictures of eternal damnation to encourage repentance. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 Fragile, easily broken....and a candy made of caramel and nuts. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 One of the largest animals that ever lived, this herbivorous dinosaur had a very long neck and an equally long tail. Today it's known as an apatosaurus.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 14 An illegal gift, usually money, to persuade an official or to influence an action.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Your mother's son. \_\_\_\_\_



# Anagrams

The letters of each word in this list can be arranged in multiple ways to form other words. We provide the word and the number of anagrams that are possible to make.

1. Inks (2) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Evil (3) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Gnus (3) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Leap (3) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Acres (3) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Caret (3) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Emits (4) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Teaks (4) \_\_\_\_\_



# echo echo

All the answers in this quiz have repeating sounds, such as Papa, Bye-Bye, and Bora Bora.

1. Yogi Bear's companion ... or a little cut or bruise to a child.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Popular nickname for President Kennedy's son. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Toy gun that shoots round projectiles. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Perfect vision. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Slang for a train, especially in Chattanooga. \_\_\_\_\_

6. He killed Robert Kennedy. \_\_\_\_\_

7. High-kicking dance performed by a chorus line. \_\_\_\_\_

8. It's likely that this flightless bird became extinct around 1700.

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Average, mediocre, passable. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Made up of a string and two discs, this toy has been around for a couple of thousand years. \_\_\_\_\_

11. The title and chorus of a Yale football fight song written in 1901.

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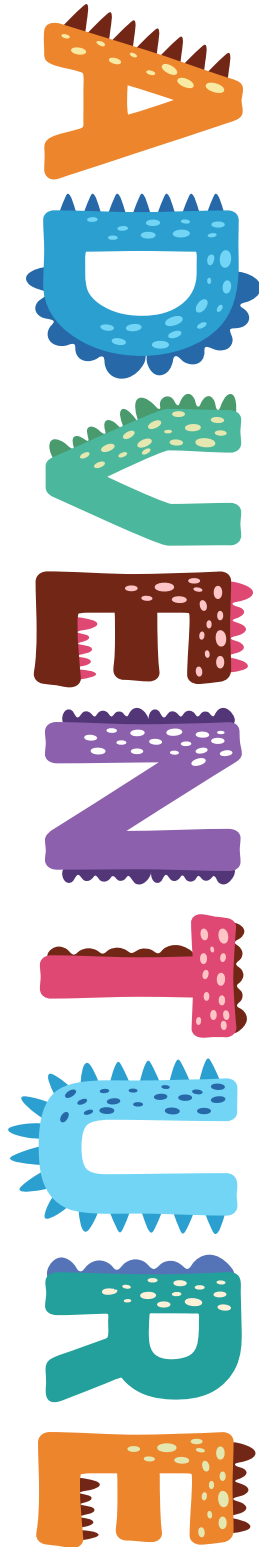
12. More British than American, it means "good-bye." \_\_\_\_\_



# GOLLY GEE

All of the two-word answers in this game begin with the initials G and G.

1. This San Francisco bridge is actually red. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Charlie Browns favorite saying. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Her most famous movie line mirrored her reclusive lifestyle: "I vant to be alone!" \_\_\_\_\_
4. Term for a very fuel-inefficient car.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. From the 1890s to the 1920s, these illustrated beauties, depicted with thin waists and hair piled high on their heads personified the feminine ideal.  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. *Rhapsody in Blue* composer. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Your daughter's daughter's daughter.  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. You don't want this to get too near "E" when you're on a long drive.  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. In the 1960s and 1970s this phrase described the strained relationship between young people and their parents brought about by differences in values, tastes, and outlooks.  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. A young Japanese female who is trained as a professional singer, dancer, and companion for men. \_\_\_\_\_



# Don't Be an Idiom

Complete the following sentences with the correct idiom. Each idiom will begin with the word *on*.



1. If your TV stops working, it's on the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. If you're having success after success, you are on a \_\_\_\_\_.

3. If the assistant you hired is well-informed and capable, she is on the \_\_\_\_\_.

4. If you've stopped drinking alcohol, you're on the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. If you're very worried about the results of your blood test, you're on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ until the doctor calls.

6. If your company is laying off workers and you know you're on the list, then you're on the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (two words)

7. If you're receiving federal assistance such as welfare or food stamps, you're on the \_\_\_\_\_.

8. If you want your guests to arrive on time, you tell them to come at seven o'clock on the \_\_\_\_\_.

9. If a waiter brings you an appetizer that you don't have to pay for, you're getting it on the \_\_\_\_\_.

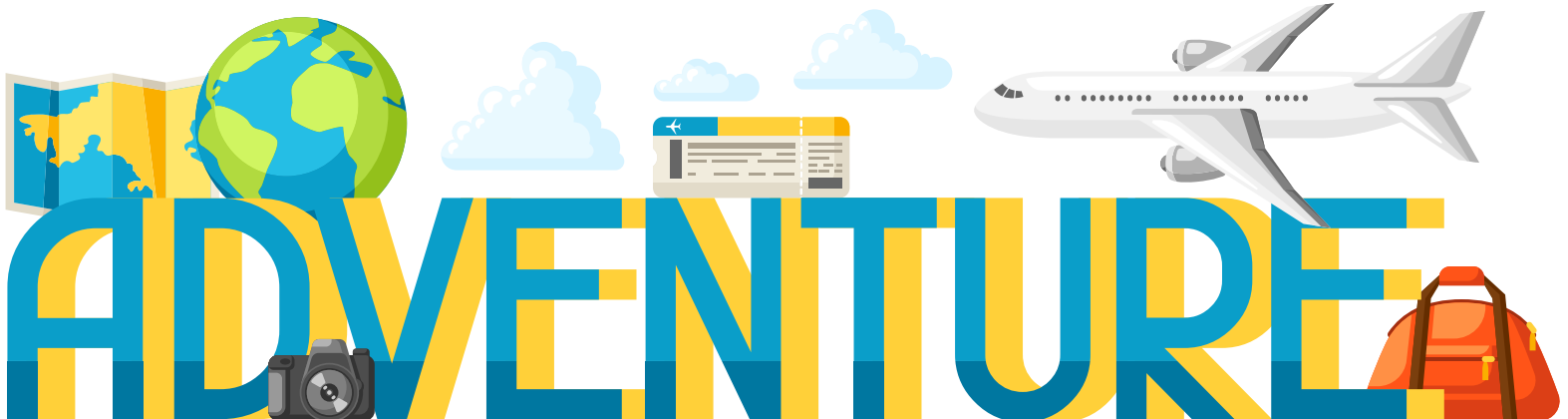
10. If you're running away from the police or have just escaped from jail, you're on the \_\_\_\_\_.



# WHAT A PAIR

*Harvard and Yale, Thunder and Lightning, Coke and Pepsi* are all common pairs...but what about *Wonder and Perrier*? If you redefine *Wonder* and *Perrier* correctly, you'll come up with the more familiar pairing *Bread and Water*. How many familiar pairs can you make from the clues below?

1. Scarlet hosiery ... and Union soldiers \_\_\_\_\_
2. Steak or chicken ... and Yukon golds \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sleeping furniture ... and the morning meal \_\_\_\_\_
4. Flounder ... and Fritos \_\_\_\_\_
5. Macintoshes ... and navels \_\_\_\_\_
6. Garfield ... and Mickey \_\_\_\_\_
7. Ivory ... and Poland Spring \_\_\_\_\_
8. Cow juice ... and bee juice \_\_\_\_\_
9. Upper limb ... and nail-driving tool \_\_\_\_\_
10. Movie actors ... and zebra pattern \_\_\_\_\_
11. Oscar Mayer strips ... and free-range jumbo hen fruit \_\_\_\_\_
12. 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM ... and ... 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_



# Palindromes

Palindromes are words or phrases that read the same backward and forward.

*Madam, I'm Adam* is a well-known palindrome. In this game, all of the answers are one-word palindromes.

1. Restaurants offer this with boiled lobster to protect your clothes. \_\_\_\_\_
2. A mature female sheep. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Type of small tent for one or two people. \_\_\_\_\_
4. A polite, formal term of address for a woman. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Adam's gal. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Mr. Barker of the *Price Is Right*. \_\_\_\_\_
7. A failed firecracker. \_\_\_\_\_
8. A one-night job for a rock band. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Nickname of the Egyptian pharaoh whose tomb of riches was discovered virtually intact in 1922. \_\_\_\_\_
10. To choke ... or a kind of joke. \_\_\_\_\_
11. A lightweight, one-person canoe of Eskimo origin. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Inhabitant of a convent. \_\_\_\_\_





A background map with Cyrillic text, likely a historical map of a region in Eastern Europe or Russia. The map shows various geographical features like rivers and mountains, with labels in Cyrillic script. The text is somewhat faded and difficult to read, but it appears to be a map of a region with many small settlements and administrative boundaries.

# ***down to the wire***

Fill in the blank space with the word or words that complete each expression.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to the wise
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the bar
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to the chase
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to the nines
5. \_\_\_\_\_ to the finish
6. \_\_\_\_\_ to the brim
7. "\_\_\_\_\_ to the Chief"
8. \_\_\_\_\_ to the center of the earth
9. \_\_\_\_\_ to the grindstone
10. \_\_\_\_\_ to the races
11. \_\_\_\_\_ to the choir
12. \_\_\_\_\_ to the gills

# Trivia

## Fowl Facts

Test your bird IQ with these clues.



- This is the most common bird in the world. \_\_\_\_\_
- The plumage of this bird is so stunning that NBC chose it as its symbol when color TV was first introduced. \_\_\_\_\_
- The finest - and most expensive - down comes from this feathered fowl.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- This ancient Mexican culture is credited with the domestication of the turkey.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Just Johns

The first name *John* is the common denominator in this quiz.



- This John spent six years in a Vietnamese prison camp and served more than twenty-five years as a U.S. senator from Arizona. \_\_\_\_\_
- This John rose to stardom playing Jack Tripper on *Three's Company*.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Born in 1960 and killed in a tragic accident in 1999, this handsome John was primarily famous because of his parents. \_\_\_\_\_
- This John was the U.S. Secretary of State under President Eisenhower and played a significant role in the early Cold War era. \_\_\_\_\_

# whatzit

How many clues do you need to guess what the WHATZIT is?

1-3 clues - Outstanding; 3-7 clues - Very Good; 7-10 clues - Time to study up on your WHATZITs.

- WHATZITs are native to South America, most likely originating in Peru, and were probably introduced into central Mexico by the Aztecs around A.D. 700.
- Some experts believe that Christopher Columbus may have introduced WHATZITs to Europe. At that time WHATZITs were probably small and yellow.
- The earliest known writing about WHATZITs appeared in a book by an Italian botanist in 1544. And the earliest known cookbook using WHATZITs was published in Naples in 1692.
- WHATZITs grew easily in the Mediterranean climate and spread quickly throughout the region.
- England was slower to adopt WHATZITs because herbalist John Gerard thought they were poisonous. (The leaves and stems do contain some poisons, but the fruit does not.)
- Today WHATZITs are grown worldwide, and many different types have been cultivated.
- The heaviest recorded WHATZIT weighed almost eight pounds.
- Most WHATZIT cultivars produce red fruit, but they can also be found in yellow, orange, pink, purple, green, black, white, and even stripes.
- Some WHATZIT cultivars include: Beefsteak, Better Boy, Early Girl, Brandywine, Cherry, and Plum.
- It's hard to imagine Italian food without WHATZITs, but the ancient Romans never used them because WHATZITs hadn't yet been introduced to Europe.

