

2026 BISHOP GARRIGAN QUIZ BOWL TOURNAMENT

GAME 6

SEMI-FINALS

TOSS-UP ROUND

Question 1

Every part of the state of Alaska is closer to one of three world capitals than it is to Washington, D.C. Those three capitals are considered part of three different continents. For ten points, name any two of the three capitals that Alaska is closer to than it is to Washington.

ANSWER: Ottawa, Reykjavik, Tokyo

(must have 2 for a correct answer)

Question 2

This company is primarily known as a retailer. However, it also owns more forest land than any other private company on earth. The company also uses more than 1% of the world's annual production of lumber, primarily for the manufacture of furniture. For ten points, name this company that was founded in 1943 in Sweden.

ANSWER: Ikea

Question 3

This was the only state whose admission was vetoed by a U.S. President. Congress overrode President Andrew Johnson's veto of a provision that required that the state allow black men the right to vote. For ten points, what became the 37th state on March 1, 1867?

ANSWER: Nebraska

Question 4

For ten points, the longest straight stretch of road in the world runs for 149 miles through what Middle-Eastern country?

ANSWER: Saudi Arabia

Question 5

For ten points, what famous magician shares his name with a Charles Dickens character?

ANSWER: David **Copperfield**

Question 6

You might expect the answer to be a place like New Jersey or California, but in fact the answer is a Midwestern state. For ten points, of the fifty U.S. states, which one has been altered by humans more from its natural biological state than any other?

ANSWER: **Iowa**

Question 7

For ten points, what bird is used to make the dish called squab?

ANSWER: **pigeon**

Question 8

Two of the world's most geographically opposite countries are separated by a 27-kilometer strip of India. One is one of the highest and most mountainous countries on earth, while the other is a very flat country that is endangered by sea level rise from global warming. For ten points, name these two countries.

ANSWER: **Nepal AND Bangladesh**

Question 9

For ten points, legend says that Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome, were raised by what animal?

ANSWER: **she wolf**

Question 10

Cher holds a record for #1 pop hits. For ten points, in how many different decades did Cher have songs at the top of the charts?

ANSWER: **7 decades**

Question 11

Two of Canada's ten provinces are landlocked. For ten points, name either of them.

ANSWER: Alberta OR Saskatchewan

Question 12

On July 28, 2026 a plane left Melbourne, Australia, flew over the Pacific Ocean, over North America, and over the Atlantic Ocean before landing in Toulouse, France. This was a test flight of a new Airbus plane, and the 12,460-mile flight was the longest nonstop journey in history. For ten points, to the nearest hour, how long did the world's longest nonstop flight take?

ANSWER: 24 hours

Question 13

The United States Postal Service first introduced "forever" stamps, which are always worth the cost of mailing a first-class letter, in the year 2007. When these stamps were introduced, they were sold for 41¢ each. For ten points, how much does it cost to buy a forever stamp at the post office today?

ANSWER: 82¢

Question 14

When it was originally founded, this Illinois city was named after a Shakespeare character. Over time the vowel in the first syllable of its name changed, and it now bears the name of a French-Canadian explorer. For ten points, name this city in southwest Chicagoland, the third largest city in Illinois.

ANSWER: Joliet

Question 15

For ten points, in Greek mythology, who was Daedalus' son, who flew too close to the Sun?

ANSWER: Icarus

Question 16

Bettridge's law is used in analyzing journalism. For ten points, among other things, this law asserts that any headline that ends in a question mark can be answered with what one word?

ANSWER: no

Question 17

For ten points, what American author wrote the short stories “The Black Cat” and “The Fall of the House of Usher”?

ANSWER: Edgar Allen Poe

Question 18

A standard soccer ball is made up of pentagons and hexagons of leather that are sewn together. For ten points, a standard soccer ball contains twelve pentagons and how many hexagons?

ANSWER: 20

Question 19

In August 2026 *The Economist* published a poll that showed that President Trump’s approval rating was at its lowest point ever, with about two-thirds of all Americans disapproving of the President’s actions. The poll showed that the majority of people in 47 of the 50 U.S. states disapproved of the job Trump was doing as President. For ten points, name any of the three states where the majority of people approved of President Trump.

ANSWER: Idaho OR West Virginia OR Wyoming

Question 20

As of 2026, the world’s oldest living person was Ethel Caterham, who lives in a retirement home in Britain. For her birthday this year the care center hired a Frank Sinatra impersonator, and she also received personal visits from King Charles and from a representative of the *Guinness Book of World Records*. How old did Ethel Caterham turn in 2026? For ten points, was she 107, 117, 127, or 137 years old?

ANSWER: 117 years old

Question 21

For ten points, the world’s largest desert is found on what continent?

ANSWER: Antarctica

Question 22

Albert Einstein is best known for his famous equation $E = mc^2$. For ten points, tell what the variables “E”, “m”, and “c” all stand for in this equation.

ANSWER: energy, mass, AND speed of light

Question 23

One of the conditions most commonly diagnosed and corrected by eye doctors is myopia (my-OH-pee-uh). For ten points, what is the common name for myopia?

ANSWER: near-sightedness

Question 24

For ten points, what character on *The Muppets* shares his name with the son of President Theodore Roosevelt?

ANSWER: Kermit

Question 25

For ten points, according to Hasbro, did the longest recorded game of Monopoly® last for 70 hours, 70 days, 70 months, or 70 years?

ANSWER: 70 days

(Continue to the bonus round.)

BONUS ROUND

(Each correctly answered toss-up earns the team the right to answer the corresponding bonus.)

Toss-Up 26

This country's imperial house is considered the oldest continuous hereditary monarchy in the world. Though legend traces the origin of the house to around 600 B.C., the first historical records of an emperor are from 539 A.D. While the power of the emperor has been limited since 1945, the imperial house continues into the 21st Century. For ten points, name this country whose emperor is said to sit on the "chrysanthemum throne".

ANSWER: Japan

Bonus 26

The countries of the United Kingdom have many curious symbols. Answer these questions.

Part 1

Both Scotland and Wales have mythical creatures as their national animals. For five points each, name the two animals that are the national symbols of Scotland and Wales

ANSWER: unicorn (Scotland) (5 points each)
dragon (Wales)

Part 2

The national animal of England is an actual living creature, but not one that is native to England. It exists in the wild in Africa and Asia and is found only in zoos in Britain. For five points, what is the national animal of England?

ANSWER: lion

Part 3

For five points, what plant known for its sharp spikes is the national flower of Scotland?

ANSWER: thistle

Part 4

The national musical instrument of Northern Ireland is the bodhran (BOWED-ran). For five points, is the bodhran a considered a string, woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument?

ANSWER: percussion (it is a small drum)

Toss-Up 27

Today, throughout the world, the word “billion” refers to the number ten to the ninth power. This has been true since the mid 1970s. Before then Britain and most of its former colonies used the word “billion” to refer to a larger number. For ten points, how big in modern terms was a British billion in the past?

ANSWER: 10^{12} OR one trillion OR a million millions

Bonus 27

Answer these questions about the world’s largest companies by revenue.

Part 1

For five points, on which continent are more than half of the world’s largest companies headquartered? Is it North America, Europe, or Asia?

ANSWER: North America

Part 2

Two American companies each had more than 700 billion dollars in revenue in 2025, making them the two largest companies on earth. For five points each, name those two companies.

ANSWER: Amazon (5 points each)
Walmart

Part 3

Europe’s largest company is an automaker. For five points, name that company.

ANSWER: Volkswagen

Part 4

The royal family of a Middle Eastern nation owns an oil company that brought in nearly 500 billion dollars in revenue last year. Name the country whose royal family owns that company.

ANSWER: Saudi Arabia

Toss-Up 28

President Richard Nixon is well known for giving his famous “I am not a crook” speech in 1973. For ten points, this speech was delivered at what famous Florida tourist attraction, which opened two years earlier?

ANSWER: Walt Disney World

Bonus 28

For five points each, identify the state where would find each of these national recreation areas.

Part 1

Mount Hood National Recreation Area

ANSWER: Oregon

Part 2

Hell’s Canyon National Recreation Area (either of two states)

ANSWER: Idaho OR Oregon

Part 3

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (either of two states)

ANSWER: Pennsylvania OR New Jersey

Part 4

Chattahoochee (chat-uh-HOO-chee) River National Recreation Area

ANSWER: Georgia

Part 5

Jemez (HAY-maze) National Recreation Area

ANSWER: New Mexico

Toss-Up 29

What percentage of the world's population is under the age of 15? For ten points, is it 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, or 25%?

ANSWER: 25%

Bonus 29

Answer these questions about the best-selling musical artists of all time.

Part 1

All but one of the best-selling artists of all time were from two different countries. For five points each, name those countries.

ANSWER: United States (5 points each)
United Kingdom (accept **Great Britain, England**, etc.)

Part 2

The one of the best-selling artists of all time who wasn't from the U.K. or the U.S. was Rihanna. For five points, what is Rihanna's native country?

ANSWER: Barbados

Part 3

For five points, what American musician is the best-selling female artist of all time?

ANSWER: Madonna

Part 4

For five points, which British group leads all other musical acts in sales?

ANSWER: Beatles

Toss-Up 30

In 1976 the United States celebrated its 200th anniversary, or bicentennial. Then in 2026 our country celebrated its 250th anniversary. For ten points, what is the formal word for a 250th anniversary?

ANSWER: semiquincentennial

Bonus 30

Answer these questions.

Part 1

Several times President Trump has floated the idea of serving a third term. For five points, which numbered amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits him from doing this?

ANSWER: 22nd Amendment

Part 2

Only one U.S. President has ever served more than two terms. In fact, he was elected to four terms. For five points, name that President.

ANSWER: Franklin Roosevelt OR FDR

Part 3

The 22nd Amendment specifically exempted one President from being limited to two terms, though that President dropped out of the race during the primary season of his third possible term. For five points, name that President.

ANSWER: Harry S. Truman

Part 4

Besides FDR and Truman, two other Presidents ran for third terms after serving two, but were not elected. Both served well before the 22nd Amendment was passed. For five points each, name those Presidents.

**ANSWER: Ulysses Grant (5 points each)
Theodore Roosevelt**

Toss-Up 31

This tight-fitting garment was named after a 19th Century French trapeze artist. The same garment can be worn by gymnasts, dancers, figure skaters, and wrestlers, and it can also be worn as fashion activewear. For ten points, name this one-piece garment that covers the human torso.

ANSWER: leotard

Bonus 31

For five points each, tell what metal is extracted from each of these ores.

Part 1

hematite (HEE-mu-tite)

ANSWER: iron

Part 2

bauxite (BOX-ite)

ANSWER: aluminum

Part 3

galena (gun-LEEN-uh)

ANSWER: lead

Part 4

malachite (MAL-uh-kite)

ANSWER: copper

Part 5

gypsum (JIP-sum)

ANSWER: calcium

Toss-Up 32

The first person to win two Nobel prizes was a woman. For ten points, name this woman, who won the 1903 Nobel prize in physics and the 1911 Nobel prize in chemistry.

ANSWER: Marie **Curie**

Bonus 32

Deficiency diseases are caused by a lack of vitamins. You may want to write down these vitamins: Vitamin A, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B3, Vitamin C, and Vitamin D. Now consider these diseases: scurvy, rickets, beriberi, night-blindness, and pellagra. For five points each, match the diseases to the vitamin deficiency with which each is associated.

ANSWER: **scurvy = Vitamin C** (5 points each)

rickets = Vitamin D

beriberi = Vitamin B1

night-blindness = Vitamin A

pellagra = Vitamin B3

(Continue to the lightning round.)

LIGHTNING ROUND

CATEGORY A: Wisconsin

I will ask ten questions about Iowa's neighbor to the northeast. For ten points each, you answer the questions. For example, if I said "What is the largest city in Wisconsin?", you would say "Milwaukee".

Question 1

What capital city is home to the University of Wisconsin?

ANSWER: Madison

Question 2

Wisconsin's official state nickname is the __WHAT__ state?

ANSWER: badger

Question 3

Besides Iowa, what other three states does Wisconsin border?

ANSWER: Illinois, Michigan, AND Minnesota

Question 4

The largest company headquartered in Wisconsin is what department store chain?

ANSWER: Kohl's

Question 5

What motorcycle company is headquartered in Milwaukee?

ANSWER: Harley—Davidson

Question 6

Of the NFL, NBA, NHL, and MLB, which doesn't have a team in Wisconsin?

ANSWER: NHL

Question 7

What convenience store chain is headquartered in LaCrosse?

ANSWER: Kwik Trip OR Kwik Star

Question 8

What national fast food chain began in Sauk City, Wisconsin in 1984?

ANSWER: Culver's

Question 9

Wisconsin ranks #2 in dairy production nationwide. Which state has more dairy production?

ANSWER: California

Question 10

What Wisconsin senator gave his name to anti-communist crusades in the 1950s?

ANSWER: Joseph McCarthy

LIGHTNING ROUND

CATEGORY B: Begins with "L"

I will give ten clues that lead to words beginning with the letter "L". For ten points each, you give those words. For example, if I said "only U.S. state that fits the category", you would say "Louisiana".

Question 1

place where a chemist works

ANSWER: laboratory OR lab

Question 2

America's second largest city

ANSWER: Los Angeles

Question 3

British ship sunk in 1915

ANSWER: Lusitania

Question 4

mainland area that forms a Canadian province together with Newfoundland

ANSWER: Labrador

Question 5

landlocked country in southern Africa

ANSWER: Lesotho ("luh-SOO-too", but accept reasonable pronunciations)

Question 6

people associated with a church who are not clergy

ANSWER: laity (accept **laymen**)

Question 7

eleventh letter of the Greek alphabet

ANSWER: lambda

Question 8

"bad" cholesterol

ANSWER: LDL OR low-density lipoprotein(s)

Question 9

14 popes have had this name

ANSWER: Leo

Question 10

country that borders Vietnam that fits the category

ANSWER: Laos

LIGHTNING ROUND

CATEGORY C: Charles Dickens

I will give part of the titles of ten Dickens novels. For ten points each, you fill in the blanks in the titles. For example, if I said “A Christmas _BLANK_”, you would say “*Carol*”.

Question 1

David _BLANK_

ANSWER: *Copperfield*

Question 2

The Old _BLANK_ Shoppe

ANSWER: *Curiosity*

Question 3

BLANK House

ANSWER: *Bleak*

Question 4

Great _BLANK_

ANSWER: *Expectations*

Question 5

A Tale of Two _BLANK_

ANSWER: *Cities*

Question 6

The Pickwick _BLANK_

ANSWER: *Papers*

Question 7

BLANK Twist

ANSWER: *Oliver*

Question 8

Nicholas _BLANK_

ANSWER: *Nickelby*

Question 9

BLANK Times

ANSWER: *Hard*

Question 10

Martin _BLANK_

ANSWER: *Chuzzlewit*