

# November Trivia

## Round 1

1. In 1859, a two-hour telegraph conversation took place between Portland, Maine and Boston without the lines being connected to the grid. What atmospheric phenomenon enabled this? **Answer: Aurora borealis**
2. Which is the only state to have counties with populations greater than one million *and* counties with populations less than one thousand? **Answer: Texas**
3. In 2003, what symbol, common on computer keyboards, was added to Morse code, the first addition since the Second World War? **Answer: @**
4. This continent has the southernmost active volcano in the world, as well as 3 of the world's hundred highest peaks. It is home to one of the world's largest telescopes, as well as its 6th largest lake. What is the continent? **Answer: Antarctica**
5. The word "helicopter" shares a root word with the name of what winged animal? **Answer: Pterodactyl**
6. What famous astronomer and science popularizer once wrote an article for a magazine under the pseudonym "Mr. X" extolling the virtues of weed in his work? **Answer: Carl Sagan**
7. What famous director and animator once said "I strongly feel this is an insult to life itself, and that its creator has no concept of pain or empathy" when he was shown a computer animation of a zombie? **Answer: Hayao Miyazaki**
8. The famous fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent said that his one regret was not inventing a very common 5-pocket garment, saying they "have expression, modesty, sex appeal and simplicity, all I hope for in my clothes." To what garment was he referring? **Answer: Blue jeans**
9. Which is greater: The distance it is possible to travel below sea level (without digging into the Earth), or the distance it is possible to travel above sea level (while still being on the surface)? **Answer: The first one. The Challenger Deep is about a kilometer deeper than Mt. Everest is tall.**

10. As many of you know, we are in the middle of Hanukkah, the Jewish festival where we light candles and gamble. Hanukkah lasts 8 days, and as part of the ceremony, every day you light one more candle than the previous day. In total, how many candles do you light during all of Hanukkah? **Answer: 44**
11. Over the pandemic, drive-in theaters experienced a resurgence. Two movies, both about aggressive wildlife, which were the box-office leaders when they were released were given re-releases in 2020 for drive-in theatergoers and subsequently led the box office for a second time. The first was released in 1975, and the second in 1993. Name the movies, for one point each. **Answer: Jaws, Jurassic Park**

### Round 3

#### Complete the sequence

If any answers are multiple words, I just want the first one  
*Give these cheesy boys some beans!*

1. In what month are both Scorpios and Sagittarii born? **Answer: November**
2. The designation of the brightest collection of stars in the constellation Centaurus **Answer: Alpha**
3. This common English name is also a street name for cocaine. Its apocryphal etymology is said to be connected to British slang, which also refers to LSD as "Larry" and heroin as "Henry" **Answer: Charlie**
4. Some of these businesses have started using RFID tags in their towels to keep them from being stolen. What kind of business is it? **Answer: Hotel**
5. This food company is known for advertising their sausages with sausage-shaped cars. **Answer: Oscar Mayer**

#### Guess That Attenborough!

1. As the fish are driven to the surface, they come within range of *blanks*, whose immense jaws are capable of snapping up dozens at a time. **Answer: Pelicans**
2. *Blanks* can find water where others can't. They use their trunks to dig under the dry riverbed to the wet sand beneath. **Answer: Elephants**
3. A pitcher plant attracts *blanks* to its underside with drops of nectar. But what do the *blanks* give in return? When the rain falls, the *blanks* find it impossible to hold on. The pitcher plant feeds on *blank* bodies. **Answer: Ants**

## WIC

There are probably about 150 million asteroids in the solar system which are larger than 100 meters in diameter. We've mapped a tiny fraction of these. For whoever is closest: As of December 2, 2021, how many asteroids larger than 100 meters have we mapped? **Answer: 1,113,527**

## Final question

The Chief Mouser is the title given to the resident cat of which official head of state residence? I need the official name of the residence for points to be awarded. **Answer: 10 Downing Street**

FOR A BONUS POINT: What is the name of the current Chief? **Answer: Larry**