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## **Abstract**

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# 1 Introduction and Objectives

## 1.1 Problem Background

In recent years, Large Language Models (LLMs) have become ubiquitous in solving general problems across a wide range of tasks, from text generation to question answering and logic problems. However, recent research suggests that using these models alone might not be the most effective way to solve problems that are not directly related to text generation (Yao et al. 2023).

One approach to improving the performance on knowledge problems for LLMs is Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) (Lewis et al. 2020). RAG involves retrieving relevant context related to a query and incorporating it into the model’s input, enhancing the model’s ability to generate accurate and contextually appropriate responses.

As RAG-enhanced systems become more widespread, studies on the performance of different retrieval systems and their interaction with LLMs have become crucial. Many explore the performance of these downstream tasks depending on both the retriever and the generator (Ghader et al. 2023, Brown et al. 2020), examining whether the knowledge is *grounded* in the context. Retrieval-Augmented models, such as ATLAS (Izacard et al. 2022) and RETRO (Borgeaud et al. 2022), use this approach to fine-tune a model on both a large body of knowledge and an existing index for context retrieval.

This project aims to understand the performance of various LLMs by measuring their *knowledge grounding* on a dataset consisting of a large variety of questions across a wide range of topics. We follow the approach by Yu et al. of running queries with counterfactual context to understand whether a particular answer originates from the model’s inherent knowledge (i.e., its training data) or from the provided context (i.e., the context retrieved by RAG).

This thesis builds on this knowledge and improve our understanding of how different LLMs interact with the given context in the problem of question answering. Specifically, we investigate whether these interactions vary depending on the type of question being answered, contributing to a more nuanced understanding of LLM performance in diverse knowledge domains.

## 1.2 Thesis Objectives

## 1.3 Report Structure

## 1.4 Conclusion

## 2 Context

This research is the latest on a long line of academic articles on the topics of retrieval-augmented generation, counterparametric and contextual data, and how to enhance knowledge on large language models.

This section presents a short summary of some of the articles that were useful in researching this topic.

### 2.1 Foundational Papers on Large Language Models

- “Language models are unsupervised multitask learners” (Radford et al. 2019).
  - The foundational paper for GPT2.
- “Exploring the Limits of Transfer Learning with a Unified Text-to-Text Transformer” (Raffel et al. 2020).
  - The foundational paper for T5.
- “Language Models are Few-shot Learners” (Brown et al. 2020).
  - Introduces “in-context learning”.
- “Prompt programming for large language models: Beyond the few-shot paradigm” (Reynolds & McDonell 2021).
  - Improves the previous paper.

### 2.2 Papers working with RAG and contextual data

- “Retrieval-Augmented Generation for Knowledge-Intensive NLP Tasks” (Lewis et al. 2020).
  - Foundational paper for RAG.
- “Self-RAG: Learning to Retrieve, Generate, and Critique through Self-Reflection” (Asai et al. 2023).
  - Interesting RAG system.
- “Can Retriever-Augmented Language Models Reason? The Blame Game Between the Retriever and the Language Model” (Ghader et al. 2023).
  - Nice evaluation of RAG models.

### 2.3 Retrieval-Augmented Language Models

- “Shall We Pretrain Autoregressive Language Models with Retrieval? A Comprehensive Study” (Wang et al. 2023).

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\*This entire section is in progress — short summaries of the named papers will come soon.

- Reproduces and pretrains RETRO.
- “Atlas: Few-shot Learning with Retrieval Augmented Language Models” (Izcard et al. 2022).
  - Introduces ATLAS.
- “Improving language models by retrieving from trillions of tokens” (Borgeaud et al. 2022).
- “RAGGED: Towards Informed Design of Retrieval Augmented Generation Systems” (Hsia et al. 2024).
  - Analyses results of these systems; compares Llama to Flan-T5.

## 2.4 On disentangling parametric and context-augmented counterparametric knowledge

- “DISCO: Distilling Counterfactuals with Large Language Models” (Chen et al. 2023).
  - Does similar analysis with counterfactuals to this thesis
- “DisentQA: Disentangling Parametric and Contextual Knowledge with Counterfactual Question Answering” (Neeman et al. 2022).
  - Also does a similar analysis to this thesis.
- “Characterizing Mechanisms for Factual Recall in Language Models” (Yu et al. 2023).
  - Very simple analysis, but tries to understand WHERE in the model the contextual answers come from.
- “Can We Edit Factual Knowledge by In-Context Learning?” (Zheng et al. 2023).
- “Learning the Difference that Makes a Difference with Counterfactually-Augmented Data” (Kaushik et al. 2020).



## 3 Methods

### 3.1 Models and Resources Used

- Reader Models

- Llama-8B.
- Llama-70B.
- Flan-T5-XL.
- Flan-T5-XXL.
- *Atlas?*

- Questions

- Our own dataset, shown in Appendix A.
- *Maybe add Natural Questions, HotpotQA, and/or BioASQ as in RAGGED (Hsia et al. 2024).*

### 3.2 Preprocessing and Inference Methodology

#### 3.2.1 Source Data Preparation

Our source data is prepared by extending the ideas presented by Yu et al.. Instead of using one simple question, our approach consists of separating this data into 7 categories, where each category has a set of base questions and another set of objects that are paired together and presented to our models.

This work contains 7 categories in the configuration shown by Table 1, for a total of 3840 questions. The full list of questions can be found in Appendix A.

Category	Questions	Objects	Total
Person	14	47	658
City	14	60	840
Principle	10	30	300
Element	10	35	350
Book	10	45	450
Painting	14	39	546
Historical Event	6	56	336
Total	68	312	3840

**Table 1:** The amount of questions for each category. The full list of questions can be found in Appendix A. This is still a work in progress and I expect to add more questions.

We enhance the zero-shot learning prompt used by Brown et al. by using the prompt format example format presented Jiang et al. for calibrating the T5 language model by adding both the question and the first part of the answer.

### 3.2.2 Prompting

There is plenty of research that suggests that for zero-shot problems (Brown et al. 2020, Reynolds & McDonell 2021), it’s convenient to create a minimal prompt (Jiang et al. 2021, Yu et al. 2023). This is helpful when later calculating the perplexity of the answers, as it tends to bias for short answers without any extra information that might change the individual probabilities of each token.

Examples of the prompting format explained in Sections 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 can be found in Table 2. For later queries, this is enhanced with context as in Table 3.

Base Question	Object	Final Question
What is the date of birth of {person}?		Q: What is the date of birth of Che Guevara?
The date of birth of {person} is	Che Guevara	A: The date of birth of Che Guevara is
In what city was {person} born?	Confucius	Q: What is the date of birth of Confucius?
{person} was born in	Cairo	A: The date of birth of Confucius is
What country is {city} in?	Mumbai	Q: In what city was Che Guevara born?
{city} is in		A: Che Guevara was born in
		Q: In what city was Confucius born?
		A: Confucius was born in
		Q: What country is Cairo in?
		A: Cairo is in
		Q: What country is Mumbai in?
		A: Mumbai is in

**Table 2:** Some examples of the base-question and object generation that are fed to the models for finding parametric answers.

### 3.2.3 Generating and scoring parametric answers

We query each of the models listed in Section 3.1 with the data from the previous subsections.

To ensure results are simple to interpret and not affected by randomness, we follow the example of Hsia et. al (Hsia et al. 2024) and use greedy decoding to find the answer. While beam search with a short beam width tends to produce more accurate results for long answers (Sutskever et al. 2014, Wu et al. 2016) and there are many other sampling methods that produce better results (Holtzman et al. 2020), this is likely to not have an effect on experiments that result in shorter answers (Raffel et al. 2020).

The negative log-likelihood of an answer  $x$  is calculated in base of the conditional probability of generating each token given the prior tokens. We can use this value to calculate the perplexity, which measures the level of “surprise” of a particular answer.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{NLL}(x_1, \dots, x_N | Q) &= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log P(x_i | Q, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_1) \\
 \text{PPL}(x_1, \dots, x_N | Q) &= e^{\text{NLL}(x_1, \dots, x_N | Q)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

		Tokens	
		Parametric $p$	Counterparametric $\bar{p}$
Context	Empty $Q$	$\text{PPL}(p_1, \dots, p_N \mid Q)$	$\text{PPL}(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_N \mid Q)$
	Counterparametric $W$	$\text{PPL}(p_1, \dots, p_N \mid W)$	$\text{PPL}(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_N \mid W)$

**Figure 1:** Four different perplexity values: one for each set of tokens, and one for each query context..

We can ensure that the probabilities are calculated based on the intended tokens rather than the “most probable” generated ones by using teacher forcing (Lamb et al. 2016).

### 3.2.4 Shuffling to generate counterparametric answers

Previous work related to finding per token probabilities of answers in large language models focus on either a pre-existing list of questions or on a single question format (Yu et al. 2023). This approach does not work for our use case for three reasons.

1. Having 68 different types of questions, rather than just 1, makes finding counterfactual answers technically challenging.
2. Our focus is not on finding *counterfactual* answers, but *counterparametric* ones. We do not care about correctness; we care about answers not being parametric.
3. Since we are measuring perplexity of these answers, we focus on answers that are generated by the same base question and the same model. This way we ensure that the format of the answer is the same.

We propose a novel way of generating counterparametric answers while focusing on these three points: rather than generating new answers for each question, counterfactual answers are randomly sampled from the parametric answers corresponding to the same base question. An example of this approach can be seen in Table 3.

### 3.2.5 Counterparametric and contextual perplexity scores

This works extends the approach of analysing answers found in [citation needed] and explained in Section 3.2.3 by also calculating the perplexity of *alternative* answers to each question.

That is, we take the result of applying each model to both the answer with and without counterparametric context, and we calculate the perplexity scores of getting both the parametric and counterparametric answer to each one of these. This produces four different scores which are detailed in Figure 1: one for each answer using either empty and counterparametric context.

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\*I am finding it hard to explain this subsubsection. Maybe I should add pseudocode here.

Base Question	Parametric Answer	Counterparametric Answer	Question with counterparametric context
What is the date of birth of Che Guevara?	June 14, 1928	June 21, 1947	Context: [the date of birth of Che Guevara is June 21, 1947]. Q: What is the date of birth of Che Guevara? A: The date of birth of Che Guevara is
What is the date of birth of Ibn al-Haytham?	965 AD	June 14, 1928	Context: [the date of birth of Ibn al-Haytham is June 14, 1928]. Q: What is the date of birth of Ibn al-Haytham? A: The date of birth of Ibn al-Haytham is
What is the date of birth of Boyan Slat?	27 January 1994	February 23, 1868	Context: [the date of birth of Boyan Slat is February 23, 1868]. Q: What is the date of birth of Boyan Slat? A: The date of birth of Boyan Slat is
What is the date of birth of W.E.B Du Bois?	February 23, 1868	June 14, 1928	Context: [the date of birth of W.E.B Du Bois is June 14, 1928]. Q: What is the date of birth of W.E.B Du Bois? A: The date of birth of W.E.B Du Bois is
What is the date of birth of Stephen Hawking?	January 8, 1942	965 AD	Context: [the date of birth of Stephen Hawking is 965 AD]. Q: What is the date of birth of Stephen Hawking? A: The date of birth of Stephen Hawking is
What is the date of birth of Shirin Ebadi?	June 21, 1947	June 14, 1928	Context: [the date of birth of Shirin Ebadi is June 14, 1928]. Q: What is the date of birth of Shirin Ebadi? A: The date of birth of Shirin Ebadi is

**Table 3:** Example of the sampling done to produce counterparametric answers. Counterparametric answers are generated by sampling a random answer from the parametric answers from the same base questions; to ensure that no parametric and counterparametric pair are identical, we only sample between different parametric answers. Note that the same parametric answer can appear several times as a counterparametric in different questions.

By definition, the tokens of the parametric answer  $p_1, \dots, p_N$  are the ones corresponding to the lowest perplexity answer for the query without any context. This is not the case for the tokens of the counterparametric answer  $\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_{\bar{N}}$ , which produces the inequality in Equation (2).

$$\text{PPL}(p_1, \dots, p_N \mid Q) \leq \text{PPL}(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_{\bar{N}} \mid Q) \quad (2)$$

Finding the result of the inequality for the queries with the counterparametric context  $W$  is one of the main goals of this research. In fact, we know that if the perplexity of the parametric tokens  $p_1, \dots, p_N$  is greater than the tokens for the counterparametric answer  $\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_{\bar{N}}$  then the answer was memorised. Otherwise, the answer was generated in-context.

$$\text{Answer Source} = \begin{cases} \text{Memory} & \text{if } P(p_1, \dots, p_N \mid W) < P(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_{\bar{N}} \mid W) \\ \text{Context} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

### 3.2.6 Comparing the Final Answers

There is a third case that's not present in Equations (2) and (3): the case where the answer comes from neither the model's memory nor the query's context, but that instead the model generates a third answer combining both.

There are several cases where this can happen. The most interesting are explained in ??, while the full results can be found in Appendix B.

In particular, we categorise the final answers in one of three groups depending on whether the answer with minimal perplexity on the query with the counterfactual context  $W$  is equal to the parametric answer, to the counterparametric answer, or to something else.

$$\text{Group} = \begin{cases} \text{Parametric} & \text{if } (\nexists x_1, \dots, x_N) \text{ PPL}(x_1, \dots, x_N \mid W) < A \\ \text{Counterparametric} & \text{if } (\nexists x_1, \dots, x_N) \text{ PPL}(x_1, \dots, x_N \mid W) < B \\ \text{Other} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \text{PPL}(p_1, \dots, p_N \mid W) \\ B &= \text{PPL}(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_{\bar{N}} \mid W) \end{aligned}$$

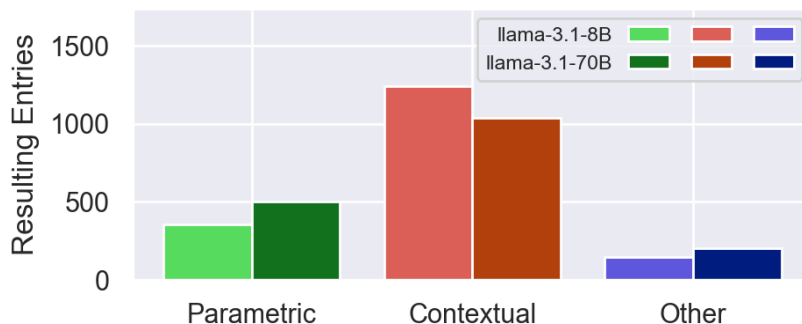
There is a correlation between Equation (4) and Equation (3): an answer in the Parametric group will come from the model's memory, and an answer in the Counterparametric group will come from the query's (counterparametric) context.

## 4 Results

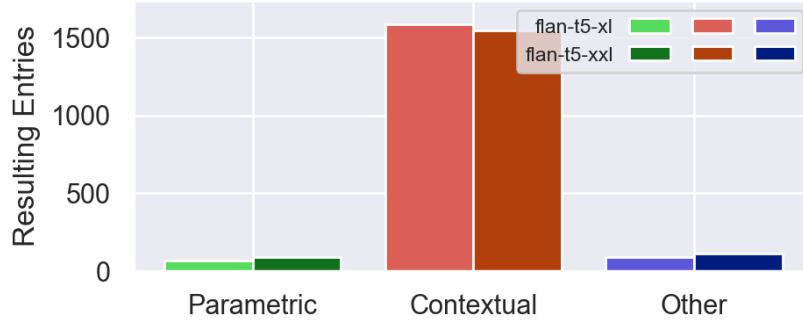
Some results I want to show.

- Larger models tend to prefer parametric knowledge over contextual knowledge.
  - This is the case in “Characterizing Mechanisms for Factual Recall in Language Models” (Yu et al. 2023), but I’m proving this on a larger set of question.
  - This is using exact match. Maybe attempting Unigram  $F_1$  would produce interesting results (Petroni et al. 2021).
- How this compares between Decoder-only models, Seq2Seq models, and Retrieval-Augmented Language Models.
- How does the perplexity between parametric answers and contextual answers compare within the same model.
  - From the perplexity alone, can we predict whether an answer came from the model’s memory or from the context?
  - It might be worth experimenting this with factual answers in the context, to simulate a RAG-difference detector.
- Is there any correlation between the perplexity of the parametric and contextual answer *without any context* and which one will be chosen when adding context?
  - This one is interesting, but I’m not sure we’ll get significant results.
- Interesting “Other” results.
- Anything else?

### 4.1 Comparing the amounts of each type of answer

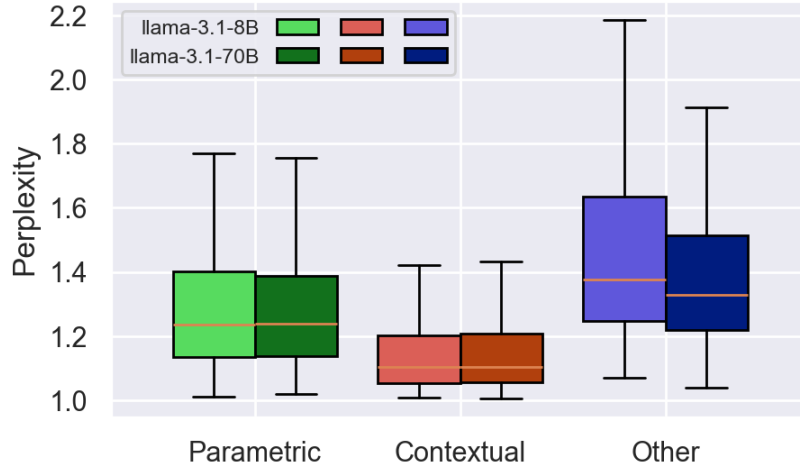


**Figure 2:** Amount of entries for each result after applying counterfactual context to Llama models. Generally, larger models tend to prefer parametric to contextual knowledge; this is further discussed in Section 5.2.



**Figure 3:** Same results for the Seq2Seq models FLAN-T5. While these models tend to be more biased towards contextual knowledge, as discussed in Section 5.1, larger models still are biased towards parametric knowledge.

## 4.2 Comparing the perplexity distribution for each type of answer

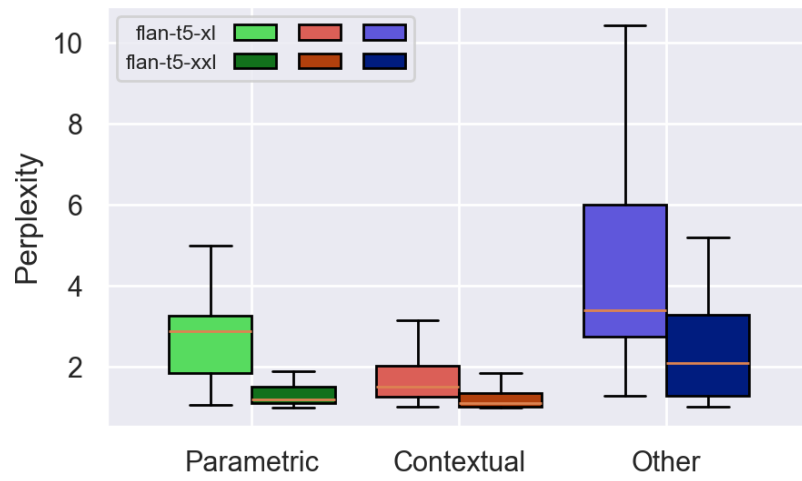


**Figure 4:** Perplexity box plots for Decoder-only Llama models.

Despite the amount for small and large Llama models being considerably different, the average values and distributions remain roughly the same. This is discussed in Section 5.

Additionally, the perplexity of contextual answers is considerably lower than the one for parametric answers.

Interestingly, the larger models tend to have a much lower perplexity for both parametric and contextual answers.



**Figure 5:** Perplexity box plots for Seq2Seq Flan models.



## 5 Discussion

5.1 Model type and memorised knowledge

5.2 Model size and memorised knowledge

5.3 Differences in perplexity scores for larger and smaller models

5.3.1 Can we use this to predict from where an answer came from?

5.4 Differences in distributions for different categories and questions.

## 6 Evaluations, Reflections, and Conclusions

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# Appendices

## A Questions and objects used to form the queries

What is the date of birth of {person}? The date of birth of {person} is  
In what city was {person} born? {person} was born in  
What is the date of death of {person}? The date of death of {person} is  
What is the primary profession of {person}? The primary profession of {person} is  
What is {person} primarily known for? {person} is primarily known for  
What's the main nationality of {person}? {person} is  
What educational institution did {person} attend? {person} attended

What country is {city} in? {city} is in  
What's the highest administrative subdivision {city} is part of? {city} is part of  
In what year was {city} founded? {city} was founded in  
What major river is nearest to {city}? The nearest major river to {city} is  
What is the time zone of {city}? The time zone of {city} is  
What is the current population of {city}? The current population of {city} is  
What is the altitude of {city} above sea level? {city} is at an altitude of

Who is credited with the discovery of {principle}? {principle} was discovered by  
Which scientific discipline encompasses {principle}? {principle} is encompassed by  
What is the primary application of {principle}? The primary application of {principle} is  
In which year was {principle} first formulated? {principle} was first formulated in  
What is the SI unit most commonly associated with {principle}? The SI unit most commonly associated with {principle} is

What's the chemical formula for {element}? The chemical formula for {element} is  
When was {element} first isolated? {element} was first isolated in  
What's the atomic number of {element}? The atomic number of {element} is  
What is the melting point of {element}? The melting point of {element} is  
In which group of the periodic table is {element} found? {element} is found in group

What genre does {book} belong to? The genre of {book} is  
Who's the author of {book}? {book} was written by  
In what year was {book} first published? {book} was first published in  
How many pages are in the original publication of {book}? The original publication of {book} has  
What is the name of the main protagonist in {book}? The main protagonist in {book} is

Who painted {painting}? {painting} was painted by  
When was {painting} completed? {painting} was completed in  
What artistic movement does {painting} belong to? {painting} belongs to  
What materials were used to create {painting}? {painting} was created with  
Where is {painting} primarily housed? {painting} is currently in  
What are the dimensions of {painting}? The dimensions of {painting} are  
In which museum was {painting} first exhibited? {painting} was first exhibited in

What year did {historical\_event} happen? {historical\_event} happened in the year  
Who was the primary leader associated with {historical\_event}? The primary leader associated with {historical\_event} was  
What was the duration of {historical\_event}? {historical\_event} lasted for

**Listing 1:** All base questions used in this work. Each one of these will get combined with data from Listing 2 as detailed in Section 3.2.1.

Ada Lovelace, person  
Alan Turing, person  
Albert Einstein, person  
Alexander Fleming, person  
Aristotle, person  
Billie Jean King, person  
Boyan Slat, person  
Catherine the Great, person  
Che Guevara, person  
Cleopatra, person  
Confucius, person  
Ernest Rutherford, person  
Florence Nightingale, person  
Freddie Mercury, person  
Frida Kahlo, person  
Greta Thunberg, person  
Harriet Tubman, person  
Ibn al-Haytham, person  
Isaac Newton, person  
Karl Marx, person  
Leonardo da Vinci, person  
Mahatma Gandhi, person

Malala Yousafzai, person  
 Mansa Musa, person  
 Marie Curie, person  
 Martin Luther King Jr., person  
 Michelangelo, person  
 Mohandas Gandhi, person  
 Mozart, person  
 Muhammad Ali, person  
 Neil Armstrong, person  
 Nelson Mandela, person  
 Nikola Tesla, person  
 Pablo Picasso, person  
 Rosalind Franklin, person  
 Shirin Ebadi, person  
 Simon Bolivar, person  
 Srinivasa Ramanujan, person  
 Stephen Hawking, person  
 Sun Yat-sen, person  
 Virginia Woolf, person  
 Vladimir Lenin, person  
 Wangari Maathai, person  
 W.E.B. Du Bois, person  
 William Shakespeare, person  
 Wu Zetian, person  
 Yuri Gagarin, person  
 Alexandria, city  
 Amsterdam, city  
 Antananarivo, city  
 Athens, city  
 Baghdad, city  
 Berlin, city  
 Buenos Aires, city  
 Bukhara, city  
 Cairo, city  
 Cape Town, city  
 Cartagena, city  
 Chicago, city  
 Cusco, city  
 Cuzco, city  
 Delhi, city  
 Dubrovnik, city  
 Fez, city  
 Havana, city  
 Istanbul, city  
 Jerusalem, city  
 Kyoto, city  
 La Paz, city  
 Lhasa, city  
 Lisbon, city  
 London, city  
 Luang Prabang, city  
 Marrakech, city  
 Mexico City, city  
 Montevideo, city  
 Moscow, city  
 Mumbai, city  
 Muscat, city  
 New York, city  
 Nur-Sultan, city  
 Paris, city  
 Petra, city  
 Prague, city  
 Quebec City, city  
 Reykjavik, city  
 Rome, city  
 Sao Paulo, city  
 Sarajevo, city  
 Shanghai, city  
 Singapore, city  
 St. Petersburg, city  
 Sydney, city  
 Tbilisi, city  
 Tenochtitlan, city  
 Thimphu, city  
 Timbuktu, city  
 Tokyo, city  
 Ulaanbaatar, city  
 Varanasi, city  
 Venice, city  
 Vienna, city  
 Wellington, city  
 Windhoek, city  
 Xi'an, city

Yogyakarta,city  
 Zanzibar City,city  
 Archimedes' Principle,principle  
 Bernoulli's Principle,principle  
 Boyle's Law,principle  
 Cell Theory,principle  
 Conservation of Energy,principle  
 DNA Replication,principle  
 Electromagnetism,principle  
 Entropy,principle  
 Evolution by Natural Selection,principle  
 Evolution,principle  
 General Relativity,principle  
 Germ Theory of Disease,principle  
 Gravity,principle  
 Hardy-Weinberg Principle,principle  
 Heliocentrism,principle  
 Hubble's Law,principle  
 Kepler's Laws of Planetary Motion,principle  
 Le Chatelier's Principle,principle  
 Mendel's Laws of Inheritance,principle  
 Newton's Laws of Motion,principle  
 Pauli Exclusion Principle,principle  
 Periodic Law,principle  
 Photosynthesis,principle  
 Plate Tectonics,principle  
 Principle of Least Action,principle  
 Quantum Mechanics,principle  
 Relativity,principle  
 Superconductivity,principle  
 Thermodynamics,principle  
 Uncertainty Principle,principle  
 Aluminum,element  
 Barium,element  
 Bismuth,element  
 Bromine,element  
 Calcium,element  
 Carbon,element  
 Chlorine,element  
 Chromium,element  
 Copper,element  
 Gold,element  
 Helium,element  
 Hydrogen,element  
 Iodine,element  
 Iron,element  
 Lead,element  
 Lithium,element  
 Magnesium,element  
 Manganese,element  
 Mercury,element  
 Neon,element  
 Nitrogen,element  
 Oxygen,element  
 Phosphorus,element  
 Plutonium,element  
 Potassium,element  
 Radon,element  
 Silicon,element  
 Silver,element  
 Sodium,element  
 Sulfur,element  
 Thorium,element  
 Tin,element  
 Titanium,element  
 Uranium,element  
 Zinc,element  
 1984,book  
 Anna Karenina,book  
 Beloved,book  
 Brave New World,book  
 Catch-22,book  
 Crime and Punishment,book  
 Don Quixote,book  
 Fahrenheit 451,book  
 Frankenstein,book  
 Jane Eyre,book  
 Midnight's Children,book  
 Moby-Dick,book  
 One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest,book  
 One Hundred Years of Solitude,book  
 Pride and Prejudice,book  
 Slaughterhouse-Five,book



The Alchemist, [book](#)  
 The Art of War, [book](#)  
 The Book Thief, [book](#)  
 The Brothers Karamazov, [book](#)  
 The Catcher in the Rye, [book](#)  
 The Chronicles of Narnia, [book](#)  
 The Color Purple, [book](#)  
 The Count of Monte Cristo, [book](#)  
 The Grapes of Wrath, [book](#)  
 The Great Gatsby, [book](#)  
 The Handmaid's Tale, [book](#)  
 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, [book](#)  
 The Hobbit, [book](#)  
 The Hunger Games, [book](#)  
 The Kite Runner, [book](#)  
 The Little Prince, [book](#)  
 The Lord of the Rings, [book](#)  
 The Metamorphosis, [book](#)  
 The Name of the Rose, [book](#)  
 The Odyssey, [book](#)  
 The Picture of Dorian Gray, [book](#)  
 The Pillars of the Earth, [book](#)  
 The Stranger, [book](#)  
 The Sun Also Rises, [book](#)  
 The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle, [book](#)  
 To Kill a Mockingbird, [book](#)  
 Ulysses, [book](#)  
 War and Peace, [book](#)  
 Wuthering Heights, [book](#)  
 American Gothic, [painting](#)  
 Christina's World, [painting](#)  
 Girl with a Pearl Earring, [painting](#)  
 Guernica, [painting](#)  
 Les Femmes d'Alger (O.J. version O), [painting](#)  
 Liberty Leading the People, [painting](#)  
 Mona Lisa, [painting](#)  
 School of Athens, [painting](#)  
 Starry Night, [painting](#)  
 The Absinthe Drinker, [painting](#)  
 The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp, [painting](#)  
 The Arnolfini Portrait, [painting](#)  
 The Astronomer, [painting](#)  
 The Birth of Venus, [painting](#)  
 The Calling of Saint Matthew, [painting](#)  
 The Card Players, [painting](#)  
 The Death of Marat, [painting](#)  
 The Fighting Temeraire, [painting](#)  
 The Garden of Earthly Delights, [painting](#)  
 The Gross Clinic, [painting](#)  
 The Hay Wain, [painting](#)  
 The Kiss, [painting](#)  
 The Last Supper, [painting](#)  
 The Nighthawks, [painting](#)  
 The Night Watch, [painting](#)  
 The Ninth Wave, [painting](#)  
 The Persistence of Memory, [painting](#)  
 The Potato Eaters, [painting](#)  
 The Raft of the Medusa, [painting](#)  
 The Scream, [painting](#)  
 The Sleeping Gypsy, [painting](#)  
 The Son of Man, [painting](#)  
 The Swing, [painting](#)  
 The Third of May 1808, [painting](#)  
 The Tower of Babel, [painting](#)  
 The Treachery of Images, [painting](#)  
 The Triumph of Galatea, [painting](#)  
 The Wanderer above the Sea of Fog, [painting](#)  
 Water Lilies, [painting](#)  
 Decimalisation in the UK, [historical\\_event](#)  
 Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, [historical\\_event](#)  
 Queen Victoria's Coronation, [historical\\_event](#)  
 The Act of Union between England and Scotland, [historical\\_event](#)  
 The Battle of Adrianople, [historical\\_event](#)  
 The Battle of Adwa, [historical\\_event](#)  
 The Battle of Agincourt, [historical\\_event](#)  
 The Battle of Hastings, [historical\\_event](#)  
 The Battle of Sekigahara, [historical\\_event](#)  
 The Battle of Teutoburg Forest, [historical\\_event](#)  
 The Battle of the Milvian Bridge, [historical\\_event](#)  
 The Battle of Waterloo, [historical\\_event](#)  
 The Brexit Referendum, [historical\\_event](#)  
 The Codification of Roman Law by Justinian, [historical\\_event](#)  
 The Construction of Hadrian's Wall, [historical\\_event](#)

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The Construction of the Great Pyramid of Giza,historical_event
The Conversion of Constantine,historical_event
The Council of Chalcedon,historical_event
The Crisis of the Third Century,historical_event
The Defeat of the Spanish Armada,historical_event
The Discovery of the Americas by Columbus,historical_event
The Dissolution of the Soviet Union,historical_event
The Division of the Roman Empire,historical_event
The Dunkirk Evacuation,historical_event
The Edict of Caracalla,historical_event
The Fall of Constantinople,historical_event
The Fall of the Aztec Empire,historical_event
The Fall of the Western Roman Empire,historical_event
The First Circumnavigation of the Earth,historical_event
The First Council of Nicaea,historical_event
The First Crusade,historical_event
The Founding of Constantinople,historical_event
The Founding of Rome,historical_event
The Founding of the British Broadcasting Corporation,historical_event
The Founding of the League of Nations,historical_event
The French Revolution,historical_event
The Glorious Revolution,historical_event
The Gothic War in Italy,historical_event
The Great Fire of London,historical_event
The Indian Independence Act,historical_event
The Industrial Revolution,historical_event
The London 7/7 Bombings,historical_event
The Meiji Restoration,historical_event
The Plague of Justinian,historical_event
The Reforms of Diocletian,historical_event
The Reunification of the Empire by Aurelian,historical_event
The Sack of Rome by Alaric,historical_event
The Sack of Rome by the Vandals,historical_event
The Signing of the Good Friday Agreement,historical_event
The Signing of the Magna Carta,historical_event
The Suez Crisis,historical_event
The Treaty of Westphalia,historical_event
The UK Abolition of the Slave Trade Act,historical_event
The Unification of Italy,historical_event
The Wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana,historical_event
The Year of the Four Emperors,historical_event

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**Listing 2:** All objects which will be combined with the questions in Listing 1.

- B Full Results for Each Question**
- C Grounder Usage and Documentation**
- D Grounder Source Code**