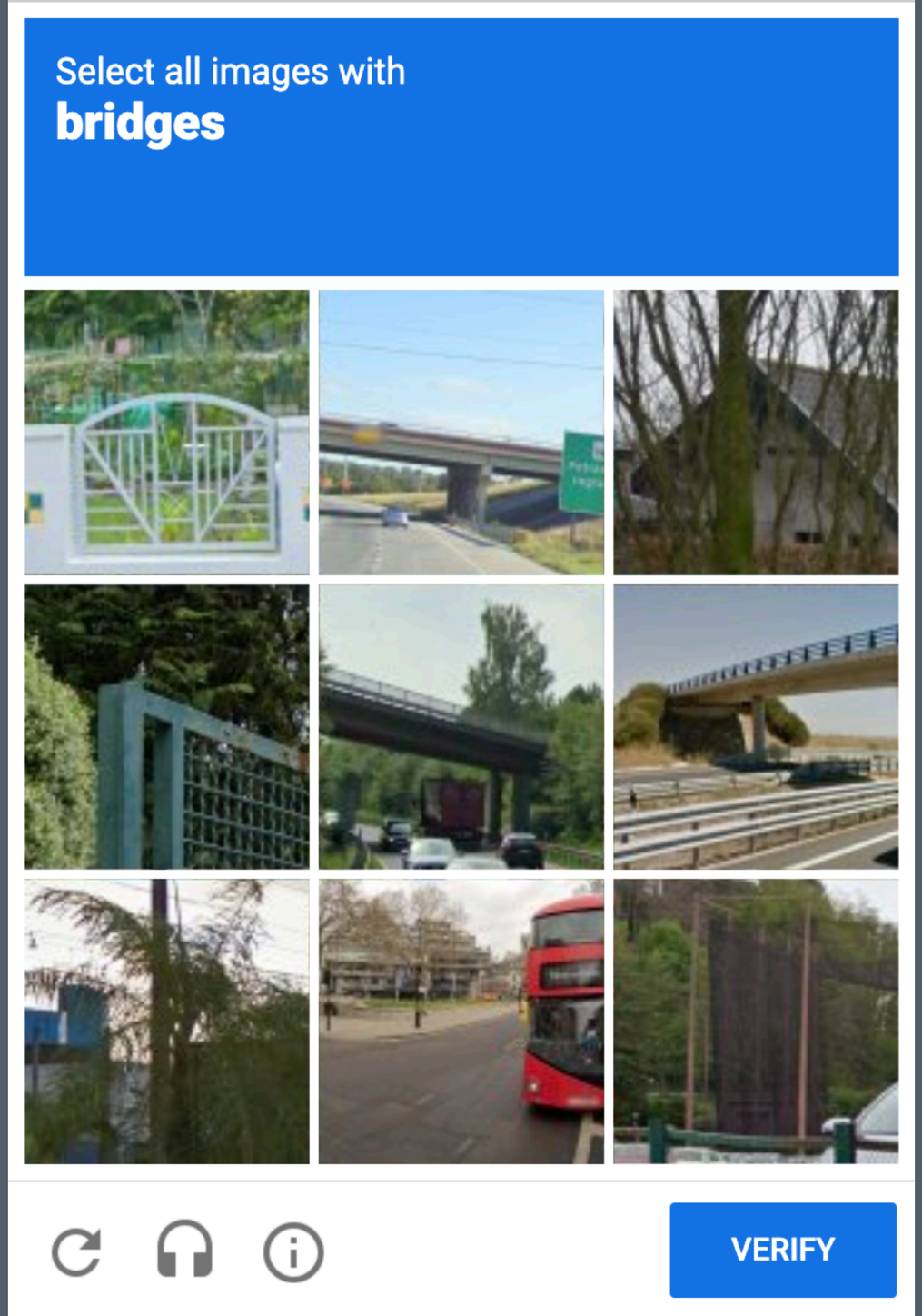
# Round 1

## Answers

# Question 1

[ ] I'm not a robot

How many squares with bridges are there?



# Question 1 Answer

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# Question 2

What was the highest grossing film of 2024?

(As of 2023-11-26)

# Question 2 Answer

Barbie, $1.4 billion

→ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2023_in_film

# Question 3

Name the first Irish satellite that will be launched at the end of this month of November.

Bonus: What does the acronym stand for?

## Question 3 Answer

EIRSAT-1

***Educational Irish Research Satellite***

→ https://www.eirsat1.ie/

# Question 4

What is widely regarded as the world's first computer virus and displayed a simple message ending with 'CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!'?

# Question 4 Answer

Creeper

→ https://www.kaspersky.com/resource-center/threats/a-brief-history-of-computer-viruses-and-what-the-future-holds

→ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer_virus

# Question 5

Who first discussed the idea of computer viruses?
Clue: Their work went on to be shared in a series of lectures under the catch title of "Theory and Organization of Complicated Automata".

# Question 5 Answer

John von Neumann

→ https://www.kaspersky.com/resource-center/threats/a-brief-history-of-computer-viruses-and-what-the-future-holds

→ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer_virus

# Question 6

Sam Bankman-Fried, the recently convicted ex-CEO of the crypto exchange FTX was known to play what game while on calls with investors?

Hint: the Financial Times classed his win ratio as “average-to-bad”

# Question 6 Answer

League of Legends

→ https://www.ft.com/content/23ab2258-ce03-4fbb-a9b2-7d9ec6e3d7f0

→ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sam_Bankman-Fried

# Question 7

Name the film, game or TV series in which the following spaceship plays a role:

Nostromo

# Question 7 Answer

Alien

→ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_fictional_spacecraft

# Question 8

Which fizzy soft drink can be used to visually represent a character in a 2D computer game?

# Question 8 Answer

sprite

→ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sprite_(computer_graphics))

# Question 9

The game Half-Life was released 25 years ago.

In it you play the scientist Gordon Freeman who is attempting to escape a resarch facility after an experiment goes terribly wrong.

What was the name of the research facility the game is set in?

# Question 9 Answer

Black Mesa (or Black Mesa Research Facility)

→ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Half-Life_(video_game))