

# ACRONYM IX - Round 8 Tossups

1. In a short film, one member of this species adopts a pet UFO upon being unable to find a puppy. Several members of this species are voiced by Pierre Coffin. One of these creatures causes falling ice to kill a yeti in a 2015 film, and in an earlier appearance, two of them laugh at the name of Anti-Villain League leader Silas Ramsbottom. Another of these creatures yielded the British Throne to Scarlet Overkill, who previously employed them to steal a crown. Felonious Gru also employed, for 10 points, what overall-wearing yellow things?

ANSWER: minions

2. At a 2016 event, this celebrity was seen wearing a dress covered in small "x"s under a red, white and blue cardigan featuring a number of non-matching patterns. This woman's husband appeared in overalls in a highly publicized photograph, and her own fashions drew comparisons to Annie Wilkes, a character from the film *Misery*. Those fashions may be due to her belief in Apostolic tenets, exemplified by the blue blouse worn in her mugshot. For 10 points, name this Kentucky clerk who refused to issue marriage certificates.

ANSWER: Kim Davis

3. The board game *Splendor* is won by scoring this many points, which is also the value of the longest possible train in the original *Ticket to Ride*. This number is both the power and toughness of the Magic: the Gathering card *Emrakul* [EM-rah-kool], the *Aeons Torn*. Each player in a game of *Speed* starts with this many cards, and in *cribbage*, 2 points are scored for a set of cards that add up to this number. For 10 points, give this number that is also the number of points you would have received by answering this question earlier.

ANSWER: 15

4. Willie Taylor of *Day26* appears in one show from this franchise, which fired Rasheeda and Kirk Frost in 2015. Though it's not *The Real Housewives*, this series does have a popular spinoff set in Atlanta that stars K. Michelle and Stevie J. The flagship series in this franchise will likely address the imprisonment of Mendecees Harris, the husband of Yandy Smith-Harris, who managed Jim Jones. For 10 points, name this VH1 reality franchise about women in the rap industry and, sometimes, their romances.

ANSWER: Love & Hip Hop [accept Love & Hip Hop Hollywood on a super early buzz]

5. *Big Brother UK* contestant Kieron Harvey used this concept as his nickname. A Wii and DS game somewhat inspired by *Cooking Mama* is titled for a "Papa" of this concept. One variety of this subject partially titles a 1985 John Hughes film about two teens trying to create the perfect girlfriend. This concept somehow "blinds" the singer in a song by Thomas Dolby. Boxing is sometimes known as the "sweet" variety of, for 10 points, what field of study that includes biology and chemistry?

ANSWER: science

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6. Closing pitcher Trevor Hoffman began his career with this team, whose first ever regular season game was won by knuckleballer Charlie Hough [huff]. Liván Hernández won a World Series MVP award with this team, six years before they won the infamous "Steve Bartman" game against the Cubs en route to the 2003 title. This team's ballpark is the league's newest and features a backstop with an aquarium inside of it. For 10 points, name this team that is no longer named for its home state of Florida.

ANSWER: **Miami Marlins** [accept either; accept **Florida Marlins** before 'ballpark']

7. This singer once tweeted that celebrity fragrances should be punishable by death, and later released a namesake fragrance in 2013 with bottles shaped like microphones. This singer used to front the band Kara's Flowers and sang "my heart's a stereo" in an appearance on a Gym Class Heroes song. This owner of 222 Records fronts a group in which he noted a love was "taking its toll on me" and compared his "moves" to ones by the singer of The Rolling Stones. For 10 points, name this frontman of Maroon 5.

ANSWER: Adam **Levine**

8. Mobster Whitey Bulger allegedly swindled a man who had recently done *this thing* named Michael Linskey. Henry DeTamble uses his abilities to help his spouse do this in the novel *The Time Traveller's Wife*. Richard Lustig appeared on a recent episode of *Fox & Friends* to encourage people to spend as much money as possible to try to perform this action; the rewards for which are generally offered as an annuity or a lump sum. For 10 points, name this action that, in 2016, earned three people a split of a \$1.5 billion pot.

ANSWER: **winning the lottery** [accept **playing the lottery** or similar; prompt on answers that mention a specific lottery but don't say 'lottery']

9. While working in a library, two people with this profession note how unusually symmetrically a set of books are stacked. Erin Gilbert and Abby Yates will hold this profession in a 2016 film. After being attacked on a rooftop, one member of this profession is scolded for not affirming that he was a god. Egon Spengler and Peter Venkman are among these people, who fight a giant Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man. For 10 points, name these hunters of a certain supernatural creature.

ANSWER: **Ghostbusters**

10. Former tennis pro Larry Scott is the commissioner of this collegiate conference. One team from this conference plays against an ACC team in the Sun Bowl. Football venues used by teams in this conference include Reser Stadium and Frank Kush Field. This conference, whose rivalry games include one for the Victory Bell and another named the Civil War, adopted its current name after adding Colorado and Utah. For 10 points, name this major conference that also include Washington, Stanford, and other west-coast teams.

ANSWER: **Pac-12** Conference

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11. Early versions of one of this character's attacks were accompanied by an easter egg depicting sound designer Dan Forden's voice. In a 2015 game, this character trains Takeda to be part of the Shirai Ryu and re-adopts his real name, Hanzo Hasashi. This character appears in the logo of that game's developer, Netherrealm Studios. Though he may use a Ninjutsu or Hellfire variation, this character always has access to his spear attack. For 10 points, name this rival of Sub Zero who yells "Get over here!" in the Mortal Kombat series.  
ANSWER: **Scorpion** [accept Hanzo **Hasashi** before mention]

12. One recurring character in this series, Adam Park, helps the title characters collect the Corona Jewels. Another of this series' recurring characters is played by Jason David Frank. This franchise is effectively a heavily modified version of the Japanese series Super Sentai, and its seasons include ones subtitled *Samurai* and *Dino Charge*. Its first season introduced the robot Alpha 5, as well as Rita Repulsa, whose monsters were fought with Zords. For 10 points, name this TV franchise about multi-colored warriors who are "Mighty Morphin'."  
ANSWER: **Power Rangers** [accept **Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers**]

13. Joseph Gayetty produced the first of these products for commercial use. In 1973, Johnny Carson caused an inadvertent shortage of this product by jokingly suggesting the shortage already existed. Wikipedia devotes an entire article to the debate over the correct orientation of this household product, noting that a large majority prefers the "over" style. In 2015, an enormous amount of this product was used to vandalize Howie Mandel's house. For 10 points, name this product thrown onto things as a prank or used for wiping.  
ANSWER: **toilet paper** [or equivalents such as **toilet tissue**]

14. This artist flaunts that he'll "pull a check at the mall" and references one of his own songs by saying he'll "press rewind" while guesting on the Ty Dolla \$ign track "When I See Ya". More than half of the songs on this artist's debut album feature Monty, a fellow member of the Remy Boyz, including the hit singles "My Way" and "679." The cover of that self-titled album depicts this artist covering his right eye, leaving his fake left eye visible. For 10 points, name this rapper and singer of the hit "Trap Queen."  
ANSWER: **Fetty Wap** [accept Willie **Maxwell II**]

15. A *Monsters Inc.* character with this name is shaved hairless after a sock is found stuck to him. Jane and Michael's father in *Mary Poppins* has this first name, which Rhiannon claims can't be "sexy" in *Easy A*. The rival of Mr. Potter, played by Jimmy Stewart in *It's A Wonderful Life*, also has this first name, which is shared by two characters played by Will Arnett and Michael Cera in *Arrested Development*. For 10 points, give this name of a real monarch played by Colin Firth in 2010's *The King's Speech*.  
ANSWER: **George**

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16. The circus worker Griff discovers he has a special power described by this word in a namesake novel by Fiona McIntosh. This word also describes the widow of Jim Clancy, Melinda Gordon, on a former CBS drama, as well as Tom Booker, a Montana man who aids the injured Pilgrim. Those two characters, the former of which was played by Jennifer Love Hewitt, are associated with ghosts and horses, respectively. For 10 points, give this word that also describes TV star Cesar Millan, who seemingly communicates with dogs.  
ANSWER: whisperers [accept answers that describe specific types of whisperers]

17. A Cincinnati Bearcats basketball player with the surname Thomas and an NFL linebacker from West Virginia surnamed Riddick share this first name. The popularity of this first name, which is a variation of the Arabic word for "handsome," reached its peak popularity in 1993, a year before a Carolina Panthers linebacker surnamed Thompson was born and the same year as a certain LSU basketball star debuted with the Orlando Magic. For 10 points, give this first name popularized by a 7-foot center with the surname O'Neal.  
ANSWER: Shaquille [shah-KEEL; or Shaq]

18. TV detective Adrian Monk performed this action to better investigate the murder of a man he was accused of killing. After finding an article about the Louvre's security system, Peter discovers that Neal has performed this action in the last episode of *White Collar*. Using a bungee cable to bounce through a window was a theory for how a character did this in a TV episode titled *The Reichenbach Fall*. *Dexter* ended with the title character performing, for 10 points, what action also taken at the end of *Sherlock's* second season?  
ANSWER: faking one's death [accept reasonable equivalents]

19. The first work inducted into this group was *The Deep End of the Ocean* by Jacquelyn Mitchard. A "2.0" version of this group was launched in 2012, though it has only offered four selections including Cynthia Bond's *Ruby*. Though the addition of his novel *Freedom* was endorsed, Jonathan Franzen was unhappy that his *The Corrections* was made part of this set of books. The controversially fabricated memoir *A Million Little Pieces* was the September 2005 entry in, for 10 points, what "club" led by a former talk show host?  
ANSWER: Oprah's Book Club [accept similar answers that state 'Oprah Winfrey']

20. This singer likened himself to men and animals with missing limbs in his title song from the film *The Wrestler*. In 2000, he was threatened with a boycott from an NYPD labor union because of his song "American Skin (41 Shots)." That song was later included on his album *High Hopes*. He stood in front of an American flag with his back to the camera on the cover of an album which includes "I'm On Fire," "Glory Days," and the title hit "Born In The U.S.A." For 10 points, name this New Jerseyan who sang "Born to Run" with the E Street Band.  
ANSWER: Bruce Springsteen