

Note to players: The questions are themed around the time range 1995-2012.

A gun in *Quake 3 Arena* that fires this substance has the highest possible dps after the BFG and is the game's version of *Quake 2's* Hyperblaster. The first weapon wielded by Isaac Clarke in *Dead Space* is a mining tool that uses this substance. Detective Looker arrests the Seven Sages of a group named for this substance whose leader summons his sprawling castle after defeating (*) Alder. Ghetsis manipulates N who leads a group named for this substance who seek to liberate Pokmeon from their trainers. The Covenant in *Halo* fight with grenades, energy swords, and other weapons powered by this substance. In *Metroid Prime*, a "beam" of this extremely hot substance can be used to weld metal. For 10 points, name this so-called fourth state of matter.

ANSWER: plasma

This country is home to Jenson Button's teammate when he won the 2009 F1 World Championship and Michael Schumacher's teammate from 2000 to 2005. Fernando Alonso was able to win the 2008 Singapore Grand Prix after his teammate, a driver from this country, purposefully crashed into a wall. Lewis Hamilton narrowly (*) beat out a driver from this country by one point to secure the 2008 F1 World Championship. An excellent 2010 found-footage documentary about a driver from this country covers his death at the San Marino Grand Prix in 1994 and his rivalry with Alain Prost. Felipe Massa, Rubens Barichello, and Nelson Piquet Jr are all from, for 10 points, what country home to the subject of the documentary *Senna*, who was born in Sao Paulo?

ANSWER: Brazil

The second studio album by the Zac Brown band released in 2010 is titled for this phrase. In addition to a phrase about living on without you, this phrase follows the line "don't let the walls cave in on you" in the 2001 Basement Jaxx song "Where's Your Head At", where it's claimed "that much is true". A song with this title has a music video where teenagers trap a mall security guard in a net and lock adults in cages. That song with this title describes kids who run a (*) "miracle mile" at 4am and "smash the Mercedes-Benz" of "frenemies who when you're down ain't your friend". Gregg Alexander sang "don't let go, you got the music in you" in the chorus to a song with this title. For 10 points, give this phrase naming a 1998 hit by the New Radicals describing how you receive what you donate.

ANSWER: you get what you give

It's not flying, but the Foo Fighters declare "I believe I've waited long enough" in a song titled for this action they're "learning" to do "again". A bouncing ball is followed in the music video to a song titled for this action that begins "all these kinds of places make it seem like it's been ages". A person pleads "please don't insist" and claims "you're out of my mind" in a Teegan and Sara song where they do this action (*) "with a ghost". Empire of the Sun sang "we are always running for the thrill of it" in a song about doing this "on a dream." A Passion Pit song is named for "taking" this action, which appears in the title of a sax-heavy song that warns "so don't delay, act now, supplies are running out." For 10 points, a Smash Mouth song is titled for doing what action "on the sun", which is slower than running?

ANSWER: walking

A 1996 crash at this state's Motor Speedway ended Emmerson Fitipaldi's career during an event sponsored by Marlboro. While playing hockey for a school in this state, Mike Legg picked up the puck with his stick and wrapped it around the back of the goal, a move now named for this state. The holder of all four women's singles titles in 2003, Serena Williams, was born in this state. A team from this state won the Stanley Cup in 1997, 1998, 2002, and 2008, four of (*) 11 Stanley Cups making this state's NHL team the most successful in America. This state's NFL team went 0-16 in the 2008 season, while their NBA stadium was the site of a 2004 brawl involving the Pacers known as "Malice at the Palace". For 10 points, name this state whose Red Wings and Lions are in Detroit.

ANSWER: Michigan

A Godsmack song titled for this type of person states "you're breaking and bleeding me down to nothing". This person "sees you softly weeping" and plays a song about "that guy with the messed up face" in a song by They Might Be Giants. A song named for this type of person appears before "Viva la Gloria" on its album and after the album's title song. "Violence is the energy" against this type of person in a song off (*) *21st Century Breakdown*. An album whose title includes a play on this word contains the songs "Aliens Exist" and "Adam's Song". A man whose "car is in the front yard" and "sleeping with my clothes on" is this type of person to himself. A song by Lit is titled "My Own Worst", for 10 points, what person that isn't your friend?

ANSWER: enemy

StarFox 64 characters who are this animal include the pilot Bill Grey and the commander-in-chief of Cornerian Defense Forces, General Pepper. One of these animals named "Missile" is cared for by Detective Gumshoe in the *Ace Attorney* series. In a Nintendo DS game about these animals, Ted Rumsworth and Archie Hubbs commentate on the Agility Trial and Disc Competition. A secret ending to (*) *Silent Hill 2* reveals one of these animals was behind the events of the game. An onion-headed dojo master teaches one of these animals named PaRappa how to rap. *Animal Crossing* characters who are this creature include the town guards Cooper and Booker as well as the musician K.K. Slider. For 10 points, name this pet often called "man's best friend".

ANSWER: dog

A band from this country released the songs "Cobrastyle" and "Punkrocker" and perform wearing teddy bear heads. A member of that band from this country also sang "because it's easy, when you know how it's done" in the song "Jerk It Out" by The Caesars. "Lovefool" and "Save Tonight" were two one-hit wonders from this country by The Cardigans and Eagle Eye Cherry respectively. "I Want It that Way", "...Baby One More Time", and "I Kissed a Girl" are among the many pop hits created by a producer from this country: (*) Max Martin. A band from this country described a man who "would've been married a long time ago", while an electronic artist from this country included the lyrics "oh-oh sometimes I gotta good feeling" in his song "Levels". For 10 points, name this country home to Rednex, the band behind "Cotton Eye Joe", as well as the late DJ Avicii.

ANSWER: Sweden

Only a year after its release, the failed handheld Gizmondo was discontinued in this year. Nintendo released a slimmer, brighter version of the DS in this year appropriately named the DS Lite. The LA attorney's office sued Rockstar over the Hot Coffee mod in this year, two years after *San Andreas* came out. The PlayStation 3 and Wii were (*) released in North America in this year. During this year's E3, Sony's presentation for *Genji: Days of the Blade* randomly drew attention to a "giant enemy crab." A cutscene from a game released in this year shows Princess Elise kissing the rotting corpse of a blue hedgehog. A dubious *Sonic* reboot for the seventh console generation came out in, for 10 points, what year that *NCAA Football 07* and *NHL 07* were released?

ANSWER: 2006

The ESRB rating for this game's PC release contains a warning for partial nudity due to a hidden error message showing a developer's butt crack discovered shortly after release. This game's demo at its second E3 featured a sergeant declaring they were showing "an operation in progress" and not "smoke and mirrors pre-recorded bullshit." In a promotional event for this game, a trojan horse virus called the "pious flea" attempts to take over Melissa, a military AI who uploads herself to Dana Awbrey's (*) beekeeping website for survival. Marketing for this game largely hid the fact Arbiter would be a playable character. The cinematic trailer for this sequel shows John-117 standing on top of rubble. For 10 points, name this sequel to a game subtitled "Combat Evolved."

ANSWER: Halo 2