

National U.S. Geography Bee – Round 2

Regulation Tossups

(1) This lake includes towns such as Homewood, Incline Village, and Zephyr Cove on its shores. The gambling hub of Stateline on this lake contains part of the Heavenly Ski Resort, which is shared with another state. A ski resort formerly called “Squaw Valley” was renamed after this lake in 2021, and Carson City has a small shoreline on this lake, whose primary outflow is the Truckee River. For the point, name this largest freshwater lake in the Sierra Nevada.

ANSWER: Lake **Tahoe** (accept Palisades **Tahoe**)

(2) The only of these facilities in New York City was named for the Ridgewood Aqueduct and adjoins Resorts World New York City. Another of these facilities in Saratoga Springs is often considered the oldest major U.S. sporting venue. Other examples of these facilities include ones named Pimlico in Maryland and Belmont on Long Island. Events such as the Preakness Stakes are hosted at, for the point, what facilities exemplified by Louisville's Churchill Downs, which hosts the Kentucky Derby?

ANSWER: **horse racetracks** (accept clear-knowledge equivalents; prompt on partial answers)

(3) This city's main thoroughfares include the Orange Grove Boulevard, home to the Norton Simon Museum, as well as Colorado Avenue. This city contains the largest stadium on the West Coast of the United States, which hosted the 1994 World Cup Final, as well as soccer matches during the 1984 Summer Olympics. This city, with Altadena, was devastated by the Eaton Fire, and it hosts a parade of flower-covered floats on New Year's Day. For the points, name this city north of Los Angeles, known for hosting CalTech and the Rose Bowl.

ANSWER: **Pasadena**

(4) The city of Medora is the main gateway to this national park, which includes the Maltese Cross Cabin and the Elkhorn Ranch and protects an area along the Little Missouri River. This national park, one of only three national parks in the Great Plains, is the only one in the United States to be named after a singular person. For the point, identify this national park lying in western North Dakota, named for the 26th U.S. president.

ANSWER: **Theodore Roosevelt** National Park

(5) This city, overlooked by Monte Sano Mountain, is adjacent to the Redstone Arsenal, where many Nazi scientists were transferred from Fort Bliss as part of Operation Paperclip. It's not in Illinois, but this city, which forms an urban area with Decatur, is located between Lake Wheeler and Gunter'sville Lake on the Tennessee River. This city's Marshall Space Flight Center hosts NASA's Space Camp. The seat of Madison County is, for the point, what city in northern Alabama?

ANSWER: **Huntsville**

(6) The Newkirk Avenue subway station was renamed for a hub of this immigrant group in East Flatbush. The largest concentration of this immigrant group lies in Biscayne Gardens, where they form a third of the population. They're not Cubans, but a "Little" neighborhood in Miami named after the country of this immigrant group hosts a monument of Toussaint L'Ouverture. For the point, name this immigrant group, which speaks creole and arrived in the U.S. from cities such as Port-au-Prince.

ANSWER: **Haitian**-Americans (accept clear-knowledge equivalents; accept Little **Haiti**; prompt on "Caribbean")

(7) This non-Canadian city is the seat of Lane County and is situated at the end of the McKenzie River. This city, the largest between Sacramento and Portland, contains Skinner Butte, which had its etching of the letters "KKK" replaced by the "Big O." Phil Knight founded Nike in this city by mostly selling products to college athletes competing as the Ducks. Located at the southern end of the Willamette Valley, for the point, what second-largest city of Oregon is home to its flagship university?

ANSWER: **Eugene**

(8) This island houses a small Sri Lankan enclave in its neighborhood of Tompkinsville. Near Arthur Kill Road, this island's Historic Richmond Town includes restored structures dating back to the American Revolution. This island, which contains Fort Wadsworth, houses the neighborhood of St. George's near its namesake ferry terminal. Coextensive with Richmond County, for the point, what island is the southernmost of New York City's five boroughs?

ANSWER: **Staten** Island

(9) Oak Creek Canyon stretches south of this city, which was originally inhabited by Sinagua Indians and reaches the resort of Sedona. This city, overlooked by Mount Elden in the San Francisco Peaks, contains the Lowell Observatory, where Pluto was discovered in 1930. This high-elevation city, home to the largest Navajo Community outside of a reservation, is the southern gateway to the Grand Canyon. For the point, name this seat of Coconino County in northern Arizona.

ANSWER: **Flagstaff**

(10) This phenomenon is deflected from the East Coast of the United States by the Charleston Bump on the continental shelf. This phenomenon is expected to slow down as the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation weakens, causing sea levels to rise. This phenomenon is responsible for moderating the climate of Nantucket, where it interacts with the Labrador Current. For the point, name this warm-water current which travels through the Straits of Florida and is named for a body of water to the south of the United States.

ANSWER: **Gulf Stream**

(11) This bay is bounded by a narrow isthmus called the "Silver Strand," and it is home to the USS *Midway* Museum. Imperial Beach lies at the southern end of this body of water, which is guarded by Point Loma and home to National City and Chula Vista. The only bridge over this body of water is tall enough to let naval ships pass, although the *Nimitz* must dock in Coronado. Home to the southwestern-most port in the continental U.S., for the points, what bay houses California's second-largest city?

ANSWER: **San Diego** Bay

(12) It's not in the Pacific Northwest, but one island in this archipelago was created by the New Inlet and the Oregon Inlet. Pea Island is part of this archipelago, which separates the Currituck Sound from the Atlantic Ocean. These islands enclose bodies of water such as the Pamlico Sound, and this island group's Kill Devil Hills were the site of the Wright brothers' first controlled, powered flight. Blackbeard was killed at Ocracoke Island within, for the point, what string of barrier islands off the coast of North Carolina?

ANSWER: **Outer Banks** (accept **OBX**; prompt on "Roanoke")

(13) This body of water's shores were devastated by the Peshtigo fire, the deadliest wildfire in history, in 1871. Sturgeon Bay is situated on a canal connecting this body of water to a larger lake on the Door Peninsula. This body of water is the namesake of the only community-owned football team in the U.S., which plays at Lambeau Field and whose fans are nicknamed "cheeseheads." For the point, name this inlet of Lake Michigan, a bay enclosed by Wisconsin.

ANSWER: **Green Bay** (prompt on "Lake Michigan" before "football")

(14) This material's Lophelia form can be found at its northernmost extreme at Cape Lookout, north of Wilmington, where a 2025 project aims to improve the nearby region by simulating this material's effects. The largest known area of this material is in the Blake Plateau, in its less superficial form. A "castle" named for this material is made of oolite, and this material partly names a city home to the University of Miami. For the point, identify this material which is paired with "Gables" in a city of southern Florida.

ANSWER: **coral** (accept **coral** reef, **Coral** Castle, or **Coral** Gables)

(15) This city contains a statute of saxophonist Big Joe Burrell on its Church Street. This city's Decker Towers are the shortest of any U.S. state's tallest buildings, and this city is home to an art installation nicknamed the world's tallest filing cabinet. This city was the first in the U.S. to rely entirely on renewable energy, much of which comes from the Winooski River. The home of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, for the point, what is this host city of IGC 2022, the largest city in Vermont?

ANSWER: **Burlington**

(16) This building occupies a city block bounded by Jackson Boulevard and Wacker Drive. This building consists of nine square "tubes," designed by Fazlur Rahman Khan, and this building is known for its glass-bottomed Skydeck, the highest observation deck in the United States. This building was formerly the world's tallest until the construction of the Petronas Towers. For the points, name this tallest building in the U.S. outside of New York, the tallest in the Midwest.

ANSWER: **Willis** Tower (accept **Sears** Tower)

(17) The nearest city to this national park is home to Bucket of Blood Street, which was named for a saloon fight, and is named Holbrook. This national park is home to petroglyphs, including one named for Newspaper Rock, as well as a group forming a site with Puerco Ruin. The Agate House Pueblo is a reconstructed building in this national park, which is made of this park's namesake material. The Painted Desert Inn is a historic complex in, for the point, what national park in Northeastern Arizona, named for deposits of fossilized wood?

ANSWER: **Petrified Forest** National Park

(18) This city's Northside Neighborhood contains Chicken Bone Beach along Missouri Avenue, which was visited by African Americans during segregation. The Borgata is the highest-grossing casino in this city, which became a gambling hub in the 1970s. Locations in this city, such as Ventnor Avenue and Marvin Gardens, inspired Charles Darrow when he created a now-iconic board game. For the point, name this seaside town whose street names were used in the original version of Monopoly.

ANSWER: **Atlantic City**

(19) Within this body of water, a distinctive dialect of English is spoken on Tangier Island. One of this body of water's largest industries traditionally uses skipjacks. Numerous fossilized specimens have been found on the western shore of this body of water at the Calvert Cliffs, and the Lucius J. Kellam, Jr. Bridge-Tunnel crosses this body of water between Delmarva and Hampton Roads. Virginia and Maryland are bordered by, for the point, what large bay?

ANSWER: **Chesapeake** Bay

(20) Brian Head is the largest ski resort situated in this state's south, and this state's Deer Valley resort is known for banning snowboarders. This state's Little Cottonwood Canyon enhances lake-effect snow to produce immense snowfall in the connected Alta and Snowbird ski areas. This state, home to Park City and the Sundance Mountain Resort, hosted the 2002 Olympic Games. For the point, name this state with skiing in the Wasatch Mountains, which tower above Provo.

ANSWER: **Utah**

(21) This island contains one of the three "standalone" resorts of the Disney Vacation Club, as well as the Heron Point and Atlantic Dunes golf courses. This island forms the largest community of Beaufort County, and it is known for its red and white lighthouse in the Harbour Town Golf Links, which hosts the RBC Heritage tournament. This island forms an urban area with Bluffton and Port Royal, and it is part of the Sea Islands. For the points, name this resort island situated in the Lowcountry of South Carolina, named for a navigational marker noted by an English explorer.

ANSWER: **Hilton Head** Island

(22) This city was the site of the Ghost Ship warehouse fire in 2016, in an illegal artists' settlement, and its Frank H. Ogawa Plaza was targeted by "Occupy" protestors in 2011. This city's Cypress Street Viaduct collapsed after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. With Alameda County, this city names a "coliseum" formerly occupied by the MLB's Athletics and the NFL's Raiders. Kamala Harris is a native of, for the point, what largest city of the eastern Bay Area?

ANSWER: **Oakland** (accept **Oakland**-Alameda County Coliseum, **Oakland** Coliseum, **Oakland** Athletics, or **Oakland** Raiders)

(23) This national park's Polychrome Mountain is known for its colorful rocks formed from tectonic activity between the North American and Pacific Plates. This national park, which includes the dramatic Kichatna Spire, contains the Ruth Glacier, which is overlooked by a rock peak called the Moose's Tooth. This national park's Talkeetna Ranger Station was renamed to honor the Koyukon climber Walter Harper by Barack Obama in 2013. For the point, name this national park which protects Alaska's highest mountain.

ANSWER: **Denali** National Park and Preserve (accept **Mount McKinley** National Park)

(24) The longest one of these features is named after St. Bartholomew and originates near Pine Bluff, Arkansas. One of these features named Corne became a sinkhole after an oil company drained the salt dome it sat atop. Houston is nicknamed for being built on one of these features, which stretches from Texas to Alabama. Prior to the Mississippi Delta being drained, the land of New Orleans was an example of, for the point, what slow-flowing wetlands found across the U.S. Gulf Coast and associated with Louisiana?

ANSWER: **bayous** (prompt on "swamp," "stream," or "river;" prompt on "wetland" before mentioned)

(25) This river's islands include Fighting Island and Belle Isle, the latter of which is connected to the mainland via the MacArthur Bridge. This river, which receives the Rouge River, forms the southern boundary of Wayne County, and a tunnel that runs under it connects the GM Renaissance Center to Windsor. The Ambassador Bridge passes over this river, which flows from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie. For the point, name this river between Canada and a namesake city in Michigan.

ANSWER: **Detroit** River

(26) This city's Duval Street is home to the original Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville restaurant. Other historical sites in this city include Harry S. Truman's "Little White House" and the Ernest Hemingway House. The Conch Republic was established in this city after a border patrol blockade meant to block migrants from Cuba. The southern end of U.S. Route One is in, for the point, what southernmost city in the continental U.S., part of an archipelago in Florida?

ANSWER: **Key West**

(27) This river is crossed by the entirely wooden Otowi suspension bridge near San Ildefonso. It's not part of the Middle East, but the officially non-existent community of Bagdad was a port city on this river. Webb County hosts the largest annual celebration of George Washington's birthday in the United States on this river at the city of Laredo. The fourth-longest river in the U.S. is, for the point, what river, which separates Texas from the Mexican states of Chihuahua and Coahuila?

ANSWER: **Rio Grande** (or **Rio Bravo** del Norte)

(28) A massive statue of this food in Inglewood displays "Randy's" on it. One Cambodian-American owned restaurant serving this food in Newport Beach called Seaside gained TikTok virality in the 2020s. Malasadas are a version of this food brought to Hawai'i by Azorean immigrants, and beignets [[ben-YAYS]] are another variant of it originating in New Orleans. A popular coffee shop founded in Quincy, Massachusetts serves, for the point, what type of sweet pastry offered by Dunkin'?

ANSWER: **doughnuts** (accept Dunkin' **Donuts**)

(29) One of these facilities that serves Sonoma County uses Snoopy as its mascot and is named for *Peanuts* creator Charles M. Schulz. One of these facilities named for John Wayne serves Orange County, and humorist Will Rogers names one of these facilities in Oklahoma City. The busiest of these facilities that serves Atlanta is named after William B. Hartsfield and Maynard Jackson. In Queens, John F. Kennedy gives his name to, for the point, what transport facilities exemplified by LAX?

ANSWER: **airports** (accept Charles M. Schulz–Sonoma County **Airport**, John Wayne **Airport**, Will Rogers International **Airport**, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International **Airport**, John F. Kennedy International **Airport**, or Los Angeles International **Airport**)

(30) Once named for Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count Rumford, this city was where Abbot and Downing created a namesake horse-drawn coach. This city commemorates Alan Shepard and local schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe at a discovery center science museum. This city, which lies on the Turkey River within the Merrimack River watershed, was given its name by Benning Wenworth to symbolize harmony. The third-largest city in its state, for the point, what is this capital of New Hampshire?

ANSWER: **Concord** (accept **Concord** Coach; accept **Penacook**; accept **Rumford** before mentioned)

(31) This city's Africatown was the subject of the Netflix film *Descendant*. This city's RSA Battle House Tower is the tallest building on the Gulf Coast outside of Houston, and this city will be the eastern terminus of Amtrak's planned *Mardi Gras Service*. A statue of senator Richard Shelby was placed at this city's port in 2022, and a bridge in this city is planned to replace the George Wallace Tunnel. For the point, name this southernmost major city of Alabama.

ANSWER: **Mobile**

(32) This non-East Coast river includes tributaries like the Delaware and Big Blue rivers, and it is formed by the confluence of the Smoky Hill and Republican Rivers. This river, which is crossed by the U.S. 40 and U.S. 59 Bridges, flows through Manhattan and Lawrence and ends at Kaw Point, where the Lewis and Clark Expedition turned northwards. This river's drainage basin lies between the Platte and Arkansas watersheds. For the point, name this river which flows past Topeka in a namesake state.

ANSWER: **Kansas** River (accept **Kaw** River until mentioned)

(33) In this city, a bell once used for the Pearl Street Market is now housed at the Findlay Street Market. This city's Great American Ball Park is located near the John A. Roebling Suspension Bridge that connects this city to Covington. This city's Over-the-Rhine district was named for German immigrants, and this city is the closest major city to the Miami Valley in one state's extreme southwest. For the points, identify this third-largest city of Ohio after Columbus and Cleveland.

ANSWER: **Cincinnati**

(34) Pennypack Park in this city contains the Frankford Avenue Bridge, which was built in 1697 and is the oldest surviving bridge in the United States still in use. This city contains America's oldest residential street, Elfreth's Alley. In this city, visitors will often leave pennies on a grave at the Christ Church Burial Ground to pay tribute to Benjamin Franklin. For the point, name this city where Independence National Historical Park contains the Liberty Bell.

ANSWER: **Philadelphia**

(35) This state's so-called "Great Lakes" include Big Spirit Lake and West Okoboji Lake. The Department of Energy runs a national laboratory in this state in the city of Ames. This state's cities of Davenport and Bettendorf are part of the Quad Cities region, which is shared with Rock Island, East Moline, and Moline in neighboring Illinois. For the point, name this midwestern U.S. state, the home of Council Bluffs, Dubuque [[duh-BYOOK]], and Des Moines [[dey-MOYN]].

ANSWER: **Iowa** (accept **Iowa** Great Lakes)

Extra Question

(1) Ice cream sundaes were invented and first sold in this city, the seat of Tompkins County. The Dalai Lama's personal monastery, Namgyal, operates a North American branch just outside of this city, whose I. M. Pei-designed Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art is famed for its cantilevered fifth floor. This city, at the southern end of Cayuga Lake, is the largest in the Finger Lakes region. Named for Odysseus's home, for the point, what is this city in upstate New York, home to Cornell University?

ANSWER: **Ithaca**