

National U.S. Geography Bee – Round 4

Regulation Tossups

(1) This U.S. state is the most-sparsely populated state east of the Mississippi River. This state has over 2,000 lakes, the largest of which is the 116-square-mile Moosehead Lake. This state's longest river is the Saint John River, which winds through Canada and empties into the Bay of Fundy. Kennebec County is located in, for the point, what New England state that has its capital at Augusta?

ANSWER: **Maine**

(2) This peninsula's inland town of Ishpeming contains the National Skiing Hall of Fame, and this peninsula's other settlements include Escanaba. This peninsula forms the largest exclave of a U.S. state, and this peninsula, which administers the northern part of Green Bay, has its far-eastern portion extend into Lake Huron. For the point, name this peninsula which borders Wisconsin, a region of northern Michigan.

ANSWER: **Upper Peninsula** (or **U.P.**; or **Yoop**)

(3) This city hosts the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center, and this seat of Natrona County lies near the Salt Creek Oil Field. Instigators of the Johnson County War disembarked from a train in this city to transfer to horseback. This city was the site of the Battle of Platte Bridge, and it lies at the northernmost end of the Laramie Mountains. This hometown of the Cheney family is situated 19 miles from the Teapot Dome formation. For the points, name this second-largest city of Wyoming, lying 140 miles northwest of Cheyenne.

ANSWER: **Casper**

(4) This national park, which is accessible from the town of 29 Palms, is known for its rock formations, including the Giant Marbles. The Sheephole Valley Wilderness adjoins this national park, where the graffiti artist André vandalized a boulder in 2015. This national park is located between Riverside and San Bernardino Counties in the Mojave Desert. For the point, name this national park in California, which protects a namesake plant species also known as the yucca palm.

ANSWER: **Joshua Tree** National Park

(5) This tribe occupies the Akwesasne reserve on Ontario's Cornwall Island. This tribe calls themselves Kanien'kehá:ka, or "Keepers of the Eastern Door," and this tribe names the longest tributary of the Hudson River. One of this tribe's leaders, Joseph Brant, led Loyalist militias in Upstate New York. For the point, name this tribe, one of the five members of the Iroquois, who name a type of hairstyle.

ANSWER: **Mohawk** People (accept **Kanien'kehá:ka** until mentioned; prompt on "Iroquois" until mentioned)

(6) Tours of this national park often include attractions such as Grand Avenue, Frozen Niagara, and Fat Man's Misery. The Fisher Ridge Cave System and the Martin Ridge Cave System are located a short distance from, and may connect to, this national park, which represents a large subterranean network in the Appalachian Mountains. Located primarily in Edmonson County, Kentucky, for the point, what national park that is home to the longest known cave system in the U.S.?

ANSWER: **Mammoth Cave** National Park (accept **Mammoth**-Flint Ridge **Cave** System)

(7) Lake Lurleen State Park is located about ten miles from this urban community's downtown area. This city's name is derived from Choctaw words for "black" and "warrior," in reference to the Black Warrior River, which flows through this city's north. This Southern city served as its state's capital for 20 years in the 19th century before the designation was moved to Montgomery. For the point, identify this city, which is home to the University of Alabama.

ANSWER: **Tuscaloosa**

(8) The Kiowa National Grassland is located in this river's canyon, which also contains the small town of Mills. This river's North branch is formed from the confluence of the Beaver River and Wolf Creek and discharges near Wetumpka. This river crosses the Texas Panhandle, where it forms Lake Meredith, and this river is dammed to form the Eufaula Lake before discharging near the city of Whitefall, Oklahoma. For the point, identify this longest tributary of the Arkansas River, which shares its name with a North American nationality.

ANSWER: **Canadian** River

(9) Most of this territory's Hassel Island is operated by the National Park Service, and its tourist attractions include Magens Bay. This is the only U.S. territory where motorists drive on the left side of the road. This territory is primarily composed of Saint Croix, Saint John, and Saint Thomas, and its capital is Charlotte Amalie. For the point, name this U.S. territory in the Caribbean which shares an archipelago with a similarly named British territory.

ANSWER: **United States Virgin** Islands (or **Virgin** Islands of the **United States**; accept "US" in place of "United States;" prompt on "Virgin" or "Virgin Islands;" do NOT accept "British Virgin Islands")

(10) A complex called The Strong in this city houses the National Museum of Play and the National Toy Hall of Fame. This city's George Eastman Museum contains the world's oldest photo collection and was named for Kodak's founder. Xerox was founded in this city, where the Genesee River flows into Lake Ontario, which shares its name with a Minnesota city home to the Mayo Clinic. For the points, name this city in upstate New York, west of Syracuse and east of Buffalo.

ANSWER: **Rochester**

(11) This facility hosts the squash Tournament of Champions in its Vanderbilt Hall, and it is topped by a clock-statue called the *Glory of Commerce*. Along with the Met Life Tower, this facility splits Park Avenue in two. This station is the terminus of the Metro-North System and is set to be connected to the Long Island Rail Road by the East Side Access project. For the point, name this Manhattan rail station, whose Main Concourse displays a ceiling of constellations.

ANSWER: **Grand Central** Terminal (accept **Grand Central** Station)

(12) This lake's Overton Arm receives the Muddy and Virgin rivers, which dramatically shrunk to reach the lowest levels in its history in 2022. Boulder City is a gateway to this lake, which is located between Lake Mohave and Lake Powell on the Colorado River. This reservoir, the largest in the U.S. by water capacity, is the only outflow of the Las Vegas Valley. Located between Nevada and Arizona, for the point, what lake is formed by the Hoover Dam?

ANSWER: Lake **Mead**

(13) One city of this name contains the largest desalination plant in the United States and is located just south of Oceanside in the North County region. That city of this name north of San Diego houses the oldest Legoland resort in the United States. Another city of this name at the northern end of the Guadalupe Mountains is situated on the Pecos River. One national park of this name contains Lechuguilla Cave, as well as massive stalagmites in its "Big Room." For the point, give this name borne by a set of caverns in southeastern New Mexico.

ANSWER: **Carlsbad** (accept **Carlsbad** Caverns National Park)

(14) Janet Echelman's aerial net sculpture *Bending Art* is displayed in this city's new Pier District. Two historic places in this city, the Vinoy Park Hotel and the Women's Club, are housed on Snell Isle, which lies north of this city's downtown area. This city is located on the Pinellas Peninsula between Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Home to the Rowdies at Al Lang Stadium and the Rays at Tropicana Field, for the point, what is this fifth-most populous city in Florida?

ANSWER: **St. Petersburg**

(15) San Carlos Lake, along this river, is created by the Coolidge Dam, and this river is fed by the Agua Fria River and the Salt River. This river shares its name with an Indian Reservation which is home to the Akimel O'odham, or Pima tribe. This river is the second-longest tributary of the Colorado River, and this river's mouth is situated near the city of Yuma. For the point, name this river that flows through southeastern Arizona and shares its name with a type of lizard termed a "monster."

ANSWER: **Gila** [[HEE-lah]] River (accept **Gila** monster)

(16) This city is divided into 13 areas, with Area Two abutting a reservoir and serving as the primary home of a prestigious university. This city's Area Seven holds the Kirkland and Lowell houses, or dormitories, and the football stadium of a university based in this city is actually situated outside of it, across the Charles River. This city, where prospective students rub the toes of the Statue of Three Lies for good luck, is home to the Widener Library. For the point, name this college town located across a river from Boston.

ANSWER: **Cambridge**

(17) This city's Hopemont mansion was built by the first millionaire west of the Alleghenies. The Mary Todd Lincoln House is located in this city, which also contains Transylvania University and Kroger Stadium. This city is the seat of Fayette County, and locations such as Keeneland and the Red Mile made this city the "Horse Capital of the World." The largest city of the Bluegrass region is, for the point, what second-largest city of Kentucky?

ANSWER: **Lexington**

(18) The Chicamacomico settlement on this island is now divided into three villages called Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo. The absence of a direct route between Hyde County and this island requires a two-to-three-hour commute around a network of lagoons, including Core Sound and Currituck Sound. The town of Buxton on this island houses the tallest lighthouse in the United States. Abutting the Atlantic Ocean, for the points, what North Carolina island was historically known as Croatoan Island and names a well-known cape?

ANSWER: **Hatteras** Island (accept Cape **Hatteras**; accept **Croatoan** Island before mentioned)

(19) This lake's Isle La Motte contains an outcropping of the Chazy Formation. Several islands on this lake host the town of North Hero, which is named in honor of Ethan Allen. The Missiquoi River is a tributary of this lake, and the southern part of this lake contains Fort Ticonderoga. This lake is linked to the St. Lawrence River via the Richelieu [[REE-shuh-LEW]] River. Plattsburgh and Burlington are located on, for the point, what lake, which lies between New York and Vermont?

ANSWER: Lake **Champlain** (or Lac **Champlain**; or **Pitawbagw**; or **Pitawbagok**; or **Kaniatarakwa:ronte**; or **Kaniá:tare tsi kahnhoka:ronte**; or **Caniaderi Guarunte**)

(20) This place's western corner shares a boundary with Falls Church. This city houses the Marine Corps War Memorial, as well as the largest office building in the United States. This city-county contains the headquarters of Raytheon and Boeing in Crystal City. This city-county is bordered by Fairfax County and Alexandria, and it contains the largest military cemetery in the United States. For the point, name this Virginia city and county located directly across the Potomac River from Washington D.C., home to the Pentagon.

ANSWER: **Arlington**

(21) "Perched" examples of these formations called Grand Sable can be found in Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Another national lakeshore protecting these formations includes North and South Manitou islands on the western coast of Michigan, which were named after an Ojibwe legend about a sleeping bear. A national park dedicated in 2019 which protects these features is situated in northwestern Indiana. For the point, name these hills commonly formed on lakeshores from wind-blown sand deposits.

ANSWER: sand **dunes**

(22) This United States city was founded in 1706 as a Spanish colony, and this city is the seat of Bernalillo County. This city, the "Hot Air Balloon Capital of the World," hosts the International Balloon Fiesta every October. This city houses the main campus of a university that also has campuses in Taos and Los Lunas, and that university in this city is the largest public university in its state. For the point name this city, the largest in New Mexico.

ANSWER: **Albuquerque** [[al-buh-KER-kee]]

(23) A spicy version of this food sold at baseball games is known as "the Heater" and sold by Campo's. In Reading Terminal Market, a place called Carmen's using playing cards rather than order numbers notably provides this food for vegans. Provolone is an ingredient in this food recommended by Joey Vento, who founded a restaurant which specializes in this food, called Geno's. Often making use of frizzled beef, for the point, what is this popular sandwich in Philadelphia?

ANSWER: Philly **cheesesteak** (accept **steak and cheese**)

(24) In this city, pianist Ignacy Paderewski called for Polish independence in Humboldt Park. Edward Bennett was one of the authors of a plan for developing this city called the Burnham Plan. The Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool is located within this city's Lincoln Park, and this city's Jackson Park and Midway Plaisance were used to host an 1893 world's fair, known as the World's Columbian Exposition. For the point, identify this Midwestern city that was damaged in a Great 1871 fire.

ANSWER: **Chicago** (accept **Chicago** World's Fair; accept Great **Chicago** Fire)

(25) Montana has permitted hunting these animals in the Lamar Valley to prevent the spread of brucellosis. A feature called Ulm Pishkun was used to drive these animals off a cliff before killing them by the Blackfeet People. Head-Smashed-In is another example of "jumps" used to kill these animals, which were displayed on the reverse side of Indian Head nickels. For the point, name this large, horned bovine which inhabits Yellowstone National Park.

ANSWER: **bison** (accept **buffalo**, **buffalo** jump, or **buffalo** nickel)

(26) This river is crossed by the French King Bridge, and this river was where American ships were burned in the Great Attack at Essex. The mouth of this river is between Old Lyme and Old Saybrook, where this river meets the Long Island Sound. This river forms the border between New Hampshire and Vermont. For the point, identify this longest river in New England, which crosses through Springfield and Hartford.

ANSWER: **Connecticut** River

(27) In 2019, a celebration was held to mark the 20th anniversary of this city's Bricktown Canal. A venue in this city, which hosts its NBA team's home games, is called Paycom Center. The Survivor Tree in this city is on the grounds of a memorial to an event which resulted in the collapse of much of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. For the point, name this city which contains a memorial for the victims of a 1995 bombing carried out by Timothy McVeigh.

ANSWER: **Oklahoma City** (accept **OKC**, **Oklahoma City** Thunder, or **Oklahoma City** bombing)

(28) In this state, the Spirit Lake Reservation is located on the shores of this state's largest natural body of water, Devils Lake. This state's Maah Daah Hey Trail is one of America's longest mountain biking trails, and that trail in this state takes its name from a Mandan phrase and travels along the Little Missouri River. This state has its easternmost point at the Bois de Sioux [[bwah-duh-SOO]] River near Fairmount and shares the International Peace Garden with Manitoba. For the point, name this state, home to Fargo and Bismarck.

ANSWER: **North Dakota**

(29) One city named for these features in Polk County forms an urban area with Winter Haven, and a "chain" of them extends along the Fox River in Illinois. Another of these features called Tulare in the San Joaquin [[WAH-keen]] Valley re-emerged in 2023 in California. Counties named for these features in Illinois and Indiana include Waukegan and Gary. For the point, identify this type of hydrological feature, of which Minnesota is nicknamed the land of "10,000."

ANSWER: **lakes** (accept **Lake**land, Chain o' **Lakes**, **Lake** Tulare, or Land of 10,000 **Lakes**)

(30) A Marriott Marquis hotel in this city is often nicknamed the "pregnant building" and was a filming location for the *Hunger Games* series. A Hilton in this city contains the last tiki-themed Trader Vic's restaurant in the U.S. outside of California. That Hilton was built on the site of a motel in this city that was the plaintiff in a 1964 Supreme Court case. For the points, name this city where many skyscraper hotels can be found in its downtown Peachtree Center district.

ANSWER: **Atlanta** (accept *Heart of Atlanta Motel, Inc. v. United States*)

(31) The opening of Maimonides Park revitalized this peninsular neighborhood, which is located between the private Seagate neighborhood, Gravesend, and the heavily Russian Brighton Beach. This neighborhood, home to Surf and Mermaid Avenues, is located at the southernmost terminus of the Western Hemisphere's busiest subway system, and Luna Park opened in this neighborhood in 2010 on the former grounds of Astroland. Known for its hot dog eating competition on July 4th, for the points, what is this beach neighborhood in Brooklyn?

ANSWER: **Coney Island** (prompt on "Brooklyn" before mentioned)

(32) This state is home to a geological material found only within its borders called Cumberlandite, its state rock. Behind New Jersey, this state is second in terms of population density, and this state's namesake sound forms the eastern extension of Block Island Sound. "The Ocean State" is the nickname of, for the point, what smallest state in New England, which contains Providence?

ANSWER: **Rhode Island** (accept **Rhode Island** Sound)

(33) This city is home to the only school of freshwater sciences in the United States, as well as an art museum with a Santiago Calatrava-designed *brise soleil* [[breez soh-LAY]]. This city's Menomonee River is overlooked by the Hoan Bridge, Miller Park, and a museum featuring Elvis Presley's motorcycle, the Harley-Davidson Museum. For the point, name this largest city in Wisconsin.

ANSWER: **Milwaukee** (accept University of Wisconsin-**Milwaukee**; accept UW-**Milwaukee**)

(34) This state's Poverty Point is home to Mound A, which is said to resemble a massive bird, and its petroleum center of Port Fourchon is the southernmost point of this state that is accessible by car. This state is home to the cities of Alexandria and Lake Charles, and this state contains the end of the Red River and the distributary of the Atchafalaya River. For the point, name this state, which is known for its Cajun culture and the city of New Orleans.

ANSWER: **Louisiana**

(35) This city includes a modernist library featuring "floating platforms" wrapped by a steel net that was designed by Rem Koolhaas. Tenzing Momo is an apothecary shop at a farmers' market in this city that was located near the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Pike Place Market is located in this city, where the online retailer Amazon was founded. For the point, identify this most-populous city in the state of Washington, the home of the Space Needle.

ANSWER: **Seattle**

Extra Question

(1) In its upper reaches, this river flows through Dubois and Riverton. At the "Wedding of the Waters" in Thermopolis, this river changes its name from the Wind River. The Shoshone River is a tributary of this river, which bisects the Crow Indian Reservation before merging with the Yellowstone River 50 miles northeast of Billings. For the point, identify this river named for a type of sheep, a "little" tributary of which was the site of Custer's Last Stand.

ANSWER: **Bighorn** River (accept Little **Bighorn**; accept **Wind** River until mentioned)