

National U.S. Geography Bee – Round 2 (3rd-5th)

Regulation Tossups

(1) A ski resort formerly called “Squaw Valley” was renamed after this lake’s Palisades in 2021. Carson City has a small shoreline on this lake, whose primary outflow is the Truckee River. For the point, name this large freshwater lake on the border between California and Nevada in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

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

(2) One of these facilities in Saratoga Springs is often considered the oldest major U.S. sporting venue. Events such as the Preakness Stakes are hosted at these facilities, which are exemplified by Louisville’s Churchill Downs. For the point, identify this type of facility that hosts events like the Kentucky Derby.

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

(3) A holy site of this religious group called Temple Lot is situated in the city of Independence, Missouri. A beehive on one state’s flag represents this religious group, which inspired the name of the proposed State of Deseret. For the point, name this religious group that is predominant in Utah.

ANSWER: **Mormons** (or The Church of Jesus Christ of **Latter-day Saints**; or **LDS**)

(4) One city in this state is located between Lake Wheeler and Gunter’sville Lake on the Tennessee River. The Marshall Space Flight Center hosts NASA’s Space Camp in this state in the city of Huntsville. For the point, identify this state in the Deep South that has its capital at Montgomery.

ANSWER: **Alabama**

(5) This immigrant group forms a third of the population of Biscayne Gardens. 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 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”)

(6) This state contains Skinner Butte, which had its etching of the letters “KKK” replaced by the “Big O.” Phil Knight founded Nike in this state, mostly by selling products to college athletes competing as the Ducks. For the point, name this state in the Pacific Northwest, which is home to Eugene and Portland.

ANSWER: **Oregon**

(7) 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. For the point, name this island, one of New York City’s five boroughs.

ANSWER: **Staten** Island

(8) This monument is protected by the smallest national park in the United States. This tallest monument in the United States was designed by Eero Saarinen and built to honor westward expansion on the Mississippi River. For the points, name this massive, curved steel monument overlooking St. Louis.

ANSWER: **Gateway Arch** (accept **Gateway Arch** National Park)

(9) This phenomenon is deflected from the East Coast of the United States by the Charleston Bump on the continental shelf. 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 named for a body of water south of the United States.

ANSWER: **Gulf Stream**

(10) One island group in this state encloses bodies of water such as the Pamlico Sound, and this state's Kill Devil Hills were the site of the Wright brothers' first controlled, powered flight. Blackbeard was killed off the coast of this state at Ocracoke Island. For the point, identify this state home to the Outer Banks and Raleigh.

ANSWER: **North Carolina**

(11) Sturgeon Bay is situated on a canal connecting this bay to a larger lake on the Door Peninsula. This bay is the namesake of the only community-owned football team in the U.S., which plays at Lambeau Field. For the point, name this inlet of Lake Michigan, a bay enclosed by Wisconsin.

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

(12) This material's Lophelia form can be found at its northernmost extreme at Cape Lookout, north of Wilmington. 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)

(13) This city was the first in the U.S. to rely entirely on renewable energy, much of which comes from the Winooski River. This city is the home of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, and this city hosted IGC 2022. For the points, name this largest city in Vermont?

ANSWER: **Burlington**

(14) This region's name is also the nickname of Clemson's Memorial Stadium and LSU's Tiger Stadium. This region, which lies in the north of the Mojave [[moh-HAH-vay]] Desert, contains Badwater Basin, the lowest point in North America. For the point, name this desert valley, believed to be the hottest place on earth during the Summer.

ANSWER: **Death** Valley

(15) Locations in this city, such as Ventnor Avenue and Marvin Gardens, inspired Charles Darrow when he created a now-iconic board game. The street names of this seaside town were used in the original version of *Monopoly*. For the point, identify this boardwalk town in New Jersey, known for its gambling industry.

ANSWER: **Atlantic City**

(16) Numerous fossilized specimens have been found on the western shore of this bay at the Calvert Cliffs. The Lucius J. Kellam, Jr. Bridge-Tunnel crosses this bay between Delmarva and Hampton Roads. Virginia and Maryland are bordered by, for the point, what large bay?

ANSWER: **Chesapeake** Bay

(17) This state's Deer Valley resort is known for banning snowboarders. 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**

(18) 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. For the point, name this California city, the largest of the eastern Bay Area.

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

(19) This national park 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, identify this national park, named for the highest mountain in the U.S.

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

(20) One of these features named Corne became a sinkhole after an oil company drained the salt dome it sat atop. Prior to the Mississippi Delta being drained, one of these features occupied the land of New Orleans. For the point, name this type of slow-flowing wetlands found across the U.S. Gulf Coast and associated with Louisiana.

ANSWER: **bayous** (accept **Bayou** Corne, Buffalo **Bayou**, or **Bayou** City; prompt on "swamp," "stream," or "river;" prompt on "wetland" before mentioned)

(21) One river named for this city receives the Rouge River and forms the southern boundary of Wayne County. The Ambassador Bridge passes over a river named for this city, which flows from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie. For the point, name this largest city in Michigan.

ANSWER: **Detroit** (accept **Detroit** River)

(22) Visitors to this city can find six-toed cats at 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**

(23) This river is crossed by the entirely wooden Otowi suspension bridge near San Ildefonso. This river hosts the largest annual celebration of George Washington's birthday in the United States at the city of Laredo. For the point, name this river that separates Texas from the Mexican states of Chihuahua and Coahuila.

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

(24) A massive statue of this food in Inglewood displays "Randy's" on it. Beignets [[ben-YAYS]] are a variant of this food that originated 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**)

(25) 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 Will Rogers International **Airport**, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International **Airport**, John F. Kennedy International **Airport**, or Los Angeles International **Airport**)

(26) This city, which lies on the Turkey River within the Merrimack River watershed, was given its name by Benning Wenworth to symbolize harmony. This city is the third-largest city in its state after Nashua and Manchester. For the point, name this capital of New Hampshire.

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

(27) This city's RSA Battle House Tower is the tallest building on the Gulf Coast outside of Houston. 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**

(28) A river named for this state flows through Manhattan and Lawrence and ends at Kaw Point. A Kiowa-Comanche artist created this state's *Keeper of the Plains* sculpture in Sedgwick County in this state's city of Wichita. For the point, name this state that has its capital at Topeka.

ANSWER: **Kansas** (accept **Kansas** River)

(29) This city's Frankford Avenue Bridge, which was built in 1697, is the oldest surviving bridge in the United States still in use. 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**

(30) 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. 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) 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**