

Well, that didn't work either. What's going on here? Doesn't anyone want to participate in an interesting bird trivia game? Let's go with a different tack again. Maybe violence will intrigue them?

Question 3: Who directed the 1963 film where birds attacked and killed humans? First and last name, please.

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That duck is not subtle. Discard the bottom card of your deck since you watched the duck put it there. Then take the new bottom card of your deck and put it on top of Duck's deck. This happens before Duck draws their card for the turn.

Meanwhile, let's do a softball trivia question. One of the contestants is already so close to the answer—they have 3/4 of the answer's letters correct. (Although it's written in the wrong slot. Sigh.)

Question 4: When you use the common name "bird," you are referring to what scientific class?

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Okay, we're back to normal. Everyone's deck consists only of their own cards. Everything is normal and fine. The duck is even making friends with Rook, so perhaps the duck is actually on the level this time. Let's do an old chestnut of a bird trivia question.

Question 5: What is the collective noun for a group of owls?

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It's time for Question 1. Read the following out loud to the other players:

Question 1: What is the only type of bird that can fly backward?

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Uh, what? No one even came close to the correct answer. Maybe actual bird facts are not the way to go here? Let's try popular culture.

Question 2: What was the first bird that Brennan Lee Mulligan was asked to identify on *Name That Bird?*

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The correct answers are:

1. KNOT
2. OWL
3. BASKETBALL
4. AJAR
5. SQUARE
6. CUCKOO

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Okay, you're almost done. Here's the last question. No one's messed with your deck, no one's going to do anything major like reordering the rest of someone's cards, we're going to end with a nice, clean game.

Question 6: What is the name of the process by which birds clean their feathers with a specific insect?

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None of these answers are anywhere close to right, and everyone is out of cards. The only reason you're handing out points right now is because you're forced to. For each question, find a bird that is described by the combination of the three contestants' answers, then assign them points based on the actual correct answer.

Question 1—The position of the first H in the answer.

Question 2—The position of the first A in the answer.

Question 3—The position of the first H in the answer.

Question 4—The position of the first V in the answer.

Question 5—The position of the first P in the answer.

Question 6—The position of the first I in the answer.

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This isn't your first Duck Konundrum. You know that it's more important to understand where it's ending up than necessarily where it begins. Take the bottom card from your deck and follow its instructions.

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That worked surprisingly well. However, these answers don't make any sense. Aren't they supposed to be birds? This is bird trivia right? Well, as the only person at this table with an actual bird, you should have an advantage here. Send the duck over to steal the bottom card of the Host's deck. Grab the card from the duck before anyone notices. Update your answers to the ones indicated on the card.

Remember, if you don't have a live duck, you will need to simulate the duck's actions with your rubber duck!

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You've been caught cheating! As a punishment, remove the fourth and sixth letters from one of your answers to form another word.

Then draw the next card from your deck and follow it as normal.

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The duck seems to be moving right now. Once the duck has docked on a deck, encourage it to take the top card of that deck and bring it to you. Ducks love encouraging words. And bread. Read the card and follow the instructions on it, then draw your next card.
(Obviously, the duck moves off the deck it's docked on when it comes to you.)

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It occurs to you—the Host is going to know if they're missing cards. Take your next card, flip it over, and give it to the duck. Tell the duck to go replace the card it stole with your card. Then, invite it to strut around the other contestants' decks after they draw their card for the turn. You see the duck rearrange their decks so that the bottom card is now on top. Oh that duck!
Also, you're pretty sure the two birds on your paper are wrong, so erase them.

3

Oh. Rook's been solving chess problems? Man, glad you didn't get that deck. Well, there is one six-letter word that you can find word-search style on the grid. Maybe that is the correct one? That word looks familiar. Put it in #6.

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The duck is getting bored. Once the duck has docked on a deck, it takes the top three cards and puts them on top of your deck in the original order, then reverses the rest of the other deck before resting in the middle of the table. Now go through the rest of the cards in your deck, in order, and follow the instructions.

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Question Deck

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Damn. The duck got caught. It does occur to you that the word you just made seems familiar. However, deleting letters from your current answers seems like a good idea. Delete three As from your current answers, replacing one of them with an I. Two words will change—one will become a person from another time period, and another will be something you stick at the end of someone's name.
Meanwhile, tell the duck to go make friends with Rook, but not to sit on their deck yet. Just have the duck sit suspiciously nearby.

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Brennan Lee Mulligan is your competitive hero, and you are going to make him proud. You are determined to win this contest. Once again, you're pretty sure that the fact that Crow just said is false, but this time you're prepared and ignore it. Going into your mind palace, and right next to where you keep your knowledge and swords and the lyrics to "What Does the Fox Say," you see the following letters:

E E I M N P Q T U

Put them in the right order, and you've got your answer.

2

You're pretty sure that Michael Bay wouldn't direct a Pixar movie. That's silly. Ignoring the fake fact and whatever the duck is currently doing, it's time to use some scratch paper to work out an answer. Seeing the following scratches, you can rearrange them—but not rotate them or move them vertically—to make a common four-letter word written in all capital letters. This is the answer to #3.



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If you are trying to follow the instructions on this card, then something has gone wrong. Has the duck done everything it's supposed to?

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Hmmm. These words are looking familiar... Maybe to finish up, you should fill in your blank space with the last word you need to make the list look familiar.

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If you have followed all of the instructions properly, you should have the following answers, in order: ANOTHERS, CONSTRUCTION, BASEBALL, JUNIOR, LAWYER, SINGER. Copy down any that aren't on your paper right now.

Remember, once you are finished, enthusiastically say, "I'm ready for another question!"

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You're pretty sure that the fact that Crow said was false, but whatever. Put it out of your mind. You got this... just think... think...

Gah, you just can't get that stupid fact out of your head. You know it's wrong, but you can't think of anything correct. Just so you have something on your paper, write Crow's name backwards. Actually, replace the last letter of that with the next letter in the alphabet. It nicely now describes itself. That looks good. It's not correct, but it'll do.

Remember, once you are finished, enthusiastically say, "I'm ready for another question!"

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Make the answer in slot #1 plural. Add one letter before and three letters after the answer in slot #4 to make a new word that means “fellow investor.”

Were you expecting something else here? Someone must have stolen the card. Oh well. You don’t need it anyway. That chess puzzle was impossible. How about instead you put VOODX in the next open blank, shifted forward in the alphabet by what question number it is.

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So close! You totally got this! You’re going to make the Host proud! In fact, you now have the song “Do I Make You Proud?” stuck in your head. Who sang that? It was an American Idol winner with the last name of Hicks. What was his first name? When you remember it, write it in your last space.

Also, that fifth answer doesn’t look quite right. Add a pronoun to the end of it to make it a traditionally boy’s name.

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Wait, what is this card doing here? The duck must have messed with your deck. Discard this card and the next card just to be safe. Then follow the instructions on the card following that one.

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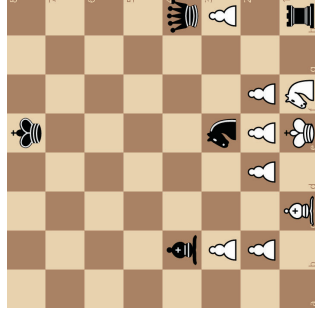
Okay, you’re pretty sure that fact Crow said is true, but very sad. Also, it now occurs to you that there’s a bunch of different anagrams of your last word. Use the alphabetically last one.

Now we need to deal with the Host’s current question. For this answer, write a three-letter school subject with a vowel as the first letter.

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Right after you draw this card, place the duck on top of your deck. Then proudly say to the other players, “The duck has docked on my deck.”

You know what we haven’t done yet? A chess puzzle! White to move and mate in 1. Once you have the move (or you need a hint), your extraction is on the next card. Draw it and follow its instructions, but only do it after the duck is no longer on top of on your deck.



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Once you have solved the chess problem on the previous card, make the move on the board and see what it spells out.

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If you are trying to follow the instructions on this card, then something has gone wrong. Has the duck done everything it's supposed to?

4

First things first, you need to throw everyone else off. Let's say a fact that is completely irrelevant to the situation.

Say out loud, "Did you know that during the filming of *The Wizard of Oz*, in order to make Oz look more mystical, they filmed birds flying backward from afar?" It's not true, but it should throw the others off of their game.

Meanwhile, you've got no clue on this question, but you're pretty sure that the answer to #3 is the name of the dog from *The Wizard of Oz*.

Remember, once you are finished, enthusiastically say, "I'm ready for another question!"

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Proudly announce your fact: "According to science, at some point, each of us will die." This should make everyone too sad to answer appropriately.

Meanwhile answer the current question with a word that can go after "ray" to form a brand of sunglasses.

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You're pretty sure that all those collective nouns are made up and stupid, which should make that the fact that you can't remember the name sting less, but it doesn't. Well, let's come up with the fact for this question. You've still got to mess with Rook.

Say, "The greater European Barn Owl has been known to fly across the Mediterranean Sea." Got 'em!

Actually, you were joking about the sea bird thing, but now that you're thinking about it, you're reminded about an actual sea bird that is four letters long and sounds like something a car does. Write it down!

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Okay, the distraction seemed to work on Rook, so let's do that again.

Say, "Did you know that Brennan Lee Mulligan's greenroom is just filled with dice?" Sounds plausible enough. Again, you have no clue on this question, but you're pretty sure that this was a joke on Brennan.

Try writing the name of the Greek god of war and courage in #6.

2

You don't know what the correct answers are, but neither of Rook's answers are real birds, so your strategy must be working.

Say out loud, "Pixar recruited Michael Bay to direct Up." Just keep messing with Rook and you'll get there.

Meanwhile, while staring at your 12 oz. Starbucks cup, you realize that the name of that size was actually the answer to #2. You're a genius! Write it in!

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Stick an E in front of one your answers to make a new word. Then replace it with a common six-letter occupation that uses that title.

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Right after you draw this card, place the duck on top of your deck. Then proudly say to the other players, “The duck has docked on my deck.”

Anyway, one more fake fact to mess with Rook: “The last letter of each of my ‘facts’ makes a word that goes in the first answer slot.” Oh, huh. That fact sounds weird. Maybe you should follow those instructions.

These answers look good, but you’re pretty sure you could improve on them. Once the duck leaves, draw the remaining cards in your deck one at a time and follow their instructions.

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Swap the vowels in one word to make a new word.

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Replace the first letter of one of your answers with the letter A, then stick a female possessive pronoun at the end to make a new word.

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Add the letters H, O, S, and U in some order to the word underneath the word you just changed to make it a way to describe coming from a specific region of a country.

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Replace an abbreviation with what the abbreviation means.

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Add three letters in the middle of the word underneath the word you just changed to make it a superhero's name, then add an S at the end.

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Put a boy's name inside your answer in #3 such that it forms the name of a city in Canada.

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