

Knowledge Bowl

BEFORE THE ROUND BEGINS:

- From your view point - Set up Team A on the left, Team B in the middle and Team C on the right
- Reader and Judge should introduce themselves
- Acknowledge and welcome each Team by name
- Test all strips before beginning each round
- Teams must have clean loose paper - not a notebook
- Ask for the Team Spokesperson
 - Spokesperson must face the Reader
 - Spokesperson must speak clearly (they cannot be asked to repeat an answer)
 - Spokesperson must answer immediately when time is up
 - Alternate Spokesperson must be designated before time is up
- No electronic equipment (including cell phones, smart watches, etc.) is allowed
- No hats are allowed
- The question has started as soon as the Reader reads the question number
- “All acceptable answers have been previously agreed upon by the coaches. There may, in fact, be other correct answers, but in the interest of fairness and consistency, we can only accept the agreed upon answers.”

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Reading Questions

- If only one team buzzes in and answers incorrectly, begin reading again at the beginning of the question.
- Once you complete the question it may not be read again, even if a team has not buzzed in.
- If a dispute arises, the easiest resolution is generally to throw out that question and use an alternate question.
- If a procedural error occurs after some team has already been judged incorrect, that team (or teams) is/are ineligible for the alternate.

Answering Questions

Teams are allowed to give one additional piece of relevant information (as long as it is correct) in their response besides the actual answer to the question. Information included in the question itself does not count toward that one piece, even if it has not been read.

- A spokesperson may defer to another player to answer a question by saying "I defer to [name]" or similar language BUT they must indicate they are deferring before the pocket score timer sounds.
- After the timer sounds, the spokesperson must give the answer.
- Answers to math questions must include units to be correct, unless the question specifically gives units for the answer.
- Pronunciations do not have to be exact. A plausible or phonetic pronunciation is usually acceptable unless it demonstrates a fundamental lack of understanding about the correct answer (e.g. Malcom the Tenth is not acceptable for Malcolm X).

Q: "Call me Ishmael" is the first line in what book?

A: MobyDick

A team may buzz in after "Ishmael", answer "Moby Dick by Herman Melville" and be correct.

Q: "According to ancient Greeks, the four elements were earth, fire, air and what?"

A: water

A team may buzz in after "elements", answer "fire, air, water and earth" and be correct.

Q: A bug walks 15 feet one day and 10 feet the next day. How far did the bug move?

A: 25 feet (must say "feet")

Q: A bug walks 15 feet one day and 10 feet the next day. How many feet did the bug move?

A: 25 ("feet" is optional)