

KYOGRE: A Deep Dive into Pokémon Knowledge

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Round 4

(Note to reader: Your previous round should have ended with the tossup on Roserade.)

1. An item named for this Pokémon can only be purchased at the Aquesta Supermarket and boosts certain Ice-type powers. During a battle against this Pokémon, your partner uses a Shellder. The Go-For-Broke Grill serves a dish named for this Pokémon "al Ajillo." When below half HP, this Pokémon's signature ability confers a near-identical effect to the move (*) Shell Smash. Like Spidops, this Pokémon can spawn on vertical surfaces and jump toward players who get too close. Heading east from Mesagoza leads to an encounter with one of these Pokémon designated the "Stony Cliff Titan." For 10 points, name this Rock-type crab Pokémon introduced in Gen 9.

ANSWER: Klawf <Mainline - Gen 9>

2. In the manga, this character's Pokémon are named Philip, Richard, Charles, and Elizabeth. Ash received a duplicate badge for defeating this character during the *Pokémon Journeys* arc. May meets Dawn for the first time at a competition named for this character at Lake Valor. A relative of this character uses a tiara to Mega Evolve a Pokémon nicknamed "Ali." This character battles the player in front of the (*) Sky Pillar after undoing its seal during the Delta Episode. This character, who frequently talks about "elegance," is the uncle of Lisia and uses a Milotic in both battles and Pokémon Contests. For 10 points, name this flamboyant Water-type Gym Leader and Champion from Hoenn.

ANSWER: Wallace <Mainline - Gen 3>

3. This syllable ends the name of the weaker of two moves that once applied an unannounced Defense drop to its target. A move whose name ends with this syllable works like Protect or Detect, but harshly lowers Defense if a move makes contact during its effects. It's not Encore, but a move whose name ends in this syllable causes the target to repeat the move it just used, and is largely a double battle gimmick used by (*) Oranguru. A 200 base power move whose name ends with this syllable has a stronger analog with 250 base power, and is usually learned by spherical Pokémon like Pineco, Koffing, or Voltorb. For 10 points, what six-letter syllable ends the name of a weaker version of Explosion?

ANSWER: -struct [accept Obstruct, Instruct, or Self-Destruct; prompt on partial answers by saying "Extend your answer to six letters"] <Battling/Competitive>

4. A song written to cheer up this character is called "Riding on the Stars" in one translation. This character returns with Giovanni and Lance to fight Sinnoh's Creation Trio, years after disappearing into the Crack of Time. Manga-exclusive admins named Carl and Sham are among the six characters this man kidnapped as children. This man's wish to reunite with two Lapras that died in an avalanche leads him to create the (*) GS Ball to utilize Celebi's time travel powers. The Masked Man, a main villain in the manga's Johto Arc, is revealed to be this wheelchair-bound character who can control ice sculptures alongside an oddly powerful Delibird. For 10 points, name this Gym Leader from Mahogany Town.

ANSWER: Pryce [accept Masked Man until mentioned] <Anime/Manga>

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5. In *Diamond and Pearl*, the effects of two identical abilities on this action are nonexistent due to a missing equals sign in the code. Uniquely among mainline games, *Sword and Shield* includes an item for performing this action in the player's starting kit. In Gen 7, the only generation in which this action yields items, it can yield Sticky Barbs, Bottle Caps, and (*) Pearl Strings. Outside of battle, the Suction Cups and Sticky Hold abilities affect this action. In Gen 6, a "chain" form of this action is one of the simplest shiny hunting methods. In Kanto, a "guru" gives away an "Old" item for performing, for 10 points, what action that can result in the text "Not even a nibble..." or a Goldeen or Magikarp?
ANSWER: fishing <Mainline - Mixed>

6. In *Red and Blue*, one of these Pokémon nicknamed "Crinkles" is offered alongside Electrode and Seel in trades in the Cinnabar Lab. Like Cubone and Marowak, this Pokémon is available in the Safari Zone only in *Yellow*. In Dex entries, body parts of this Pokémon are said to be "always jiggling" and "similar to seaweed." This Pokémon inhabits a patch of grass on Route 21 (*) fenced off from Pallet Town. Starting in Gen 3, this Pokémon's Level 1 movepool includes Ingrain. In Gen 1, this Pokémon knows Constrict and Bind as the weakest member of a Gym Leader's team that also includes Victreebel and Vileplume. For 10 points, name this Pokémon whose face is obscured by blue vines.
ANSWER: Tangela <Mainline - Gen 1>

7. The Pokédex describes how a Pokémon based on this animal can "cleave through thick metal plates" by firing beams from sickle-shaped petals. The only Pokémon whose base stat total stays the same upon evolving is based on this animal. A Grass Pokémon based on this animal inspired a set of obscenely expensive girls' clothing in *Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon*. A Noble Pokémon based on this animal must be subdued at (*) Grandtree Arena in *Legends: Arceus*. This animal inspired the Lush Jungle's Totem Pokémon, which knows Solar Blade, as well as a Pokémon that was Bugsy's ace and the original counterpart to Pinsir. For 10 points, what kind of insects inspired Scyther and Lurantis?
ANSWER: mantises [prompt on bugs or insects before "insects" is read] <Mainline - Mixed>

8. This Pokémon appears in Almia Castle as the guardian of the Blue Gem. In one game, this Pokémon unusually starts its event stage with given damage, while in another, its Classic Mode route pits it against characters with counterattacks. In *Pokémon UNITE*, this Pokémon learns Power-Up Punch and does not have to (*) evolve from its previous form. This Pokémon is considered the greatest rescue leader in *Mystery Dungeon*, in which the top Rescue Rank is named after it. This Pokémon's power increases the more damage it takes in a game where it uses Extreme Speed and Force Palm as its up and side specials. For 10 points, name this Pokémon whose Final Smash is a beam called Aura Storm.
ANSWER: Lucario <Spin-Offs>

9. Beating a Roughneck, Dancer, and Guitarist in this city awards a namesake "Boss" medal. A hidden section of this city is home to wild Eevee. Most members of the Harlequin trainer class are found in this city. A man hiding behind a dumpster in this city gives the player the TM for Flash. Showing a Celebi to a boy in this city makes him reveal himself as a (*) Zorua. This is the earliest introduced city where you can battle employees at Game Freak headquarters. For most of the year, a stand in this city sells a namesake kind of ice cream. The event-only Liberty Garden is reached from this city's pier. For 10 points, name this largest city in Unova, whose Gym Leader is Burgh.
ANSWER: Castelia City <Mainline - Gen 5>

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10. Two Pokémon that share this type were banned to UUBL largely due to a non-Water-type move that doubles in power if the user attacks first. The *Renegade Platinum* romhack added Dark and Fighting to two Pokémon of this type that are called “Pokémon’s biggest disappointment” and “greatest tragedy” in different video titles by Pokeaim. Instead of the usual 120, this type’s strongest recoil move has (*) 90 base power. A Gen 4 evolved form of this type had to rely on a 75-base power elemental punch for STAB, though it was initially hyped for an ability that increased its Speed when hit by moves of this type. For 10 points, name this type whose lack of strong physical moves hinders Luxray and Electivire.
ANSWER: Electric-type <Battling/Competitive>

11. One of these events names the items associated with the *Pokémon Masters EX* Halloween story Fight or Fright. A move that works similarly to Hex but also has a 30% chance to burn is named for an “Infernal” one of these events. One of these events is interrupted by a wanderer who wants to “know what a Trainer is.” During the credits of *Black 2 and White 2*, (*) Burgh accompanies the player during one of these events. The chemical R is dispersed via the central objects of these events at the climax of the *Detective Pikachu* movie. AZ battles the player during a post-Champion one of these events in Lumiose City. For 10 points, since 2001, a Pikachu float has appeared at what kind of event sponsored by Macy’s?
ANSWER: parades [or festivals; prompt on synonyms of celebrations] <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

12. A VMax card of this Pokémon has a 130-damage attack that adds 5 damage markers to the opposing bench. This Pokémon and Blacephalon learn moves whose animation differs if their user is shiny. This OU Pokémon runs a Choice Specs set from its weaker 100 base Special Attack, along with the (*) Infiltrator ability. A signature move of this Pokémon redirects if its first target takes no damage. This Pokémon placed a generation-high 11th in the Pokémon of the Year 2020 poll only three months after debuting. While Hydreigon is available in *Scarlet*, this pseudo-Legendary with 142 base Speed is available in *Violet*. For 10 points, name this Pokémon whose signature move Dragon Darts launches two Dreepy.
ANSWER: Dragapult <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

13. This group of Pokémon is hunted by Domino, who throws black tulips as weapons, while taking refuge at the remote Mount Quena. An unusually behaved member of this group of Pokémon is told “Maybe if we started looking at what’s the same instead of what’s different, well, who knows?” Four of these Pokémon with (*) strange markings were added to *Pokémon GO* ahead of the Netflix release of a 3D remake. This group is formed after homing Poké Balls catch the Pokémon of six Trainers invited to New Island. Both these Pokémon and their less violent counterparts cry to revive a petrified Ash. For 10 points, identify this group of Pokémon made from the same process that created Mewtwo.
ANSWER: clone Pokémon [or Pokémon created by Mewtwo] <Anime/Manga>

14. The player must answer “No” to emulate these characters after naming a move, a Pokémon, and a drink as passwords. One of these characters who claims to do anything if paid for it asks “Wanna see me get hit with Hyper Beam?” Another of these characters notes that it would be pointless to sign their clothing because their names are (*) all the same. These characters heal the player for 10 Pokédollars while staffing a decrepit Pokémon Center in Po Town. These characters, who are fond of squatting, rhyming, and making exaggerated arm movements, previously failed the island challenge. For 10 points, identify these underlings who report to Plumeria and Guzma in *Pokémon Sun and Moon*.
ANSWER: Team Skull Grunts [prompt on grunts] <Mainline - Gen 7>

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15. Like Gen 8's Steel Beam, this move's Japanese name was chosen by fan vote in *CoroCoro* magazine. Of the moves whose TMs are unlocked by reaching Perfect Rank in *Gates to Infinity*, this move has the widest availability. Dawn's Togekiss deflected errant uses of this move that frequently honed in on Piplup. Grandma Wilma, who lives in an isolated house in (*) Route 210, is the first of many tutors of this move. Ash's Gible took thirty episodes to master this move during the *Diamond and Pearl* arc. Like Leaf Storm and Overheat, this move reduces the user's Special Attack by two stages. For 10 points, name this powerful move that can be taught exclusively to Dragon-type Pokémon.

ANSWER: Draco Meteor <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

16. In one part of this feature, a "classy" set of wooden furniture includes a table with a Clefairy plush. The best variants of other items in this feature include ones named after the seasons, as well as Supreme Wish and Supreme Honor. Official artwork showing a Diglett bouncing a ball of yarn on its head references one of three (*) minigames in this feature, another of which is a tile puzzle. Part of this feature requires the player to mimic facial expressions via the console's camera. Pokémon Refresh is a successor to this feature, which impacts the Enjoyment, Fullness, and Affection stats. The player hands out Poké Puffs in, for 10 points, what feature in *X and Y* where you can play with your Pokémon?

ANSWER: Pokémon-Amie <Mainline - Gen 6>

17. A line concerning this concept is central to the joke of the first entry of the VG Cats webcomic *Super Effective*. This concept affects the trading pool and appearance of a character who contacts the player via a lost Xtransceiver. Speedrunners often point out how this concept dictates whether a certain battle starts with (*) Wailmer or Numel in *Ruby and Sapphire* and affects the length of a catching tutorial in *HeartGold and SoulSilver*. The questionnaires in *Mystery Dungeon* games end by asking about this concept, whose dichotomy in the main series was introduced via the character Kris in *Pokémon Crystal*. For 10 points, identify this concept central to the oft-asked question "Are you a boy or a girl?"

ANSWER: the player's chosen gender [accept answers mentioning the choice between boy and girl or male and female] <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

18. In the Battle Pyramid, a member of this Trainer class informs the player of the types of upcoming wild Pokémon. A seemingly random member of this Trainer class is the basis of Helena in *Pokémon Masters EX*. An NPC that appears as this Trainer class tells the player "No, you're not the one..." and has no (*) walking animation. A Fairy Tale Girl and this Trainer class are called "Mysterious Sisters" in double battles. A member of this Trainer class unusually sells Moomoo Milk in Dendemille Town, inspiring a fanart trend. Like Mediums and Channelers, this female-only Trainer class mostly uses Ghost-types. For 10 points, name this Trainer class that wears witches' garb in the Gen 3 games.

ANSWER: Hex Maniac <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

19. An ability that activates under this condition hampers the viability of a part-Flying-type Pokémon with an otherwise respectable base stat total of 567. Another ability that activates under this condition swaps a Pokémon's base 140 Attack and 30 Special Attack and changes its typing. Once this condition is met, Golisopod automatically (*) switches out. Brine does double damage to Pokémon under this condition, which triggers Darmanitan's Zen Mode and also prevents Shed Tail and Belly Drum from working. In battle, Oran and Citrus Berries are consumed when this condition is met. For 10 points, what condition is visually represented by an HP bar changing from green to yellow?

ANSWER: falling below 50% HP [accept equivalents] <Battling/Competitive>

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20. In a miniseries about this Pokémon's "Surprise Adventures," a shooting star is revealed to be a Staryu, and Loudred- and Exploud-themed alarm clocks are replaced by real Loudred and Exploud. In *Super Mystery Dungeon*, an item in Sahra Town temporarily summons this Pokémon to the player's team. Many of *Pokémon GO*'s events in the latter half of 2021, including the early debut of (*) Zacian and Zamazenta, were attributed to this Pokémon's actions. Lear uses this Pokémon's powers to transport Sync Pairs to Pasio in *Pokémon Masters EX*. A movie titled for this Pokémon "and the Clash of Ages" showcased its six-armed Unbound form. For 10 points, name this mythical Pokémon based on a genie.
ANSWER: Hooopa <Mixed/Miscellaneous>