

# KYOGRE: A Deep Dive into Pokémon Knowledge

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## Round 7

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

Note to readers: Read the answerline carefully.

1. A decoration that plays this piece upon inspection can be purchased after entering the Hall of Fame ten times. In a video by eno, this piece plays over an edit of Abe Simpson entering and exiting a building. In one usage, this piece plays over dialogue that begins “What’s this? What an uncanny resemblance...” This (\*) B-minor piece and a related battle theme are remixed after a so-called “Pokémon Wielder” reveals that he has the last remaining Arceus plate. This piece, which unexpectedly plays after entering a house in Undella Town, precedes a battle that opens with a Lv. 61 Spiritomb. For 10 points, identify this foreboding piano piece that plays before battling the champion of Sinnoh.

ANSWER: Cynthia’s introduction theme [or Cynthia’s pre-battle theme; or Cynthia’s piano theme; accept “Champion Cynthia” which is the official soundtrack title; reject answers similar to “Cynthia’s battle theme”] <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

2. A Pokémon owned by a person with this job was given the name Earma in the manga. The thoughts of a person with this job are expressed as a gray spiral when a move is used twice in a row. In Sinnoh, two of the three people with this job are named Jordan and Dexter. When grouped with Pokémon Fan Club president Mr. Sukizo and committee chairman Raoul, (\*) Nurse Joy serves in this job in the anime. Upon entering Hearthome City, the player bumps into a Bunearry owned by Keira, a person with this job whose Voltage must be raised during the acting stage. Pokémon can amass hearts that represent a move’s appeal by impressing, for 10 points, what people who rate the performances of Coordinators?

ANSWER: Pokémon Contest judge [accept equivalents in place of “judge”; prompt on judges by asking “Of what events?”] <Mainline - Mixed>

3. In *Mystery Dungeon*, this ability nullifies the effects of the IQ skills Concentrator and Clutch Performer. Arena Trap, Illuminate, and this ability can double the encounter rate for wild Pokémon. Upon evolving a certain Pokémon, this ability is replaced by Stance Change. This is the Hidden Ability of Karrablast, the Golett line, and (\*) Lycanroc-Midnight. A Mega Pokémon became the first decent Normal/Flying special attacker due to the pairing of Hurricane and this ability. This was once the signature ability of the Machop line, which benefits moves like Dynamic Punch, Stone Edge, and Fissure. For 10 points, name this ability that guarantees that attacks by and against a Pokémon will hit.

ANSWER: No Guard <Battling/Competitive>

4. A Hiker who visits hotels in Kalos offers to trade this Pokémon for its evolved form. The Meister offers a German one of these Pokémon named Foppa that unlocks foreign Dex entries in Gen 4 games. Trainers named Andrew on Route 205 and Wade on Kanto Route 21 both have a full party of this Pokémon. A Youngster north of Jubilife City battles you with a Starly and this Pokémon that he got from his (\*) dad. In *Platinum*, this Pokémon can be found in the Resort Area at Levels 1 to 100. Several of these Pokémon are visible in the aftermath of the bombing of Lake Valor. Various salesmen have offered this Pokémon for 500 Pokédollars. For 10 points, name this comically weak fish Pokémon.

ANSWER: Magikarp <Mainline - Mixed>

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5. Pokédex entries describe how the emanations of a Pokémon based on this animal help wheat grow. An ability named for this animal prevents opposing Pokémon from forcing a switch-out and inverts Intimidate's stat drop. Five Pokémon themed around different foods are joined by a Pokémon based on this animal in a certain Trainer's (\*) final party. After falling off of Poco Path, the player is cornered by Pokémon based on this animal before being saved by Koraidon or Miraidon. Sandwiches seasoned with Herba Mystica revitalize a Pokémon based on this animal owned by Arven. For 10 points, what animals inspired the Gen 9 Pokémon Greavard, Maschiff, and Fidough?

ANSWER: dogs [or canines; or hounds; accept Guard Dog] <Mainline - Gen 9>

6. In exactly two cases, doing this action after the Masterwork Research: Apex event powers up a "plus" attack to a "plus plus" attack. Pokémon that have undergone this action are given the National Ribbon. Joy, Excite, and Vivid Scents expedite this process. This action can be done instantly by playing the Time Flute at the (\*) Relic Stone to summon Celebi. A "chamber" for this action at Professor Krane's lab requires making a chain where each Pokémon is super effective against the next one. In *Pokémon GO*, this action can be done to Pokémon captured from Team GO Rocket. For 10 points, name this action by which the player can open the door to a Shadow Pokémon's heart in *Colosseum* and *XD*.

ANSWER: purification [accept word forms of purifying; prompt on opening the door to a Pokémon's heart, as the game describes it] <Spin-Offs>

*Note to players: Description acceptable.*

7. A house in this subregion is advertised as having "A Warm Bed and Little Else." After obtaining a Spell Tag in another house in this subregion, the house will be empty upon re-entering. In one game, four holes lead to caverns inhabited by Gastly, Misdreavus, and Zorua in this subregion, which also contains Heart's Crag and a structure known as a giant Pokémon's (\*) "legacy." Ace Trainers eschew their usual green clothing for orange suits while in this subregion, which Maylene traverses barefoot for training. In *Legends: Arceus*, this subregion is described by the word "Alabaster." For 10 points, describe the section of Sinnoh that contains Routes 216 and 217, where Eevee can evolve into Glaceon.

ANSWER: northern Sinnoh [or northern Hisui; accept any answers suggesting a subregion of Sinnoh with a cold climate; accept Route 216 or Route 217; accept Alabaster Icelands; accept just Icelands after "Alabaster" is read; prompt on Sinnoh or Hisui] <Mainline - Gen 4>

8. One of these two Pokémon uses Hyper Beam to leave the other hospitalized in a *Diamond and Pearl* episode whose title alludes to David and Goliath. One of these two Pokémon is part of a gang with Cubone, Marill, and Snubbull in a special titled for the other. The word "squeeze" accompanies a *Pokémon GO* sticker in which these two Pokémon (\*) hug each other. One of these Pokémon sticks its tail in the ground to avoid a building-wide Thunderbolt from the other, shortly after refusing to evolve to avenge a loss against a "lieutenant" Gym Leader. For 10 points, name these two Pokémon that faced off in the episode *Electric Shock Showdown*, one of which evolves from the other with a Thunder Stone.

ANSWER: Pikachu and Raichu <Anime/Manga>

9. In the anime, scanning a portion of this item made from a city's meteorites wipes out the database of the International Police. In *Pokémon Journeys*, an alternate universe Team Rocket uses this item to sustain a battle that devolves the world's Pokémon into eggs. The number 60131 and a four-question survey complete parts of the quest to create this item, which is made from the apparently nonexistent (\*) claw, fang, and plume of three Pokémon, and is later incorporated into the Origin Ball in *Legends: Arceus*. The three Pokémon that Saturn holds captive to create this item return to break it when Cyrus uses it at Spear Pillar. For 10 points, name this object meant to bind Dialga or Palkia.

ANSWER: Red Chain <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

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10. Along with Magikarp, this Pokémon and its pre-evolved form have the Decoy ability in *Pokémon Conquest*. In *New Pokémon Snap*, this Pokémon can sometimes be seen carrying Clamperl. This Pokémon provides similar services at the Sky Peak in *Explorers of Sky* and in every zone of the *PokéPark* games. This fully-evolved non-Fire-type Pokémon has the Hidden Ability Flare Boost, and its base (\*) 150 HP stat is the highest among Flying-types. Explosion and Ominous Wind are part of the moveset of Loony, one of these Pokémon used by Fantina in Pokémon Contests. It evolves from a Pokémon found on Fridays at the Valley Windworks. For 10 points, name this evolved form of Drifloon.  
ANSWER: Drifblim <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

11. In *HeartGold and SoulSilver*, Lt. Surge offers to trade the player a foreign Pikachu at one of these places. A note that Professor Sycamore wrote to his future self can be found in one of these places in Couriway Town. The back of a signboard at one of these places features the mysterious message "I'm going to (\*) go for help. Wait in the usual place." In Gen 8, your first in-game encounters with both Galarian Slowpoke and Leon occur in and around one of these places in Wedgehurst. A Pass from the Poké Doll-loving Copycat must be presented at these places to use a service in Goldenrod or Saffron City. For 10 points, name these places where, in Gen 2, you can board a magnet-powered vehicle.  
ANSWER: train stations [or train stops] <Mainline - Mixed>

12. Starting in *Sun and Moon*, this Pokémon and its evolved form have a chance to hold a Silk Scarf in the wild. This Pokémon appears in the card illustrations of a Phione and an Empoleon, riding on the latter's back. A 2021 merch line of feline Pokémon unusually includes a keychain of this Poison-type. The method that yields Rotom in the Lost Hotel on Tuesdays most commonly yields this Pokémon on other days. This Pokémon's evolved form is the (\*) Gigantamax Pokémon of Oleana in *Sword and Shield*. Klink, Vanillite, and this small, dark green Pokémon are often maligned as evidence of Gen 5 Pokémon's supposed lack of creativity. For 10 points, Garbodor evolves from what Trash Bag Pokémon?  
ANSWER: Trubbish <Mainline - Gen 5>

13. This thing unusually accompanies most Pokémon-related mentions of the real-life performer Imakuni. In every Hoenn-set game except *Emerald*, the layout of the only Trick House puzzle without Trainers resembles this thing. This thing appears on a slimy green background in the image of an item that increases the amount of hits of multi-strike moves. The stripes of an (\*) Enigma Berry resemble this thing, which appears in three clouds in the animation for Nasty Plot. For four generations, the type of the move Curse was designated with three of these symbols. For 10 points, Gen 3 introduced Unown variants resembling the exclamation point and what other symbol?  
ANSWER: question mark <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

14. In a remake, key points in an area named for this object are surrounded by a swirling blue and orange ring when locked. Before turning toward this object, a character tells the player "Take charge of your destiny!" This is the larger of two objects whose destruction requires the player to obtain HM02 Fly to revisit a certain area. Part of this object uncovers Luminous Cave, causing (\*) Snubbull's evolution into Granbull. A cave named for this object requires defeating "mirages" of Deoxys to progress. With the Teleport Gem, the player travels to Sky Tower to convince Rayquaza to destroy this object. For 10 points, what object threatens the world in *Mystery Dungeon: Red and Blue Rescue Team*?  
ANSWER: the meteor from *Pokémon Mystery Dungeon* [reject "asteroid"] <Spin-Offs>

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15. Like Oranguru, a card of this Pokémon was banned in 2020 for enabling “infinite resource recursion strategies” with the move Junk Hunt. Uxie’s Set Up and Crobat-G’s Flash Bite were part of a broken *Black and White*-era TCG strategy that began with this Pokémon, whose Poké-BODY Overeager guaranteed its player to move first. This is the only non-Mega Pokémon with Prankster that can access Disable or (\*) Will-O-Wisp. This Pokémon’s Mega Evolution was banned to Ubers in Gen 6 as the best abuser of the ability Magic Bounce. This was the first ever Pokémon to have zero weaknesses. For 10 points, name this Dark/Ghost Pokémon whose Mega Evolution holds a huge crystal.

ANSWER: Sableye <Battling/Competitive>

16. Team Rocket disbands but quickly reunites, brought together by a failed attempt to catch this shiny Pokémon, in the Sinnoh arc episode *Noodles! Roamin’ Off*. In *Rescue Team DX*, this shiny Pokémon appears in Silent Chasm. The YouTuber Sonikks’ profile picture is this shiny Pokémon, which he found in the Giant Chasm’s rustling grass. *Mega Evolution Special II* pits Alain’s Charizard against this shiny Pokémon owned by a regional (\*) champion. Ray Rizzo’s 2012 World Championship winning team included this gray-and-gold shiny Pokémon that ran Earthquake, Protect, Zen Headbutt, and Meteor Mash. For 10 points, name this Gen 3 pseudo-legendary often likened to a supercomputer.

ANSWER: shiny Metagross <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

17. In a romhack by Drayano, this city is taken over by a group of Shellder led by a shiny Cloyster. In this city’s original appearance, most of its Gym’s Trainers use Drowzee or Kadabra despite not being a Psychic-type Gym. An NPC in this city says to the player, “Ha lof ha feef ee hafahi ho. Heff hee fwee!” The first mechanism for receiving Pokémon sent from *Pokémon GO* replaced an area in this city whose background music is the (\*) evolution theme. The unpicked fossil from Mt. Moon will show up in its revived form in this city’s zoo. HM04 Strength is obtained after giving a warden in this city his missing gold teeth. For 10 points, what city’s Gym features invisible walls and is led by Janine or Koga?

ANSWER: Fuchsia City <Mainline - Gen 1>

18. One of these locations is the workplace of Ren, who owns a Magnemite named Francois; and Chrysa, who is obsessed with Psyduck. In Japan, many early anime episodes ended with a segment set at one of these locations that featured short poems about specific Pokémon. A building that became one of these places was once haunted by the abandoned Gengar that joined Ash, and is maintained by (\*) Cerise in the *Pokémon Journeys* series. At the end of the Orange Islands arc, Tracey takes a job at one of these places. Video calls made from one of these places often end with a Muk smothering its caretaker.

Ash sends his extra Pokémon to, for 10 points, what kind of location where he also received his Pikachu?

ANSWER: Pokémon laboratories [accept equivalents such as research centers] <Anime/Manga>

19. In the Gen 3 games and *Battle Revolution*, this set of moves can have three possible animations. NPCs who give out TMs for this set of moves include a woman in the Goldenrod Department Store on Sundays and the Pokémon Fan Club Chairman’s brother in Pacifidlog Town. The only Pokémon to learn these moves by leveling up are Buneary and Lopunny. In *Pokémon GO*, (\*) purifying a Shadow Pokémon changes one of these charged attacks to the other. Taking a certain value, or 255 minus that value, and dividing by 2.5 determines the base power for these two attacks. For 10 points, name these two attacks whose power is determined by the user Pokémon’s friendship stat.

ANSWER: Frustration and Return [prompt on partial answers; prompt on descriptions mentioning friendship or happiness] <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

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20. An Arceus plate and one of these items are the only things inside the fittingly named Chamber of Emptiness. In the *Let's Go* postgame, a Poké Maniac sells these items at Indigo Plateau for 30,000 Pokédollars each. The existence of a "mikado organ" explains why a certain Pokémon (\*) bypasses the need for these items. Many of these items are only available from 8 to 9 PM, coinciding with the Anistar Sundial being active. The Key Stone that allows these items to work is held in Maxie's glasses, Korrina's left glove, or the player's ring or bracelet. For 10 points, name these marble-like objects that induce battle-exclusive "evolutions" starting in *X and Y*.

ANSWER: **Mega Stones** [accept **Banettite** on the first sentence] <Mainline - Gen 6>