

KYOGRE: A Deep Dive into Pokémon Knowledge

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Round 9

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

1. A request from a member of this group resembles an older sidequest involving the SecretPotion and some Psyduck. During a postgame conversation with this group's leader, a Spheal rolls into frame, claps, and rolls away. After a lengthy chase with a member of this group, she faces the player using Rhyperior, Electivire, and Magmortar at once. Giving Aguav Berries to a (*) Munchlax belonging to a member of this group reveals the species of massive mass outbreaks. An arrogant, indigo-haired warden from this group tries to prevent the player from facing a noble Electrode. Sabi, Mai, and Melli belong to, for 10 points, what group led by Adaman that often clashes with the Pearl Clan in *Legends: Arceus*?

ANSWER: Diamond Clan <Mainline - Gen 8>

2. In *Legends: Arceus*, a "mound" named for this substance is where you battle Ursaluna. An opponent in *Emerald's* Battle Frontier memorably claims to "SWALLOW [this substance] TO TRANSFORM MYSELF." This substance names a 95-base power move introduced in Gen 5 that, like Surf, damages all adjacent Pokémon. In *Pokémon UNITE*, Gengar's Will-O-Wisp can be upgraded into either (*) Shadow Ball or an attack that uses this substance. The "Black" form of this substance damages Pokémon of all but one type when held, and is often used by Tentacruel and Toxapex for recovery. For 10 points, what substance forms a Poison-type "bomb" attack and makes up the bodies of Grimer and Muk?

ANSWER: sludge <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

3. PulseEffects' speedrun guide for *Pokémon Ultra Moon* heavily uses one of these Pokémon traded for a Spearow on Route 2. The player's helmet while riding Pokémon in Gen 7 is modeled on this Pokémon's regular and shiny color schemes. This is the only Gen 6 Pokémon that appears on Kalos Route 10, which is marked by a grid of stones. In Gen 7 OU, this Pokémon switches into terrains to activate (*) Unburden and spam Acrobatics or High Jump Kick. In your Gym Battle with Korrina, this Pokémon, not Lucario, is her strongest Pokémon. This Pokémon's signature move, which acts as two types at once, is Flying Press. For 10 points, name this Pokémon inspired by Mexican wrestlers.

ANSWER: Hawlucha <Mainline - Gen 6>

4. These events can be accessed using distribution-exclusive "crystals" that are named after stars in the Andromeda and Sagittarius constellations. One of these events on Honeycalm Island yields a special ingredient for a soup. Many of these events are instigated by a red- and blue-suited duo exposing Pokémon to certain particles. Arthur's (*) Salazzle and Portia's Heatmor are among the more useful NPC Pokémon that can appear at these events, four of which comprise an "adventure" with branching paths in the Crown Tundra. These events end after your side's Pokémon faint four times. For 10 points, name these cooperative battles against Dynamax Pokémon in *Pokémon Sword and Shield*.

ANSWER: Max Raid Battles [prompt on battles until read; prompt on answers that mention Dynamax until read] <Mainline - Gen 8>

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5. Shortly after sending out a Pokémon of this type, its trainer exhorts, "Shine like the starry sky and become who you really want to be!" A signature damaging move of this type in the *Let's Go* games also heals the user's party of status conditions. Gen 6 introduced a status move of this type that's known by every member of Penny's team and appears in the research tasks of the (*) Eeveelutions in *Legends: Arceus*. That +1 priority move of this type lowers Attack by staring at the target. A Pokémon of this type is known as the Intertwining Pokémon due to its "ribbon-like feelers" and evolved via the affection stat in Gens 6 and 7. For 10 points, what type is the Eeveelution Sylveon?

ANSWER: Fairy-type <Mainline - Mixed>

6. In *Black and White*, doing this action on the second floor of Celestial Tower causes four Psychics to change the direction they face. In the anime, Jubilife City is home to a group of coordinators named in reference to this action whose leaders use Feebas and Magikarp. A parody article from the *Hard Drive* describes how a "so-called atheist" still does this non-vocal action "while catching Pokémon." This action enables tricks with the (*) Acro Bike in Hoenn and makes Koraidon or Miraidon jump in Paldea. In another context, this physical action's usual effect does not apply to item or trade evolutions. For 10 points, name this action that backs out of menus, enables Running Shoes, and cancels evolutions.

ANSWER: pressing/holding the **B** button [prompt on stopping an evolution] <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

7. EX Dragon Frontiers includes shiny versions of Charizard and this Pokémon, which was unusually made a Water-type. A VMax card of this Pokémon can use any attack from a benched Pokémon in its expansion via Cross Fusion Strike. A card depicting this Pokémon appears in-universe as part of Lawrence III's collection, and was thus distributed to moviegoers viewing (*) *The Power of One*. In the TCG, Delta Species originated from radio waves from scientists searching for this Pokémon. Artwork for the Unified Minds expansion depicts this Pokémon inside a bubble next to its stronger descendant. An "Ancient" card rendered in runic text depicts, for 10 points, what Gen 1 Mythical Pokémon?

ANSWER: Mew <Spin-offs>

8. In *Destiny Deoxys*, Sid and Rafe use a Blastoise and this Pokémon to win a double battle against Ash. In the *X and Y* anime, a store owner named Meyer moonlights as a superhero based on this Pokémon. Ash is eliminated from the Silver Conference by one of these Pokémon owned by Harrison. This Pokémon's Mega Stone and base-stage form were distributed via an online event upon (*) *Pokémon X and Y*'s release. In Gen 5, this Pokémon was banned from OU due to its Hidden Ability Speed Boost, which its Mega form retains. May's fully-evolved starter is this progenitor of a trend in dual-typing continued by Infernape and Emboar. For 10 points, name this final evolved form of Torchic.

ANSWER: Blaziken <Anime/Manga>

9. In *Pokémon Masters EX*, Sygna Suit Lyrax's partner knows a move that causes this condition. Under this in-battle condition, Secret Power can make the target sleep. Comfey's signature move is boosted by this condition, which also affects the only move to have two possible priority levels. This condition halves the power of (*) Bulldoze, Magnitude, and Earthquake, and often affects Tera Raid Battles due to the ability of an NPC's Arboliva. Upon entering battle, Tapu Bulu activates this condition, which increases the priority of a "glide" move abused by Rillaboom and passively heals grounded Pokémon. For 10 points, which of the four terrains can be activated by Tangrowth or Vileplume?

ANSWER: Grassy Terrain [prompt on terrains] <Battling/Competitive>

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10. The Isle of Armor introduced a multi-hit move that uses these objects and raises the user's Speed while lowering Defense. One of these items doubles Special Defense when held by a certain Pokémon species. A blue-and-pink evolutionary item introduced in Gen 5 is one of these objects. An ability named for these objects boosts Defense when affected by a (*) status condition. A sound-based move named for these body parts can be upgraded into the Z-Move Clangorous Soulblaze. Heart-shaped examples of these objects are often desired by Move Relearners. The items needed to obtain Gorebyss and Kingdra by trading are examples of, for 10 points, what objects on the skin of fish and snakes?

ANSWER: scales [accept Scale Shot, Deep Sea Scale, Prism Scale, Multiscale, Clanging Scales, Heart Scale, or Dragon Scale] <Mainline - Mixed>

11. A Tornadus's Rain Dance and Liepard's Screech target this Pokémon in the most upvoted post on r/stunfisk. In *Twilight Wings*, one of these Pokémon faces a Lapras at the climax of a mother-son battle. In August 2021, players could receive Wolfe Glick's Players Cup-winning build of this Pokémon, which holds a Weakness Policy. Similarly to the Kanto starters, this Pokémon's G-Max move deals (*) passive damage to non-Rock-types for four turns. In an overdone Gen 8 doubles strategy, a partner targets this Pokémon with weak Water-type moves to boost its speed via the Steam Engine ability. For 10 points, what evolved form of the minecart-like Carkol is named for a pun on its large size?

ANSWER: Coalossal <Battling/Competitive>

12. A Trainer in Driftveil City requests a Minccino in exchange for this Pokémon, which has either Reckless or Rock Head as an ability. Despite being found in 26 separate areas in its debut generation, this Pokémon is tied second among its generation's non-Legendaries for lowest catch rate, at 25. Via breeding with a certain Gen 9 Pokémon, this Pokémon and its evolved form can access the horribly broken move (*) Last Respects. After taking 294 HP in recoil, this Pokémon evolves and gains a "legion" that died on an upstream journey. Nearly every water area in Unova without Frillish or Alomomola instead contains, for 10 points, what fish Pokémon that comes in Red- or Blue-stripe forms?

ANSWER: Basculin <Mainline - Gen 5>

13. A TCG Theme Deck named for these objects "of Fire" has Volcanion on its box art. Players can refine Ores into beneficial "Power" and "Summon" types of these objects in *Pokémon Rumble Rush*. In *PokéPark 2*, an evolutionary line based on these objects operates an elevator to the Scientorium. Treeshroud Forest is home to an (*) unprotected one of these objects, while a Groudon illusion created by Uxie guards another. Five of these objects are inserted into the top of Temporal Tower after the player helps Grovyle collect them in the second *Mystery Dungeon* games. For 10 points, name these objects that often represent the "options" section in menus and inspired the Pokémon Klinklang.

ANSWER: gears [accept Time Gears] <Spin-Offs>

14. The two instances of this trainer class in Galar wear a red sweater that features a silhouette of Greedent. A member of this trainer class who confesses "I trained as much as I could" on a certain route can surprisingly appear in Alola's Title Defense mode. Members of both this trainer class and its female counterpart surround the Abundant Shrine and tell the player the story of (*) Landorus. In *Pokémon Stadium*, this trainer class was known as "Lad." This class includes both Oreburgh and Rustboro Gyms' two trainers, as well as a character who describes apparel that's "comfy and easy to wear." For 10 points, name this trainer class that includes the owner of a "top-percentage" Rattata.

ANSWER: Youngsters [reject "Jr. Trainers," as those became Campers] <Mainline - Mixed>

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15. This is the first ever area to contain both wild Shelgon and Metang. The last Trainers you face before arriving at this location are a Young Couple who infamously use a Cloyster and Onix. The player is made the owner of this location after catching a Sandshrew, which unlocks various “block” items that can attract the likes of (*) Bagon and Gible after around 50 days of waiting. Baoba often calls the player about updates to this place, which has six slots for interchangeable areas and, unlike others of its kind, no step or time limit. For 10 points, name this area added to the end of Route 48 in *HeartGold and SoulSilver*, where players can catch Pokémon without battling them.

ANSWER: Johto Safari Zone [prompt on Safari Zone by asking “In what region?”] <Mainline - Gen 4>

16. By default, homes in the Dream World included a Friend Board and one of these objects where players could transfer items to the main games. In a *Mystery Dungeon* special episode, Team Charm encounters a Ditto disguised as one of these objects. A Pokémon resembling these overworld objects was teased via a website with a steadily (*) rising counter. In *Mystery Dungeon* games, these objects can be taken to Xatu’s Appraisal or Klefki’s Rockin’ Lock. The tops of watchtowers are sometimes home to a Pokémon that inhabits these objects and requires 1,000 of a certain item to evolve. For 10 points, the Pokémon Gimmighoul stores its coins in what receptacles as a nod to the RPG trope of mimics?

ANSWER: treasure chests [or Treasure Boxes] <Mixed/Miscellaneous>

17. One of these Pokémon becomes bright-red and reflective after being attacked by a Charmeleon owned by an artisan named Mateo. An Elite Four member catches an overgrown one of these Pokémon at Mt. Hideaway after separating a Sandslash from it. One of these Pokémon that evolved offscreen and changed typing under the care of Forrest was a birthday gift from an anime-exclusive patriarch named Flint to the eldest of his (*) ten children. Sunburst Island in the Orange Islands is home to a “crystal” variant of this Pokémon. One of these Pokémon was defeated after Pikachu activated the sprinklers in the Pewter City Gym. For 10 points, what rock snake was Brock’s strongest Pokémon?

ANSWER: Onix <Anime/Manga>

18. This is the only Pokémon owned by Aarune, a Secret Base expert in ORAS. Lighting crystablooms in one area of *New Pokémon Snap* causes this Pokémon to emerge from a twister. In the intro of *Pokémon Emerald*, this Pokémon replaces Latias or Latios. Raihan opens his Gym Battle by sending out Gigalith alongside this Pokémon. Many Dex entries describe how this Pokémon’s flapping wings sound like (*) singing and call it “The Desert Spirit.” In *Ruby*, *Sapphire*, and *ORAS*, Drake owns two of these Pokémon. Due to being based on an antlion, this fully evolved Pokémon can learn several Bug-type moves despite being Ground/Dragon-type. For 10 points, name this Pokémon that evolves from Vibrava.

ANSWER: Flygon <Mainline - Gen 3>

19. In this place’s theme, the low-pitched sixteenth notes E-G-E-D sharp are repeated four times without accompaniment. In one appearance, progressing through this place requires standing on a swivel chair to retrieve an item thrown out of reach. The player must control the movement of Pikachu or Eevee to obtain that item in this place in the *Let’s Go* games. An (*) anarchy/democracy function was added to Twitch Plays Pokémon in response to a gimmick in this place that was reused in the Viridian Gym. A grunt oafishly drops the Lift Key in this place, whose boss uses Onix, Rhyhorn, and Kangaskhan. For 10 points, the basement of the Celadon Game Corner serves as what base for Giovanni?

ANSWER: Team Rocket Hideout [accept equivalents for “hideout” or “base”; accept Cerulean Cave before “swivel chair” in the second sentence] <Mainline - Gen 1>

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20. Many of these Pokémon are owned by a Trainer whose Houndoom befriends Misty's lost Togepi in the episode *Houndoom's Special Delivery*. The fourth *Pokémon GO* Community Day featured this non-Dragon Pokémon, whose final evolved form could learn Dragon Pulse for a limited time. A tweet with nearly 600,000 likes depicts the YouTuber Skooch, his girlfriend, and her (*) "500 dollar four foot tall" plush of this Pokémon. These Pokémon are present in the overworld at Floccesy Ranch in Unova. Appropriately, a *Pokémon Channel* show that counts the number of these Pokémon will make Pikachu sleepy. For 10 points, "Ampere" is an anagram of what Electric-type sheep Pokémon?

ANSWER: Mareep <Mixed/Miscellaneous>