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Beth Oljar, Stephen Manning, Announcer, Dan Maggio, James Tubbs, Dave Chow, Heather Hill, Matt Mio

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- M** Matt Mio 00:02  
The University tower chimes bringing in another session of Ask the Professor, the show on which you match wits with the University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio. Let me introduce to you our panel for today. All the way at the bottom of the screen, but at the top of my heart. It's Professor Stephen Manning.
- S** Stephen Manning 00:22  
Aw, that's so sweet.
- D** Dave Chow 00:24  
Aw
- S** Stephen Manning 00:25  
That's the nicest thing anyone's said to me all week.
- M** Matt Mio 00:29  
Who have you been dealing with, Stephen. (Group laughter) So how's your new neighbor, Stephen?
- S** Stephen Manning 00:35  
Oh good. Just met her. That's why I was a little late getting on. I went out to put something in

Oh, good. Just met her. That's why I was a little late getting on. I went out to put something in the Corville; and she was out raking leaves, because the weather was so nice. Welcome back spring, even if only for a day; and seems, uh, acceptable. (Matt laughs)

**D** Dave Chow 00:54  
Acceptable?

**S** Stephen Manning 00:56  
Well, you know, over here the houses are, uh; and you know, where you guys live a little bit too. But here, the houses are very, very close together. So your neighbors, the nature of your neighbors is very important. I mean, our driveway is so skinny, we can barely get the vehicles up and down the drive. You know - normal vehicles. You could not have even a small pickup truck, you know, with the, uh - well, people who come with a pickup truck, they got to fold the, you know, the things in. So, who you have as a neighbor is very, very important. The one on one side is very good. The one on the other side is not so good. But there's more space on that side. She seems very, very nice. Happy to be here. And, uh -

**M** Matt Mio 01:39  
That's good.

**S** Stephen Manning 01:40  
Yeah. Nice.

**M** Matt Mio 01:41  
Excellent, most excellent. Professor Dan Maggio is here with us today. How's it going, Dan?

**D** Dan Maggio 01:48  
I'm good. One more week until I have a two-week break.

**M** Matt Mio 01:52  
You feel good?

**D** Dan Maggio 01:53  
Yes, I am about that.

**M** Matt Mio 01:55  
It cannot come fast enough, as far as I'm concerned.

**D** Dan Maggio 01:59  
When is - When do your finals start? Next Tuesday?

**M** Matt Mio 02:02  
Next Tuesday. That's right.

**B** Beth Oljar 02:03  
Grades are due the 20th, which is really the date that matters.

**D** Dave Chow 02:08  
And the bribes are accepted up until the 18th. Right Beth?

**B** Beth Oljar 02:11  
Right.

**M** Matt Mio 02:12  
Right. At least until Sunday night before. Exactly. What do you have planned for the holidays, Dan? Just a whole bunch of Curling.

**D** Dan Maggio 02:19  
Actually, no, we are on break. I'll be heading to Erie for a couple days. And then going up to Traverse City for at least four days.

**M** Matt Mio 02:30  
Okay. Nice.

**D** Dan Maggio 02:31  
Okay. Nice.

- D** Dan Maggio 02:32  
So actually, I'll be traveling, assuming the weather cooperates. So always the weather.
- M** Matt Mio 02:37  
Always. Always the weather. Well, the weather today in Michigan is whack job.
- B** Beth Oljar 02:41  
You'll be coming over here before classes start.
- D** Dan Maggio 02:46  
Yes, I have cookies to handout. So yes, I haven't made them yet. But tomorrow, I have a big all-day cookie day planned with some friends of mine.
- M** Matt Mio 02:59  
Cool.
- M** Matt Mio 02:59  
The advantage of cooking with friends is - if each friend cooks four cookies, then there are 12 at the end of the day, so you get more bang for your buck.
- B** Beth Oljar 03:09  
Is it Laura and Felicia? Are they -
- D** Dan Maggio 03:12  
No friends of mine from - Actually, I went to undergrad with at U of D Mercy.
- M** Matt Mio 03:16  
Oh, that's great.
- D** Dave Chow 03:18  
Dan, you really are turning into the Keebler Elf over there, aren't you?

**D** Dan Maggio 03:21

I always - I always made a lot of cookies at Christmas. So -

**D** Dave Chow 03:24

Obviously, man.

**B** Beth Oljar 03:25

I was thinking we might do a cookie exchange. I'm just not sure how, if I really have time to do it before the 20th. And then I wasn't sure what people's availability would be after. But maybe we should think about that for next year - doing an Ask the Professor cookie exchange.

**D** Dan Maggio 03:40

Oh, right.

**M** Matt Mio 03:41

That's the fantastic suggestion of Professor Beth Oljar. And I'm just going to remind you - that a standard-size cookie fits into a standard size envelope, and do not hesitate to put some postage on that and send it over to Berkley

**J** James Tubbs 03:56

An envelope full of crumbs.

**B** Beth Oljar 03:59

I already gave you some orange spice cookies.

**M** Matt Mio 04:02

Those were fantastic. Absolutely fantastic.

**D** Dave Chow 04:05

Why even wait for the envelopes? I say we just have Beth hand feed us all. You know, I mean just -

**B** Beth Oljar 04:10

Well, that actually was the idea - for everyone to come over here. I can even put the cats upstairs and clean the first floor, and Matt could stay for at least a few minutes.

**M** Matt Mio 04:19

(Laughs) Either that or, um - without any postage or envelope. You know, it's always appropriate during the holidays to open your mailbox and just see a cookie there. Like, "Oh, Mysterious baking goods. All right, that's great".

**B** Beth Oljar 04:32

I don't know that I'd eat it.

**M** Matt Mio 04:36

(Laughs) Wait, there's a cookie in our little library? Should I read it or eat it? Professor Heather Hill is here with us today.

**H** Heather Hill 04:46

Hello.

**M** Matt Mio 04:47

She's very excited to find out that her new neighbor is acceptable.

**M** Matt Mio 04:51

Mm hmm. I am. What's mostly important though is - Did the dog behave, because he was out there with you? Wasn't he, Stephen?

**M** Matt Mio 04:58

Oh

**S** Stephen Manning 04:59

Well. the dog barked at her. He doesn't bark - As you know. he doesn't bark very much. Huskies

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generally don't. They can, but he doesn't bark much. But he barked at her and I apologized and said, "It's because you're new. Once he recognizes you, he won't bark".

**M** Matt Mio 05:16  
Okay.

**H** Heather Hill 05:17  
That's probably true.

**S** Stephen Manning 05:18  
Yeah,

**H** Heather Hill 05:19  
but - Well, that's good news. I'm glad.

**M** Matt Mio 05:21  
Absolutely. And how is everything wrapping up for you, Heather? Nightmare semester is almost over,

**H** Heather Hill 05:28  
Um, semester's wrapping up, okay. Yeah, yeah. One more class day.

**M** Matt Mio 05:34  
Yep.

**D** Dave Chow 05:35  
Do we need to come back and do another soft shoe for you, Heather?

**M** Matt Mio 05:37  
I was gonna say.

H Heather Hill 05:38  
No, actually, Professor Manning is coming in to talk about political issues in the Lion King.

M Matt Mio 05:43  
Ah, that's great!

H Heather Hill 05:45  
So -

B Beth Oljar 05:46  
I'm bailing on Monday. (Laughs)

J James Tubbs 05:50  
Is Scar Mitch McConnell?

H Heather Hill 05:54  
What? I don't know.

M Matt Mio 05:56  
Well, Heather, we wish you the best as the ending - Oh, wait, actually - So, if Stephen's coming, that means you're fully invoking dangling Monday. You're having class on Monday, aren't you?

H Heather Hill 06:06  
I am. Yep.

M Matt Mio 06:07  
Heck yeah. That's awesome. Totally awesome.

H Heather Hill 06:11  
I'm probablv - I'm making brownies.



**D** Dave Chow 06:14  
Oh, those kinds of brownies too. Wow!

**H** Heather Hill 06:16  
Oh, geez.

**J** James Tubbs 06:19  
Let me ask you guys about that. We were told at the beginning of the semester, no food.

**H** Heather Hill 06:23  
I know, I forgot.

**J** James Tubbs 06:25  
In the, in the classroom. I normally bring different kinds of candy for my students, you know, when they're taking the final exam. What do you think? Do you think that would be -

**D** Dan Maggio 06:34  
I think you're a rule breaker Jim, and you should do it.

**H** Heather Hill 06:37  
I brought brownies and clementines to my last Medieval Lit class on Thursday. And I walked in there, I'm like, "Oh, no, we're not supposed to be eating". And then they all said, "Well, Professor Rombes brought doughnuts" and I'm like, "Well, if he's doing it, okay, I'll do it".

**J** James Tubbs 06:52  
Well, I thought I can set it on a chair right outside the door and say, you know, "go out into the hall and get the food and put it in your mouth -"

**H** Heather Hill 07:01  
But I don't - I'm gonna

**H** Heather Hill 07:02  
whoever's

**J** James Tubbs 07:03  
but whoever's walking down the hall might eat it all.

**M** Matt Mio 07:05  
Individual wrapping is - You're in the clear, Jim.

**B** Beth Oljar 07:08  
I gave out Halloween candy after Halloween when I had leftovers.

**J** James Tubbs 07:12  
Okay. Well, that's essentially the same thing. So

**M** Matt Mio 07:14  
Yeah, exactly. Well, my partner in crime last Monday night was Professor Dave Chow.

**D** Dave Chow 07:20  
Pleasure to be here, as always.

**M** Matt Mio 07:22  
We had a good time talking about Back to the Future.

**D** Dave Chow 07:24  
We did. It was a hoot. I don't know, Matt. What do you think? Should we start doing Radio City and the Fox Theater?

**M** Matt Mio 07:31

Analysis off the top of one's head. And lots of drawings from Dave.

**D** Dave Chow 07:36  
It worked for Ebert & Siskel.

**M** Matt Mio 07:37  
Yeah. Well, it's true.

**D** Dave Chow 07:38  
Right?

**H** Heather Hill 07:39  
The three of us kind of nerded it out. I don't know if the students were - (Laughs) No, it was great.

**D** Dave Chow 07:45  
No actually, Matt doesn't even know. I mean, you know, have you told him, Heather? I stuck around till what time to end up leaving, like, 8? 8:30?

**M** Matt Mio 07:54  
Oh my gosh, Dave!

**H** Heather Hill 07:56  
Yeah, he got stuck with one of my students, apparently.

**D** Dave Chow 07:58  
Three!

**H** Heather Hill 07:59  
Three.

M Matt Mio 08:00  
Wow.

D Dave Chow 08:01  
Three of your students stuck around.

M Matt Mio 08:03  
That's great.

D Dave Chow 08:04  
And now they follow me on Instagram. I chat with one almost daily.

B Beth Oljar 08:08  
Wow.

B Beth Oljar 08:09  
I think I adopted one of Heather's kids.

B Beth Oljar 08:11  
That is awesome.

D Dave Chow 08:12  
So, that's okay. I mean, he's driven. He's got some motivation. And you know, what more could you ask for in a student?

M Matt Mio 08:19  
That's right.

H Heather Hill 08:20  
Yep.

**D** Dave Chow 08:21  
I just told him when he accepts his Academy Award, don't forget the three of us. That's all.

**H** Heather Hill 08:25  
That's right.

**M** Matt Mio 08:26  
That's right.

**H** Heather Hill 08:26  
For sure.

**D** Dave Chow 08:27  
We were there.

**M** Matt Mio 08:27  
For the remake of Back to the Future. Professor Jim Tubbs is here with us today as well.

**J** James Tubbs 08:33  
Hello, Hello.

**M** Matt Mio 08:34  
Last, but most certainly not least. Yeah, I think individually wrapped food, Jim. You're covered.

**J** James Tubbs 08:40  
Okay. I'm still waiting on I think three term papers that have not yet come in.

**M** Matt Mio 08:46

Aye Karumba!

**J** James Tubbs 08:48  
The end of the semester is just not winding down like it's supposed to.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:52  
I have all of mine now.

**M** Matt Mio 08:54  
That's the truth.

**J** James Tubbs 08:54  
You do? You've got all of them? That's good.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:56  
Yeah.

**J** James Tubbs 08:58  
I was just grading some yesterday. But there's some - I mean, they were due last week and three weeks ago, but

**M** Matt Mio 09:03  
Right.

**B** Beth Oljar 09:03  
Ah,

**M** Matt Mio 09:04  
Exactly. See, we're still picking up the pieces here. Right? Folks, This is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. If you don't stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send the questions to us in a number of ways -

emailing us at ATP a UDMercy dot edu. Finding us on Facebook and Instagram, or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Y'all probably know that our wonderful executive producer, Mr. Jason Roche has asked a lot of his students to send in questions. I thought this was interesting because he hit me up and he's like, "Matt, are we getting a steady flow or not?" And I'm like, I probably have like three or four, maybe five. And just like clockwork, this last week, I've gotten about four or five a day. So I don't know what he did. But here we are. And there's some really, really great questions. They're quick hit kind of scenarios with 10 questions written on a specific topic, so we should be able to cover a lot of ground and most of them, if not all of them, are really fun. So we've got something right now from Ivana Palazolo, who actually is one of Beth's students.

**B** Beth Oljar 10:15  
Yeah.

**M** Matt Mio 10:16  
I'm going into the big pile of Beth's questions here. This is all about it says, Oh my gosh, wow, her email is signed, 'sent from your dearest Ivana.'

**D** Dave Chow 10:28  
Wow.

**B** Beth Oljar 10:28  
Yes,

**M** Matt Mio 10:29  
That's great.

**B** Beth Oljar 10:30  
All her emails are signed that way.

**M** Matt Mio 10:32  
These are all trivia about Italian food. Wonderful!

**D** Dave Chow 10:37

Dan?

**B** Beth Oljar 10:38

I said something about cooking. They should send in questions on cooking. So apparently, some of them took me to heart on that. It's not like that was required.

**M** Matt Mio 10:46

That's right. That's right.

**D** Dave Chow 10:48

We'll just linger on the questions longer. That's all.

**M** Matt Mio 10:51

So Gnocchi is usually viewed as a type of pasta. But what is the main ingredient?

**H** Heather Hill 10:57

Potatoes.

**M** Matt Mio 10:58

Potatoes.

**D** Dave Chow 11:01

You think we knew that one?

**M** Matt Mio 11:03

Potatoes.

**J** James Tubbs 11:04

Potato pototto.



M Matt Mio 11:05  
Yep. Tiramisu is a delicious Italian dessert. Do you know it's literal translation?

M Matt Mio 11:13  
Pick me up.

M Matt Mio 11:14  
Yeah, it's a pick me up. (Laughs). Did someone saying that they thought the answer was "true"?

D Dave Chow 11:20  
Yes.

D Dave Chow 11:22  
That was Kathy Bush's favorite dessert. Actually.

M Matt Mio 11:25  
That's right. I was thinking of Kathy because the Costco Tiramisu is basically the size of a small log.

J James Tubbs 11:33  
It sure is.

M Matt Mio 11:34  
And Leslie and I left it in our fridge accidentally, after a Thanksgiving engagement with family, and I go, "Are we both eating this thing one slice at a time per day?" And she goes, "Oh, heck yeah".

B Beth Oljar 11:46  
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio 11:47

And so it's just slowly going away over time. Oh, so funny. Amoretti. Amoretti are crunchy little biscuits with usually what type of flavor?

**B** Beth Oljar 11:57  
Almond

**J** James Tubbs 11:58  
Allmond

**M** Matt Mio 11:59  
Almond. Yes, absolutely. That's where they come from. That's right. Ooh, what is the main flavor that's in Tartufo, Another Italian dessert?

**D** Dave Chow 12:12  
Ooh, this sounds too exotic for me.

**B** Beth Oljar 12:14  
Truffles? That's it? No, no,

**M** Matt Mio 12:16  
it's not truffles. That's what it sounds like. You know? We're looking for the main flavor ingredient.

**D** Dan Maggio 12:23  
Anis?

**M** Matt Mio 12:24  
Nope.

**D** Dave Chow 12:27  
Tomatoes.

M Matt Mio 12:28  
I think we need to go obvious when we say the word dessert.

D Dave Chow 12:31  
Chocolate.

M Matt Mio 12:32  
Chocolate. Yes, it says here the main flavor and ingredient is chocolate.

D Dan Maggio 12:38  
Okay.

M Matt Mio 12:38  
What's the main ingredient or a primary ingredient of an Italian dish that's described as being Florentine?

B Beth Oljar 12:45  
Spinach

M Matt Mio 12:47  
Spinach.

M Matt Mio 12:48  
And how wonderful is spinach. Let me tell you.

B Beth Oljar 12:48  
And cream.

D Dave Chow 12:50

Oh!

**M** Matt Mio 12:51  
Good for the soul.

**D** Dave Chow 12:52  
My inner Popeye.

**J** James Tubbs 12:55  
Mmm. Mine too.

**M** Matt Mio 12:57  
Traditionally, the main ingredient in the sauce known as pesto is?

**H** Heather Hill 13:02  
Basil.

**H** Heather Hill 13:03  
Basil. Yes, the fresher the better. That's what I always say. What is the name of the Rings style stuffed pasta?

**D** Dan Maggio 13:16  
Canaloni? Manicotti?

**B** Beth Oljar 13:18  
Oracette? Or is it the smaller?

**D** Dan Maggio 13:21  
Ring style?

**B** Beth Oljar 13:22  
Spaghetios?

**D** Dan Maggio 13:23  
Tortellini.

**M** Matt Mio 13:24  
Tortellini is what we're going for.

**J** James Tubbs 13:26  
(Laughing) Spaghetios

**M** Matt Mio 13:28  
Did somebody say Spaghetios?

**J** James Tubbs 13:29  
Uh-oh. Spaghetios.

**B** Beth Oljar 13:31  
I did. I said Spaghetios.

**D** Dave Chow 13:34  
Well, I'm not saying nothing. That's what I had for lunch today. Sad to admit it. So -

**M** Matt Mio 13:37  
Well, there's nothing wrong with SpaghetiOs.

**H** Heather Hill 13:40  
Mmm. Spaghetios are good.

**M** Matt Mio 13:42  
Those were some really cool questions. Thanks for sending them in, Ivana.

**A** Announcer 13:46  
You're listening to Ask The Professor from University of Detroit Mercy. We're grateful to those listeners who submitted questions for today's show, and we welcome your questions at ATP at UDMercy.edu. Now, let's return to our host Matt Mio, with more questions for the panel.

**M** Matt Mio 14:05  
We've got another set of questions. Ooh, wow. "Here's a list of 10 questions regarding all sorts of things. A passing grade is seven out of 10." this is Natalie Fiore. Detroit Mercy student.

**B** Beth Oljar 14:17  
Not one of mine.

**M** Matt Mio 14:19  
There we go. Now this is on the Jason side. If someone texts somebody SMH, what are they mean?

**B** Beth Oljar 14:25  
Slap my head.

**D** Dan Maggio 14:27  
Shake my head.

**M** Matt Mio 14:29  
"Shaking my head" usually, but you can do smack my head too. Facepalm, right? Facepalm.

**B** Beth Oljar 14:33  
Yeah.

- M** Matt Mio 14:34  
There we go. There we go. Professors, what day in the modern era is referred to as Star Wars Day?
- D** Dave Chow 14:42  
May the 4th.
- M** Matt Mio 14:43  
Mm-hm. May the Fourth be with you. Oh, my.
- D** Dave Chow 14:50  
Uh-oh.
- M** Matt Mio 14:51  
The song that launched 1000 memes on the internet - Very quickly looking like, in about 10 years, it will overtake White Christmas in sales. What single am I referring to?
- J** James Tubbs 15:06  
Last Christmas?
- M** Matt Mio 15:07  
Mm-mm.
- B** Beth Oljar 15:09  
Is it a Christmas song?
- M** Matt Mio 15:10  
It is.
- D** Dave Chow 15:13  
Don't tell me - It's not Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer?

M Matt Mio 15:16  
No.

H Heather Hill 15:17  
Is it a Mariah Carey song?

M Matt Mio 15:19  
It is a Mariah Carey song.

D Dave Chow 15:20  
Oh, there you go.

B Beth Oljar 15:23  
She didn't cover Santa Baby, did she?

M Matt Mio 15:24  
She did not. I mean, you know, we live in a world where I'm even grading my kids as they tell me if they did their chores or not "partial credit". It's "All I Want For Christmas Is You".

B Beth Oljar 15:39  
Oh, Right.

B Beth Oljar 15:41  
And the going meme on the internet is that it materializes out of nowhere on November 1st, at midnight. It just appears and you have to listen to it. You know.

J James Tubbs 15:53  
I have to say I change the channel then.

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**M** Matt Mio 15:57  
(Laughs)mmWho performed at the 2020 Super Bowl halftime show?

**J** James Tubbs 16:04  
Oh, The Weekend.

**M** Matt Mio 16:06  
That's not what it says here. I think that was 2019.

**J** James Tubbs 16:11  
2019?

**D** Dave Chow 16:12  
I thought - Somebody relatively safe. I know that. It wasn't The Stones.

**M** Matt Mio 16:18  
There's partial credit for you right there. "Someone safe. Oh, it's the NFL."

**S** Stephen Manning 16:23  
Was it Post Malone?

**M** Matt Mio 16:25  
No, it was two women.

**B** Beth Oljar 16:29  
Oh, was it Shakira and, um, J Lo?

**M** Matt Mio 16:34  
J Lo, that's right. J Lo and Shakira. Yes.

**B** Beth Oljar 16:37

Yeah, I literally just saw that on YouTube - when I was scrolling through.

**M** Matt Mio 16:41

That's awesome. Speaking of memes, I could not get over the memes that came out of that one with regard to J Lo at 51. Or whatever. And she's dancing all around. And then me at 51. I'm just like sitting in my easy chair with a bag of chips. It's jus -

**D** Dave Chow 16:56

No hey, you know, it could have been worse. We could have had Madonna.

**D** Dave Chow 17:03

Well, she's all psyched. She's with Ben Affleck again. You know, so -

**M** Matt Mio 17:08

That's right. The person who got dubbed The Tiger King calls himself a certain name. What is it?

**D** Dave Chow 17:17

Was it something exotic? Joe Exo? No. Is it?

**M** Matt Mio 17:21

Joe Exotic.

**D** Dave Chow 17:22

Joe Exotic.

**M** Matt Mio 17:23

Joe Exotic. Very well done. Absolutely.

**D** Dave Chow 17:26

Love his hair cut

Lovely hair cut.

- M** Matt Mio 17:29  
Don't think too hard professors. What's the name of the Full House reboot on Netflix? What's the name of the show?
- H** Heather Hill 17:36  
Full House?
- J** James Tubbs 17:36  
Fuller House.
- M** Matt Mio 17:37  
Fuller House. (Laughs)
- D** Dave Chow 17:39  
Dilapidated house
- M** Matt Mio 17:40  
There's only one stage left, Jim. Fullest, and then we're done.
- D** Dave Chow 17:46  
Hey, come on, Matt. You got a driveway put in today. So.
- M** Matt Mio 17:49  
Oh, yeah, that's - that's absolutely right.
- D** Dave Chow 17:51  
They started at 730 this morning.

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**M** Matt Mio 17:53  
I'm - I'm sure that is also true. Oh my gosh, what is the name of the generation born from approximately 1997 to 2012?

**B** Beth Oljar 17:54  
Gen X?

**D** Dave Chow 17:54  
Gen Z? Gen Z is what it is. 97 to 2012 is Generation Z. Yes.

**D** Dave Chow 18:11  
So what's gonna be after that, Matt?

**M** Matt Mio 18:14  
Uh, you know, I don't think there's any question, because the Zers really do refer to themselves as Zoomers. I mean, they lived a very large chunk of their life on Zoom

**B** Beth Oljar 18:22  
Generation A, that'll be it.

**D** Dave Chow 18:24  
No, no, no.

**J** James Tubbs 18:25  
They'll have to have double A,

**D** Dave Chow 18:26  
I was gonna say double A.

**M** Matt Mio 18:28  
Yeah, I was gonna say actually, Beth, the one that's out there right now is actually Alpha, to reflect what you've said. Some people are saying Gen Alpha

reflect what you've said. Some people are saying Gen Alpha.

**D** Dave Chow 18:36

Okay, I just want to make sure we're not gonna start doing like bra cup sizes or something like that with them. That's all.

**B** Beth Oljar 18:41

I don't know what generation I'm in.

**M** Matt Mio 18:43

You're an X-er.

**D** Dave Chow 18:45

Yeah.

**M** Matt Mio 18:45

Yep.

**D** Dan Maggio 18:46

I'm on the border of a Baby Boomer and a Gen X.

**J** James Tubbs 18:49

I'm a Baby Boomer right in the middle.

**D** Dan Maggio 18:51

You are. Yeah.

**M** Matt Mio 18:53

Professors, What actor in the Marvel superhero movies portrays Thor.

**D** Dave Chow 18:54

**D** Dave Chow 18:58  
Chris Hemsworth.

**M** Matt Mio 18:59  
Chris Hemsworth is correct. Yes. No, my mom does not have a checkbook with pictures of Chris Hemsworth.

**D** Dave Chow 19:05  
Yeah, but you know, we also know about your mom's - you know, what's the term Heather? Um, Adoration of Chris Evans.

**M** Matt Mio 19:14  
Chris Evans. Now that's a different story.

**H** Heather Hill 19:15  
Yeah, that's,

**B** Beth Oljar 19:17  
Oh, she's a Captain America person.

**D** Dave Chow 19:19  
The rool runs down the streets in Berkley.

**M** Matt Mio 19:22  
I'm just telling you right now -

**H** Heather Hill 19:24  
Matt announced that to the film class on Monday night. That his mom has -

**B** Beth Oljar 19:29  
My mom had a thing for Keanu Reeves. She said he had a perfect face.

M Matt Mio 19:33  
Wow.

B Beth Oljar 19:33  
I'm like, "okay, that's kind of weird. But whatever".

D Dave Chow 19:37  
Heather, am I remembering right? Matt's Mom's got a Thor checkbook or something like that.

M Matt Mio 19:43  
No, it's a Chris Evans checkbook.

D Dave Chow 19:44  
Oh, Chris Evans. My bad, my bad.

H Heather Hill 19:47  
But even so -

M Matt Mio 19:49  
Uh, last but not least. Oh - go ahead, Heather.

H Heather Hill 19:51  
I just said "even so", (laughs).

J James Tubbs 19:54  
Even so.

M Matt Mio 19:55  
One more question from Natalie. Thanks for sending these in. What app is used by young

people as an outlet to express themselves through singing, dancing comedy, lip syncing and allowing users to create videos and share them across the community.

**J** James Tubbs 20:10  
Tik Tok.

**M** Matt Mio 20:11  
Tik tok. Yes, absolutely. Very well done. professors. Very well done. Let's just keep dying - Uh - DIVING, not diving.

**J** James Tubbs 20:21  
Diving. Okay.

**M** Matt Mio 20:22  
Yeah. Let's keep diving.

**B** Beth Oljar 20:24  
Yeah, let's not do any of that. Oh, that would be not good. No.

**M** Matt Mio 20:29  
We have some questions. "Dear profs: Here's a list of 10 questions about uncommon words. a passing grade is five out of 10." Thank you very, very much for that. This is from Eyiara Oladipo, another Detroit Mercy student. What's the official term for something or someone being thrown out of a window?

**D** Dave Chow 20:50  
Defenestration?

**H** Heather Hill 20:51  
Defenestration. Yeah.

**M** Matt Mio 20:53



Defenestration. That's, that's not at the bottom of a frequency of words. That's a pretty fun word, don't you think?

D

Dave Chow 20:59

Yeah, I mean, it's a good - yeah, it's a starter for you know, crossword puzzles.

J

James Tubbs 21:04

And the French practice it daily.

H

Heather Hill 21:06

Good one, Jim.

D

Dave Chow 21:07

And I'm sure Kendra's used it in her crossword puzzles daily, so -

M

Matt Mio 21:10

Oh, sure. Sure. What is the dictionary term for the infinity symbol?

D

Dan Maggio 21:18

Oh, wow. Sideways eight? No, just kidding.

M

Matt Mio 21:22

Partial credit.

B

Beth Oljar 21:23

It's what it looks like

J

James Tubbs 21:24

How about racetrack

H Heather Hill 21:27  
the artist formerly known as Prince.

B Beth Oljar 21:29  
Is it a Mobius Strip? No

B Beth Oljar 21:34  
No.

M Matt Mio 21:35  
You know what it reminds me a little bit of is the AND symbol that we usually refer to as the ampersand. And the infinity symbol, which represents the concept of infinity is called the? It starts with the letter L

J James Tubbs 21:48  
Lampersand. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio 21:52  
You know, it's called a lemniscate.

D Dan Maggio 21:54  
Oh!

M Matt Mio 21:55  
Lemniscate.

D Dan Maggio 21:56  
Yeah, I've never heard that actually.

B Beth Oljar 21:58  
Me neither

Heather Hill

**D** Dan Maggio 22:00

But we don't use that. I don't know if math teachers, actually - Except to throw out a piece of trivia.

**M** Matt Mio 22:06

Right? Professors, For all of you typesetters out there.

**D** Dave Chow 22:14

Uh-Oh.

**M** Matt Mio 22:14

The name of the dot over the I and J in Roman script is called a ?

**D** Dave Chow 22:20

Tilde?

**D** Dave Chow 22:22

No, that's not - No, no, no, no, it's a tiddle.

**M** Matt Mio 22:26

It's called a tiddle.

**H** Heather Hill 22:28

Oh, wow! Dave should know that?

**B** Beth Oljar 22:31

Oh, is that where the expression a jot and tittle comes from?

**H** Heather Hill 22:36

**H** Heather Hill 22:36  
Yes, it is. It is for sure.

**M** Matt Mio 22:38  
Absolutely. Yep.

**B** Beth Oljar 22:40  
(Laughs) Okay!

**D** Dan Maggio 22:43  
Okay. The caffeine's kickin' in, Heather, (laughs).

**J** James Tubbs 22:46  
Well, they were both used over Hebrew letters too.

**M** Matt Mio 22:48  
Yes, that's true.

**J** James Tubbs 22:49  
Or Aramaic.

**B** Beth Oljar 22:50  
Okay.

**B** Beth Oljar 22:51  
I was about to say, don't confuse it with the titter. Which is the shorthand for the students for the Titan Dining Room. The TDR. It's like, "Are we hitting the titter tonight?" Ah, yeah, that's, that's a whole different story. What's the feeling that accompanies the temporary inability to retrieve information from your memory called

**D** Dave Chow 23:11  
hrain fonn?

brain fog.

**D** Dan Maggio 23:14  
It's it's an official technical term or

**M** Matt Mio 23:17  
it's definitely I mean, it's semi sort of medical diagnosis being

**B** Beth Oljar 23:21  
amnesia. I mean,

**M** Matt Mio 23:25  
also starts with the letter L. Michael Jason says brain cramp. Um, you know, partial credit.

**B** Beth Oljar 23:31  
I like that lapse

**S** Stephen Manning 23:33  
something. No,

**M** Matt Mio 23:35  
it says here it's called laps getting closer. It's called Letho. logica left a lot of logic,

**J** James Tubbs 23:43  
so your logic becomes lethargic at that point. Well,

**M** Matt Mio 23:47  
that sounds pretty good, actually. Yeah. Well, the

**D** Dan Maggio 23:49

good thing is I'm not likely to remember that so.

**M** Matt Mio 23:53  
Frankly, Dan, if you have trouble recalling it, it's doing its job.

**J** James Tubbs 23:58  
Its job yeah.

**S** Stephen Manning 24:01  
Where am I damn Archies

**D** Dave Chow 24:04  
Where are my glasses? Professors?

**M** Matt Mio 24:06  
What is the term for a feeling of enjoyment coming from observing the troubles of others  
SHODAN Freida shotgun. Frota

**J** James Tubbs 24:15  
JT friend, or shading shader joy.

**M** Matt Mio 24:19  
What is the word in the English language that's used single word to use to describe the day  
before yesterday?

**D** Dan Maggio 24:28  
Oh, wow.

**D** Dave Chow 24:29  
Oh, yes.

- M** Matt Mio 24:34  
penultimate day before? Yes.
- D** Dan Maggio 24:37  
The previous two.
- B** Beth Oljar 24:39  
I forgot.
- D** Dan Maggio 24:41  
Is it a single word?
- M** Matt Mio 24:42  
It is a single word it is. We should start using it.
- B** Beth Oljar 24:47  
This is day before yesterday. Why do we need to have one word?
- H** Heather Hill 24:52  
Because it's cool. It's more efficient than three. Depends on that word.
- M** Matt Mio 24:57  
Right. I know. It's one of my non native English speaking students an eon ago was like, Wait, this language has a word for not being drunk. Amata here no professors. It's um, it starts with er E. Air yesterday is what it's called
- J** James Tubbs 25:17  
Air yesterday. Before yesterday. Okay,
- M** Matt Mio 25:21

good. Yesterday, we might have some better luck with what we've got left here.

B

Beth Oljar 25:26

That sounds stupid. I'd rather say the day before yesterday.

M

Matt Mio 25:33

Professors, what's the name of the little plastic thing at the end of your shoelace? aglet? Anglet? Yes. What is the dictionary term? For the hashtag or pound symbol? octothorpe. It's an Octo Thorpe. Yes. And octothorpe. I always thought that was weird because it clearly carves out nine boxes, but it has the octo eight at the start of it.

B

Beth Oljar 25:58

Who names these things? typesetters. Okay, that makes sense. No, I mean,

D

Dave Chow 26:06

I mean, back when I was in school, we actually had a professional typesetter on campus. And we would actually have take a manuscript and mark it up, tell her what font we want it what the lighting was, and

M

Matt Mio 26:17

it was the closest I got to math when I was at CCS. That's awesome. You know what it makes me think about the whole infinity lemniscate thing is lemniscate is like a noun infinity is a noun too. But it's also a concept. So if you had like a non math person, you would say use this symbol, you wouldn't say use the thing that you know means infinity. That is interesting. Last one here. These actually have been really entertaining. Thank you very much VRF for sending them in a whispering or rustling sound that starts with the letter S? What word describes a whispering or rustling sound?

B

Beth Oljar 26:53

Saturation?

M

Matt Mio 26:55

You are spot on? And how did you know that is all I have to say? Yeah, it's in its singular. It's a sorceress. But assessor ation is the action. That's pretty awesome.



**B** Beth Oljar 27:06  
Okay, because you said it started with s that in the description were enough to

**M** Matt Mio 27:12  
Yeah, we're getting close to the end of the show that I can sort of jump over Dave's joke and thank you. So how did you know so servation By the way,

**B** Beth Oljar 27:21  
I'm sure I've read it before seeing it used as part of a description in a novel or something like that. And I look up words when I come across one I don't know which doesn't happen very often. But

**D** Dave Chow 27:34  
or you could have asked drew he might have found in some comic book too,

**B** Beth Oljar 27:37  
or there's that you can go with that explanation. That's fun.

**M** Matt Mio 27:41  
Professors. I'm afraid I'm looking at the time and the time has arrived for us to say goodbye, Jim.

**J** James Tubbs 27:47  
Bye,

**M** Matt Mio 27:48  
Dave.

**D** Dave Chow 27:49  
See ya.



**M** Matt Mio 27:50  
Heather,

**H** Heather Hill 27:50  
bye

**M** Matt Mio 27:51  
Beth

**B** Beth Oljar 27:52  
bye

**M** Matt Mio 27:53  
Stephen

**S** Stephen Manning 27:53  
bye

**M** Matt Mio 27:54  
and Dan

**D** Dan Maggio 27:55  
good bye

**M** Matt Mio 27:56  
now these words.

**A** Announcer 27:57  
You can email ask the professor at ATP at UD mercy.edu or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page



**Matt Mio** 28:07

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