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SPEAKERS

Dan Maggio, James Tubbs, Mara Livezey, Heather Hill, Announcer, Danielle Maxwell, Dave Chow, Matt Mio, Stephen Manning


D Dave Chow 00:02
The University tower chimes bring 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, and let me introduce to you our panel for today. To my right, it's Professor Heather Hill.

H Heather Hill 00:17
Hey,

M Matt Mio 00:18
How's it going?


H Heather Hill 00:18
I'm tired.


 Matt Mio 00:21
Absolutely.


 Heather Hill 00:22
I am just really tired.


 Matt Mio 00:24
There's a lot of things that I'm tired of as well.


 Heather Hill 00:26
Just, yeah, I don't know, something hit me yesterday.


 Dave Chow 00:29
Something hit the students a few weeks ago. That's all I got.


 Heather Hill 00:32
Yeah, right,


 Danielle Maxwell 00:33
not picking the semester. You sure?


 Heather Hill 00:34
Yeah.


 Dave Chow 00:36
May have been the first day of the term. Is what hit them, but


 Heather Hill 00:40
Email, "Hey, Dr Hill, I bought Stevie Nicks tickets quite some time ago, and it turns out the concert is tonight, so I'm not going to come to class"


 Dave Chow 00:48
really.


 Dave Chow 00:49
I thought that they we are about to offer you tickets.


 Dave Chow 00:54
Give me a give me a ticket, right?


 Heather Hill 00:55
I know, so can't make it.


 Danielle Maxwell 00:58
One of the professors in our department got an email last night, like, 8:30pm like, Hey, Dr, G, can you hop on to zoom and explain this tomorrow? She was like,


 Dave Chow 01:08
Zoom,


 Danielle Maxwell 01:08
absolutely not. 8:30pm the night before a quiz. No


 Heather Hill 01:14
Answer is No


 Matt Mio 01:15
my just wait,

 Danielle Maxwell 01:17
never ask again.

 Dave Chow 01:18
Also, did the professor actually respond? No,

 Danielle Maxwell 01:22
I don't think so. She sent me a screenshot and was like, no, no contacts necessary. And I was like, Yeah, that's a no.

 Mara Livezey 01:27
Just ignore that one

 Heather Hill 01:29
anyway.

D Dave Chow 01:30
Yes, since I usually go to Professor Stephen Manning, and I usually say something like, I'm sure you miss this, like the deserts miss the rain,

S Stephen Manning 01:40
I don't, not a bit

M Matt Mio 01:45
I guess. I guess that that ending point, but at least it's good for a little bit of pre dinner entertainment. What can I say

S Stephen Manning 01:53
that's, that's what it's good for?

D Dave Chow 01:56
What's, what's the wildest thing you remember, I mean, email or otherwise, like a student coming to you an excuse, or, you know, something from

S Stephen Manning 02:04
That's a great imponderabile question.

M Matt Mio 02:06
yeah, it's a good thing to think about.

S

Stephen Manning 02:08

I had a particularly bad experience. Once made a mistake, a woman who had not been doing well, missing a lot of class, and she called me, I was, I was just, just leaving my office to go teach the class that she was in, but was missing a lot of phone rings in my office and she says, I can't come to class today. And I went off on her a little bit. I said, you know, I don't know what you're doing in college, that kind of thing. You know you're gonna fail the course. Turns out she had she was living with her mother, kind of a brownstone situation. Had gone to leave to come to class, had a baby, had the baby in, the baby car seat went down and remembered she had forgot her book. The last conversation we had, she was in class and she had forgot her book. I said, You got to bring your textbook to class, right? Because we read from it. So she went back into the house, yeah, and she came back out, and the baby was gone,

M

Matt Mio 03:12

Oh my god.

J

James Tubbs 03:13

Oh Steven, and it was all your fault-

J

James Tubbs 03:15

Oh my god.

S

Stephen Manning 03:20

Well, I mean, she eventually, they found the baby, everything was okay, but it was a lesson I remember,

H


Heather Hill 03:27


This was supposed to be a funny,


S


Stephen Manning 03:29


never to, never to


 Dave Chow 03:32
leave the room,

 Matt Mio 03:32
you know, well, you know, things are, things are tough.


 Stephen Manning 03:36
Never did anything like that again.

 Heather Hill 03:39
Students are very creative now too, with their manufacturing

 Dave Chow 03:43
Animals die at the end of the semester?

 Danielle Maxwell 03:45
When I was living in Shiple, someone set a fire to try to cancel midterms. It did not work, but I was very tired for my Organic problem set the next day.

 Matt Mio 03:55
Whatever it was,

 Danielle Maxwell 03:56
it was your class.

M Matt Mio 03:57
I'm sure it was

D Danielle Maxwell 03:58
staring you down.

M Matt Mio 03:59
Sure it was.

S Stephen Manning 03:59
But in general, I get nothing like, okay, the current fact,

H Heather Hill 04:03
well, there's just so many

S Stephen Manning 04:05
I've been gone. This is only, there's only five years

M Matt Mio 04:07
I know you've not gone.

H Heather Hill 04:08
Just keep piling up and piling up and piling up. I mean, there are so many absences and so many excuses. It's just, it's, it's Legion at this point.



Dave Chow 04:18

with that being said, should we, between all of us here, shouldn't we be able to craft the best excuses of anybody?



Matt Mio 04:25

We could if we had to



James Tubbs 04:26

Well, my favorite was the student who this was the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, came to me and said, "I'm gonna miss the exam that you're giving that night" And I said, "Oh, Why?" "My flight to the Bahamas leaves that afternoon."



Heather Hill 04:41

Yeah. They say this straight faced.



James Tubbs 04:44

Yes, very straight faced.



Mara Livezey 04:46

Totally normal to miss class for vacation.



Heather Hill 04:50


Oh, absolutely





Danielle Maxwell 04:51


Leaving early for Thanksgiving. I've gotten so many of those requests. They're like, "I'm gonna have to miss your quiz". And I'm like, "Oh, there goes your drop".


- S** Stephen Manning 04:55
I had one on final exam. And the student said "My dad bought tickets for our ski vacation in the Vale". Vale? Oh yeah, I'm sympathetic
- M** Matt Mio 05:11
Professor Dan Maggio is here with us. It was interesting because you were kind of like watching the tennis match. You were kind of going back and forth between both sides.
- D** Dan Maggio 05:20
I don't have any good stories. I can't think of any.
- D** Dave Chow 05:20
Oh, c'mon, Dan. Really?
- J** James Tubbs 05:20
surely, Dan,
- D** Dan Maggio 05:20
Not that I can remember,
- J** James Tubbs 05:25
Surely, you've got some good math student stories,
- D** Dave Chow 05:28
yeah, or were you a part of it


 Danielle Maxwell 05:30
some crazy derivatives?

 Dan Maggio 05:31
Oh, let me think about it

 Matt Mio 05:32
Think about it, because I was going to chime in, Professor Jim Tubbs, we've already heard from with his story. So I had something very similar just a couple weeks ago, and this was a big wake up call for me, and you all are gonna laugh, and you can tell the story forever, but it's gonna stay in my heart forever. She comes into my office and she basically said the exact same thing, and I said to her, "Leave my office, turn around and come back in and lie to me, and then I can reopen the assignment for you". "What I don't understand." I'm like, "Leave. Physically, leave this room. Come back and tell me that you're an athlete, or, like, Give me something official, because otherwise it's just a family trip". "I don't understand what you're asking me to do".

 James Tubbs 06:16
Give me a good excuse.

 Matt Mio 06:18
I'm trying to help you.

 James Tubbs 06:20
"Let me read out to you what excuses are not acceptable. If you recognize anything there, think of another one".

 Dave Chow 06:29
Spin the big wheel. Find a lie.



Matt Mio 06:31

I walked by our Associate Dean training our new admin in the department today, and you know, you just pick up like that quick snippet of conversation as you're walking by, it's like, "So this is the document we give the students that's bulleted that tells them exactly how to XYZ. No student has ever been successful in the execution of these steps" or something like that. Everybody was laughing, and I'm like, "Oh, it's so true". Anyway, Professor Dave Chow is also here.



Dave Chow 06:56

Pleasure to be here



Matt Mio 06:58

I think Dave Chow is Batman I think he might be



Dave Chow 07:01

sort of - ish



Danielle Maxwell 07:01

You stay up all night. This makes sense. We're going to organize something in the Berkley parking lot.










James Tubbs 07:05


There you go, a parking lot.





Danielle Maxwell 07:09


Yes, I'm sponsoring my own.


-  **Matt Mio** 07:10
You know who is counted in the population of Berkley is Professor Mara Livezey, although Facebook definitely thinks otherwise.
-  **Mara Livezey** 07:17
Not on Facebook, I got majorly deleted from a group that I had been accepted in and blocked, apparently, because I can't even see it.
-  **Dave Chow** 07:24
Blocked too ?
-  **Mara Livezey** 07:25
Yeah
-  **Danielle Maxwell** 07:26
I got kicked out as well today.
-  **James Tubbs** 07:28
Who could block Wednesday?
-  **Dave Chow** 07:30
Tuesday.
-  **Danielle Maxwell** 07:30
They don't like new neighbors. They kick us out.


 Heather Hill 07:32
Must be a glitch. Come on.


 Mara Livezey 07:34
hopefully,


 Matt Mio 07:34
So, how are the new digs over there?

 Mara Livezey 07:37
It is just amazing to have a house with space, walking distance to a park.

 Matt Mio 07:44
So great.

 Dave Chow 07:44
And the hardware store,

 Mara Livezey 07:45
and the hardware store and a CVS and two Indian food restaurants

 Matt Mio 07:50
That's right.

D Danielle Maxwell 07:50
Have you tried them?

M Mara Livezey 07:51
mostly pink garlic, but yeah, we've been there for dinner a time or two


D Dave Chow 07:51
And the Oak Parker,


M Matt Mio 07:52
That is all you need. Well, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything, folks, if you stump the panel or you stump the panel, receive a brand new edition of the ATP coffee mug and an autographed photograph of the Professors. If you don't stump the panel, we'll send you just the autograph photograph. Send the questions in a number of ways. Email us at ATP@UDMercy.edu, find 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. Okie dokie, "Hello, profs"


M Matt Mio 08:26
"I hope today finds you happy and healthy. I think that's fair to say. It's been a bit so I thought it was time for another set of questions. Here's another set of what I like to call Finish the list again. Here's the idea. I'll give you a few items from a list. Your job is to come up with the subject of the list and then complete it". So this is from our good friend Steve Barney of Garden City, Michigan. He's actually sent us questions multiple times over the years.


H Heather Hill 08:26
Hello.


D Dave Chow 08:51
Is this like, one of those cognitive tests that the President has to take?

 Mara Livezey 08:55
IQ test, actually


 Dave Chow 08:56
Oh, that's right.


 Matt Mio 08:57
Oh, dear Lord,


 Danielle Maxwell 08:57
Did you see the test? It was hilarious.


 Heather Hill 08:59
Certifiable genius,


 Matt Mio 09:01
Absolutely


 Danielle Maxwell 09:02
You remember, like five words in a sentence.


 Mara Livezey 09:04
Those are Alzheimer's tests.


 Danielle Maxwell 09:06
Yes, they are


 Mara Livezey 09:07
dementia tests.


 Matt Mio 09:08
I think the best way to do this would be to hear the part of the list I'm going to give you see if you can group them first, then you can complete it. I think it'll make a little more sense. I will say that I've read these, and the hardest one is the first one. So let's not judge, you know, let's watch beyond the first episode. As the students say,

 Danielle Maxwell 09:26
start on the backside, work our way

 Dave Chow 09:28
We'll work backwards.

 Matt Mio 09:30
You know, we got to conquer the activation energy first. St Louis, Missouri, Los Angeles, California, Salt Lake City, Utah.

 Danielle Maxwell 09:39
They're cities in the United States

 Dan Maggio 09:41
Olympics.

M Matt Mio 09:42
They are Olympic sites from the United States. There are three more so St Louis was the Summer Olympics of 1904, I know we all want

D Dave Chow 09:51
Lake Placid.

M Matt Mio 09:52
Los Angeles, California was, of course, 32 summer and 84 summer. My youth in Salt Lake City, I think we remember was. 2000 twos, Winter Olympics. So

J James Tubbs 10:02
Atlanta,


D Dave Chow 10:04
Atlanta


M Matt Mio 10:06
and the 1960 Winter Olympics. I mean, it's closed Squaw Valley, California. So I would say we got them all. Yeah, that's pretty good


D Danielle Maxwell 10:15
Aren't they coming back soon, la again.


D Dave Chow 10:18
Yes,


 Matt Mio 10:19
Winter Olympics are coming up.


 Dave Chow 10:20
Yes.


 Matt Mio 10:21
And where are the Winter Olympics in 26 I just saw a commercial

 Dave Chow 10:25
under 100 days.


 Matt Mio 10:27
Wow. Yeah.


 Stephen Manning 10:28
Where is it? No,


 Matt Mio 10:29
nobody knows. Nobody knows.


 Dave Chow 10:32
Yeah, I saw.


- M** Matt Mio 10:33
I mean, all I do is see the rings and I hear the John Williams and I'm like, Oh, I can't wait.
- D** Dave Chow 10:39
No, I remember I saw the ad during the World Series game.
- M** Matt Mio 10:42
Yeah, exactly, exactly. And let's be serious,
- D** Danielle Maxwell 10:45
Milan,
- M** Matt Mio 10:45
just me. Milan, I think winter is a little more entertaining than summer. That's just me. I don't know
- J** James Tubbs 10:53
it's the hockey. It's a little more death defying, usually,
- M** Matt Mio 10:57
skeleton, of course,
- S** Stephen Manning 10:58
Jamaican Bob. I love the little

 Dave Chow 11:02
curling for Dan


 Danielle Maxwell 11:03
Are we gonna have a bracket in our department? Just

 Matt Mio 11:06
little bracket,


 Danielle Maxwell 11:07
little team sound


 Matt Mio 11:07
whenever we when it's removed by hours like Milan, we'll have a chance to actually watch the games live early in the morning versus the prime time, you know, classic American coverage. So we'll have those on in the in the lobby. TV'S


 Danielle Maxwell 11:20
perfect.

 Matt Mio 11:21
Got to remind maybe some of our younger pros that Detroit was a finalist for the 1968 Summer Olympics and lost it to Mexico City. It's going to be the first internationally


 Dan Maggio 11:34
Windsor


 Matt Mio 11:34
hosted with Windsor. That's right. It was going to be Canada and

 Stephen Manning 11:38
US 68th a year after 67


 James Tubbs 11:41
think of the stress on the tunnel.


 Matt Mio 11:43
Yes,


 Danielle Maxwell 11:43
if you were one of the younger kids, they'd go six seven. We have a six seven pumpkin on our porch.


 Matt Mio 11:49
Chemistry, that's true. All right. Here we go, Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson,


 Danielle Maxwell 11:57
presidents


 Dan Maggio 11:58
grant


 Matt Mio 11:59
plus three more.

 Dan Maggio 12:01
Oh, they're on the they're on the money,


 Matt Mio 12:03
paper currency,


 James Tubbs 12:04
There on the money.


 Matt Mio 12:05
Which three did we not cover


 James Tubbs 12:08
Woodrow Wilson on the \$100,000


 Danielle Maxwell 12:11
there's \$100,000 bill,


 Dave Chow 12:12
P Chase


 James Tubbs 12:13
Salmon P Chase, he had secretary, he was Secretary of the Treasury. And,


 Matt Mio 12:13
yeah, Woodrow Wilson was on the 100 Salmon P Chase is not a president. He was on the \$10,000 bill and is not on this list. So I've got Wilson on the 100,000 who's on the \$5,000 bill.


 Danielle Maxwell 12:28
Didn't know he had one


 Dave Chow 12:30
let me check.


 Matt Mio 12:30
Let me check. Very prominent in in Hamilton. Key players,


 Heather Hill 12:39
Amber,

 Stephen Manning 12:40
Monroe,


 Danielle Maxwell 12:40
no Jefferson,


 Dan Maggio 12:41
Madison,


 Dave Chow 12:42
Madison,

 Mara Livezey 12:43
Madison,


 Matt Mio 12:43
Jimmy Madison. And until recently,


 Dan Maggio 12:48
friendly terms with Jimmy.


 Matt Mio 12:49
I am, until recently, this would have been the only but now the first non consecutive serving president

 James Tubbs 12:58
Grover Cleveland

 Matt Mio 12:58
Cleveland is on the \$1,000 bill. That's right. Grover


 Danielle Maxwell 13:01
never seen any of these bills.


 James Tubbs 13:02
I'm surprised McKinley is not on one, because he certainly was into fiscal matters.


 Stephen Manning 13:08
Yes,


 Matt Mio 13:09
understood the Treasury.


 Stephen Manning 13:10
Big tariff fan,


 James Tubbs 13:11
yeah. Big tariff fan.


 Stephen Manning 13:12
I think Trump, Trump's on the Wooden Nickel, isn't he?


 Matt Mio 13:17
We better be very, very careful what we wish for, because there are several policies going through Congress that want to replace Washington on the \$1 bill with our current president.


 Danielle Maxwell 13:31
Things even more reason to not use cash


 James Tubbs 13:33
before you even know it, because nobody's there to resist it.


 Matt Mio 13:38
Let's use the other side of our brain. Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin,


 James Tubbs 13:43
Midwest states.


 Matt Mio 13:44
It's a little more specific than that.


 Stephen Manning 13:47
States on the Mississippi River,


 Mara Livezey 13:49
states that border the Great Lakes,


 Matt Mio 13:51
states that border


 James Tubbs 13:52
Michigan,


 Matt Mio 13:52
the great state of Michigan. So who's missing from the list?


 Danielle Maxwell 13:55
Indiana,


 Matt Mio 13:57
Indiana,


 Dan Maggio 13:57
Minnesota,

 Matt Mio 13:58
Minnesota. That's right, absolutely


 Danielle Maxwell 14:00
in our other state, Canada,


 Dave Chow 14:02
hey, hey, now,


 Danielle Maxwell 14:04
the 51st state


 Dave Chow 14:06
not the 50. Hey, now them fight words.


 Stephen Manning 14:09
This whole side of the table is like this looking at the map


 Stephen Manning 14:13
We're just sitting here like


 Matt Mio 14:15
I wanted to confirm, Minnesota only has a maritime border with Michigan. Share any land.
Actually


 Dave Chow 14:20
we need to put a map up over you.


 Danielle Maxwell 14:22
Didn't you live there? You should know that.

 Heather Hill 14:24
I still contend that that's cheating. So,

 Danielle Maxwell 14:28
wow, do you want the map down Heather?


 Heather Hill 14:30
I do


 Danielle Maxwell 14:31
we have to vote on it,


 James Tubbs 14:33
but it's so colorful.


 Danielle Maxwell 14:34
It is.


 Stephen Manning 14:34
We want a global map up there.


 James Tubbs 14:38
We need to put a world map over here in the US map over here.


 Matt Mio 14:41
No that's true


 James Tubbs 14:42
we can all cheat.


 Stephen Manning 14:44
I have one in my garage.


 James Tubbs 14:45
Okay, bring it in.

 Stephen Manning 14:46
Bring it in right.

 Matt Mio 14:47
Put it right over thee

 Dave Chow 14:48
The globe that we spin

 James Tubbs 14:49
I'll bring the masking tape

 Heather Hill 14:50
and I will, I will avert my rage



Matt Mio 14:52

Professors, how about Lehi, Marshall King, MacArthur, Nimitz.



Mara Livezey 14:59

Nimitz?



Stephen Manning 15:00

US ships us, us, Navy ships



Dave Chow 15:03

Air carriers



James Tubbs 15:04

US navy, admirals,



Danielle Maxwell 15:05

helicopters.




Matt Mio 15:06


They are five star generals and Admiral four missing. And I would guess you know at least one of them,





Heather Hill 15:12


MacArthur,


 Matt Mio 15:13
because he was the president.


 Matt Mio 15:16
So MacArthur was on the original list.


 Heather Hill 15:18
Oh, I apologize.


 Matt Mio 15:19
Eisenhower, Dwight, Eisenhower, the others, which I really have no way of even beginning to give you clues. Henry Arnold, William Halsey, I think I've heard of the Halsey as a show,


 James Tubbs 15:31
yeah. Bull Halsey, yeah.

 Matt Mio 15:32
And Omar Bradley,


 James Tubbs 15:33
Oh, yeah.


 Heather Hill 15:34
USS, Beaumont Bradley

 Matt Mio 15:36
five stars that was five stars. Yeah.


 Stephen Manning 15:39
I was wondering what you were doing.


 Matt Mio 15:39
Wait, can you be a five star admiral ?


 Danielle Maxwell 15:42
I thought he was like a stop sign, flashing light. I was like,


 Heather Hill 15:46
James T Kirk,

 Danielle Maxwell 15:47
what?


 Heather Hill 15:49
It's a good one. There is a USS. James T Kirk,


 Matt Mio 15:51
is there really?


 Mara Livezey 15:52
Yeah,


 Heather Hill 15:52
no.


 Matt Mio 15:54
Wow,

 Dave Chow 15:54
you had him going,

 Heather Hill 15:56
I know.

 Dave Chow 15:57
Dog gone it.

 James Tubbs 15:58
Don't raise hopes around this table.

 Heather Hill 16:01
I think I'm taking over the snarkiness from Dan.



Matt Mio 16:04

You took the Snark baton.



Danielle Maxwell 16:05

It's contagious.



Matt Mio 16:07

Philadelphia, Road to Perdition.



Dan Maggio 16:11

Tom Hank's movies



Matt Mio 16:12

The Lady Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close A League of Their Own,



Dave Chow 16:17

Tom Hanks,



Matt Mio 16:18

not just Tom Hanks movies



Dan Maggio 16:20

did he win?

M Matt Mio 16:21
But movies in which Tom hanks's character

D Danielle Maxwell 16:24
wins an award,

H Heather Hill 16:25
drinks a lot.


M Matt Mio 16:26
I mean, those are all right, but something more specific,


D Dave Chow 16:33
cries, he wins an award


M Mara Livezey 16:34
Dies,


M Matt Mio 16:35
Dies, yeah, Tom Hanks' character dies. In every one of those movies, there are two more where Tom Hanks, his character dies, didn't what's missing from the list?


D Danielle Maxwell 16:45
Well, he's the train conductor in that one animated thing,


 Matt Mio 16:47
okay, he did not die in polar express


 Mara Livezey 16:51
He also plays many characters,


 Danielle Maxwell 16:54
a man named Otto. He dies, right?


 Stephen Manning 16:57
Doesn't die in sleeping in seattle.


 James Tubbs 17:00
He does die.

 Danielle Maxwell 17:01
He does die that is an unofficial answer.


 Matt Mio 17:04
Unofficial Great.


 Heather Hill 17:06
Add that to the list.

 James Tubbs 17:07
No, I saw it too.


 Danielle Maxwell 17:07
Yeah I read the book


 Matt Mio 17:10
I mean, if I say World War Two, you'll say


 Heather Hill 17:13
saving private ryan


 Matt Mio 17:15
and if I remember correctly, it's a pretty hardcore fantasy. I never got into it. But he also played a character that dies in this one. I don't even know


 Danielle Maxwell 17:25
Toy Story.


 Matt Mio 17:27
I hope I'm not remembering this wrong. Cloud Atlas wasn't Cloud Atlas,


 Heather Hill 17:32
yeah,


 Matt Mio 17:35
isn't it a fantasy?


 Heather Hill 17:37
It is. I've never read it, though


 Dave Chow 17:39
he started with Keanu Reeves.


 Mara Livezey 17:41
Oh, I'm gonna go watch that


 Heather Hill 17:42
loud Atlas, yeah,

 Danielle Maxwell 17:44
Otto dies peacefully from his enlarged heart and sleep.


 Dan Maggio 17:47
Oh, Otto, yeah, we've studied. We've seen that movie.


 Mara Livezey 17:49
Yeah, that's a good movie.


 James Tubbs 17:50
That was a good unbelievable.


 Danielle Maxwell 17:51
Extra Credit one.


 Matt Mio 17:53
How about this one? Who?

 Heather Hill 17:56
Who,

 Matt Mio 17:57
what? I don't know today, tomorrow,

 Danielle Maxwell 18:00
things my student tell me

 Heather Hill 18:02
Yeah, yeah,

 James Tubbs 18:03
Answers,

M Mara Livezey 18:04
Questions

H Heather Hill 18:06
interrogatives,

M Matt Mio 18:08
I mean, all true, however,


D Danielle Maxwell 18:11
sentences that don't require any other words like you just say Today, no,


M Matt Mio 18:18
yeah, this is the players from their baseball team. So who was on first? What's on second? I don't know. Is on third. Today was the catcher, tomorrow was the pitcher. Do you remember who the short step was


D Danielle Maxwell 18:32
yesterday?

D Dave Chow 18:32
Trammel?


M Matt Mio 18:33
Who was the punch line to the whole bit? Oh, I don't give a damn. I was the short step. Who is the left fielder? Another interrogative,


 James Tubbs 18:43
how


 Matt Mio 18:44
how about why? Why center fielder?


 Dan Maggio 18:47
When?


 Matt Mio 18:47
Because and the right fielder was never mentioned anywhere in the bit. Like, that's a good piece of tribute.

 Dave Chow 18:48
They just played the shift they were playing the shift.


 Danielle Maxwell 18:48
What is this from?

 Heather Hill 18:51
Emmet and canstelo


 Matt Mio 18:53
So they did a whole bit about, like, who's playing first in the ball game. Yeah, that's right,


 James Tubbs 19:01
whose on first


 Matt Mio 19:02
the guy name was who,


 James Tubbs 19:02
Yeah,

 Danielle Maxwell 19:03
oh,

 Matt Mio 19:04
it's, it's dumb. There was a guy that played in major league baseball in the early 2000s whose last name was Hu, and they're like, the whole universe has come to this day, and he played first base, and it's a real thing.

 Heather Hill 19:17
Was it Hu?

 Matt Mio 19:19
It was Hu

 Mara Livezey 19:19
yeah,



Matt Mio 19:20

Hu on first



Stephen Manning 19:21

we had a guy in our department in the early years whose name was, who you may remember this, and was not doing well. So he went to the dean and said, We got to get rid of this guy. And he said, who I remember? I said to him, yeah, who



Matt Mio 19:37

you are kidding me. Don't even, don't even play,



Dave Chow 19:43

was it a doctor? So



Heather Hill 19:46

we have a doctor.



James Tubbs 19:48

We have a doctor in my department,



Stephen Manning 19:49

But it was Hu



Dan Maggio 19:51

you do see a TARDIS in his office?

J James Tubbs 19:53
Shell in who?

M Matt Mio 19:57
Okay, I call this one the. Begin the thawing of Mariah Carey partridge in a pear tree, two turtle doves, three French hens, four Collie birds and five gold rings, plus seven more. Can you name the rest?

J James Tubbs 20:12
Six, geese a laying,


M Mara Livezey 20:14
seven swans of swimming. Eight maids a milking.

H Heather Hill 20:18
Nine ladies dancing. 10, lords and leaping,


J James Tubbs 20:22
11 Pipers, piping,


D Dan Maggio 20:24
12 dancers, drummers druming


S Stephen Manning 20:28
and the park, using the pier.


 Matt Mio 20:29
You all just sang the song in proper order. And was blowing my mind. We don't sing it in that order


 Dave Chow 20:37
because we had the sparkle box going.


 Mara Livezey 20:39
We sing it every year. So,

 Heather Hill 20:41
yeah, we were going the other way. That's good for your brain.


 Dave Chow 20:44
Yeah, we're doing our karaoke

 Danielle Maxwell 20:46
harder that way.


 Matt Mio 20:47
There is no such thing as a calling bird. I'm doing this just for my wife. There is no such thing as a calling bird. It's a monda green, if you know what that is,


 James Tubbs 20:55
it's a holly bird.


-  Matt Mio 20:56
Yes, it's a collie bird. And the five gold rings are more birds. They're ring necked pheasants. It's not actual rings that you wear in your hand, even though that's the way everybody interprets
-  Danielle Maxwell 21:13
When is Leslie coming on the air.
-  Matt Mio 21:15
She really does. That would have been her question, by the way, because she Yeah.
-  Dan Maggio 21:16
Every time she hears that song, she must go crazy.
-  Matt Mio 21:16
She goes absolutely nuts. And I'm not joking. Okay, how about this? Oh, this is really, really good. Go Community Chest,
-  Danielle Maxwell 21:23
Monopoly
-  Matt Mio 21:24
income tax,
-  James Tubbs 21:25
monopoly space


 Heather Hill 21:27
The cards, the particular cards,

 Matt Mio 21:29
chance Electric Company, Pennsylvania Railroad, Community Chest, plus seven more


 James Tubbs 21:34
Ball ave.


 Matt Mio 21:34
spots on the board you are not allowed to build upon


 James Tubbs 21:38
waterworks


 Matt Mio 21:39
Go to go to jail. I got waterworks. And I got Go to jail


 Stephen Manning 21:42
the railroad thing, railroad stuff.

 Matt Mio 21:45
which two railroads are missing? Do you know


 Dan Maggio 21:47
Pennsylvania?


 Dave Chow 21:48
Short Line,


 Matt Mio 21:49
short line. Okay, now I got those


 Dave Chow 21:51
luxury tax.


 Matt Mio 21:52
Luxury taxes taken off.


 James Tubbs 21:54
Go to jail. You can't build there jail.


 Danielle Maxwell 21:56
Yeah, go to jail, yeah.


 Dave Chow 21:57
And there's one you haven't hit yet, though.


 Mara Livezey 21:59
Collect to -


 James Tubbs 22:00
go


 Mara Livezey 22:01
collect whatever


 Matt Mio 22:02
The way it goes on the original list,


 James Tubbs 22:03
okay,


 Dave Chow 22:04
the go to jail and jail itself.


 James Tubbs 22:07
Have we got all the utilities, Water,


 Danielle Maxwell 22:10
the title


 Dave Chow 22:11
luxury tax, property tax,


 James Tubbs 22:12
electric company


 Dan Maggio 22:14
is it? Pick a card? One? No,


 Matt Mio 22:17
it's really obvious. I'm sorry.


 Dave Chow 22:21
Chance


 Matt Mio 22:22
it's, how about I


 Heather Hill 22:23
free riding, or whatever that's called,


 Danielle Maxwell 22:25
Free parking.


 Matt Mio 22:25
you got it?


 James Tubbs 22:25
Free parking,


 Matt Mio 22:27
the one where everybody, like, sometimes builds a kitty, and then if you land there, you get stuff. And like all the super hardcore monopoly players, that's not what the space is for. It's just a space off and, you know, whatever,

 Dave Chow 22:38
that's where all the taxes go

 Matt Mio 22:39
Exactly. Have a wonderful rest of your day. Professor Steve Barney, those, those are pretty good,

 Heather Hill 22:44
Those were fun

 Dave Chow 22:45
please.

 Matt Mio 22:45
That takes, that takes a lot of you, know hardcore to put that together.



Danielle Maxwell 22:50

You would not be surprised. My monopoly set at home is all pink with all pink pieces.



Matt Mio 22:54

I am not surprised in any way, shape or form.



Dave Chow 22:56

I played multi game monopoly



Mara Livezey 22:57

I have a Red Sox monopoly



James Tubbs 22:59

Are they Taylor Swift? Pink?



Danielle Maxwell 23:00

No, they are Barbie pink.




James Tubbs 23:02


Oh, Barbie pink.





Danielle Maxwell 23:03

Though, in the last episode, Taylor Swift was an answer, so I'm really grateful for that


 Matt Mio 23:09
probably Scoob will get. So, I mean, I hope that they at least trade him.


 Heather Hill 23:13
Maybe, following my train of thinking,


 Matt Mio 23:15
Maybe we're gonna get some, you know, Red Sox on the Tigers this year.

 Heather Hill 23:19
There are some you can have.

 Matt Mio 23:21
So I'm willing to to try this \$100,000 Pyramid in the few minutes that we have.

 Danielle Maxwell 23:26
Oh, wow.

 Matt Mio 23:26
Chance to do it without, like the timer in the background, like that sort of thing,

 Dave Chow 23:31
No pressure.



Matt Mio 23:32

What we'll do is we'll start with around the table. Everybody knows how the game is played. At this point you get you get clues. I'm the giver, you're the receiver, and your job is to take the things that I'm saying. So like, we have the example what Prasad benugo Paul might say,



Mara Livezey 23:47

Oh yeah,



Matt Mio 23:48

I was just reading the contract the other day, and then I would give a bunch of other things that sound like him, where no other clues. And you'd go things Prasad would say. So you're just trying to guess the general category. Very similar to what we just did.



Matt Mio 24:00

Professor Hill,



Heather Hill 24:01

Professor Mio



Dave Chow 24:03

you're so studious, you two look at this,



Matt Mio 24:05


a beaker



Heather Hill 24:07


things you find in a cem lab.

 Matt Mio 24:08
Yeah, that's exactly correct.


 Dave Chow 24:10
Next,


 Matt Mio 24:11
let's see here, Stephen: lasagna, garlic bread,


 Stephen Manning 24:18
Italian food.


 Matt Mio 24:18
Yes, that's exactly what it says here. Very well done.


 Dave Chow 24:21
Oh, that was a Dan question.

 Matt Mio 24:22
A lot, this is gonna be a little bit difficult. It's gonna be a little difficult. A lot of very, very loud students, a lot of food that you can buy


 Dan Maggio 24:32
things in a college cafeteria.

 Matt Mio 24:34
No, not on this campus. There used to be a lot of books,


 Dan Maggio 24:40
things at a bookstore,


 Matt Mio 24:41
not in the bookstore

 Dan Maggio 24:42
Student Union.

 Matt Mio 24:45
There used to be a lot of books in this building. They are members of the Union, but they're not professors. We're putting them on the spot as an alum. Let's see,

 Dan Maggio 24:58
like Librarians

 Matt Mio 25:00
The Library, the library, yeah, library, that's right. All I can tell you is that there is a lot of

 Dan Maggio 25:05
so there are not a lot of books there anymore.



Matt Mio 25:05

No, not really,



Dan Maggio 25:05

wait really,



Matt Mio 25:05

no. So really, there's not a lot of books.



Dan Maggio 25:08

So what's on the second floor?



Danielle Maxwell 25:13

The second floor has books. The third floor does not have books. The first floor has barely any books.



Dan Maggio 25:18

Well, the third floor didn't have books when I was here.



Matt Mio 25:20

No, that's also true. Yeah.



Danielle Maxwell 25:23

All I can tell you is stacks. The stacks are still stacks.



Matt Mio 25:26

The first floor is very loud, and there is just a strong smell of food at all times. And I think the library kind of likes it that way, but it doesn't feel like a library.



Danielle Maxwell 25:34

The library likes it that way.



Dan Maggio 25:35

Clearly, I will not be winning another \$1,000 Pyramid.



Matt Mio 25:39

Jim,



Heather Hill 25:39

well, you didn't know it was specific to UDM.



Matt Mio 25:41

I mean, I'm covered with sprinkles and I have custard inside of me,




James Tubbs 25:47


ice cream.





Matt Mio 25:47


No, you can buy me


 James Tubbs 25:50
donuts


 Matt Mio 25:50
Dutch girl, yeah, what a donut might say. Absolutely, absolutely.


 Heather Hill 25:55
Oh yeah, what a donut might Oh, so you had to personify the donut.


 James Tubbs 25:57
Oh, it has to be a -


 Matt Mio 25:59
like, perfectly lined up for Dave, I gotta get this right. Oh, this is gonna be tough. Taurus galaxy


 Dave Chow 26:07
ford cars,


 Matt Mio 26:09
not just Ford cars,

 Dave Chow 26:10
American made cars, sedans


 Matt Mio 26:12
galaxy,


 James Tubbs 26:15
They're both Ford


 Matt Mio 26:16
Model T's, Ford,

 Dave Chow 26:18
Ford automobiles that


 Heather Hill 26:21
Your not supposed to use the arms.


 Dave Chow 26:22
Old ford automobile.


 Matt Mio 26:23
I mean, that's good enough.


 Dave Chow 26:25
Defunct car,

 Matt Mio 26:25
defunct Ford cars. That's exactly what it says here. Actually,

 Danielle Maxwell 26:28
Give me an easy one.

 Matt Mio 26:33
I'm doing my best


 Dave Chow 26:34
Taylor Swift songs,


 Matt Mio 26:35
All right. Professor Maxwell, the tropical jungle. This room sometimes


 Danielle Maxwell 26:45
warm places,


 Matt Mio 26:46
not just warm


 Danielle Maxwell 26:46
moist places,

 Matt Mio 26:50
Places that are humid. I'm giving it to you Oh, my word. All right, we got to give Mara a chance too


 Heather Hill 26:58
Mic drop.

 Matt Mio 27:01
Oh, this is kind of interesting. I'm doing my best here, Mara, I'm doing my best. So definitely, let's see a little bit deeper than that.


 Heather Hill 27:13
I wouldn't hope so

 Dave Chow 27:14
He cant pass we're on the last box


 Matt Mio 27:16
I know.


 Danielle Maxwell 27:16
I just read Mara's face right now, pure terror and horror.

 Matt Mio 27:20
So flats, high heels, buckle tennis


 Mara Livezey 27:26
shoes,


 Matt Mio 27:27
well, it's Mara's question


 Heather Hill 27:28
oh Im sorry


 Mara Livezey 27:29
definitely one of those things was definitely included in the list,

 Matt Mio 27:34
flip flops.


 Mara Livezey 27:35
I mean, the types of shoes,

 Matt Mio 27:37
the types of shoes, that's what I'm going for

 Mara Livezey 27:43
What's definitely.


 Danielle Maxwell 27:45
What is it? inDefinitely?


 Matt Mio 27:45
Oh, did I say definitely?

 Mara Livezey 27:45
Yes, that was the first word you said. And I was like, how does it relate to the shoes?


 Matt Mio 27:48
Talking out loud,


 Heather Hill 27:49
I'm sorry I blurted that out I apologize


 Danielle Maxwell 27:51
Where did that come from did you read it off the paper


 Danielle Maxwell 27:53
Your like definitely, these examples will work.

 Matt Mio 27:53
No I was taling to myself

 Mara Livezey 27:54
I knew that flats and high heels, but I was like, but I don't see how it relates to Definitely.

 Heather Hill 28:00
I know I was thinking the same thing


 Matt Mio 28:05
Very literal. I'm afraid that the time has come for us all to say goodbye, Mara


 Mara Livezey 28:11
Goodbye.


 Matt Mio 28:11
Danielle,


 Danielle Maxwell 28:11
Adios,


 Matt Mio 28:11
Dave


 Dave Chow 28:11
See ya


 Matt Mio 28:11
Jim,


 James Tubbs 28:11
goodbye.


 Matt Mio 28:11
Dan,

 Dan Maggio 28:11
goodbye,

 Matt Mio 28:12
Stephen,

 Stephen Manning 28:14
goodbye.

 Matt Mio 28:15
Heather,

 Heather Hill 28:18
bye, bye.



Matt Mio 28:18

And now these words



Announcer 28:20

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