

Answer Key

Part I: First Floor

1 If you look in the right place, you will find the name of the man whose company built Indy Cars in the 1950s and 1960s at 421 W. Palmer in Glendale. He was:

A: **A.J. Watson** (2)

2 That Indy Car builder shares his last name with the sidekick of a famous fictional crime fighter. The crime fighter's name (not the sidekick's) is:

A: **Sherlock Holmes** (2)

3 Twice in recent years, this famous crime fighter has been portrayed by the actor:

A: **Robert Downey, Jr.** (3)

4 This summer, that actor co-starred in a hit movie with the highest-grossing actor of all time, as judged by the Guinness Book of World Records. With \$7 billion in grosses on his resume, that highly profitable, record-holding co-star is:

A: **Samuel L. Jackson** (3)



5 Now, imagine a list with exactly four items on it. The first three:

1. (the last name of the person in the previous question)
2. Madison
3. Lincoln

What is the fourth item on the list?

A: **Jefferson City (state capitals named after presidents)** (2)

6 Did you get the last question? Absolutely capital! Moving along, I might note that when thinking about what car to use for an exhibit on safety, I would not personally have hit upon a Dodge Neon, but to each his own. In any case, the first passenger-side airbags were installed in minivans in the year:

A: **1994 (poster on the wall by the Neon)** (1)

7 That was the same year of what natural disaster (which is pictured on the wall of this gallery for roughly 20 seconds out of every minute)?

A: (The) **Northridge Earthquake** (2, not counting 'the')

8 If you take the first word of the previous answer (again, not counting 'the'), its letters can be rearranged into three words: a color, a type of jewelry, and a type of weather. Those three words are:

A: **Red, Ring, Hot** (3)

9 Find any of the license plates on this floor that are painted in the color that appears in the previous answer. Besides the state name, what two words do those license plates have on them?

A: **Horseless Carriage** (2)

10 The first word from the previous answer is a combination of two words (it is a "compound word," to use the formal term). Take that word and split it apart into its components (5 letters and 4 letters). Flip the order of the words. In front of the 4-letter word, add another 4-letter word that means 'person in charge.' At the end of the 5-letter word, add a 3-letter word that means 'staff with personnel.' You now have two compound words that form the name of the villain from a very famous American story written nearly two centuries ago. What character was the hero (and the probable victim) of that story?



A: **Horseless -> Less Horse -> Head+Less Horse+Man -> Headless Horseman, making the answer Ihabod Crane** (2)

11 The character from the previous answer attempts to escape his nemesis in the story, but is apparently unsuccessful (the author is deliberately vague on this point). If you flee over to Ryan's Market, you'll see a display likely to cause a very famous artist to claim plagiarism (or copyright infringement, perhaps, I'm not sure). Actually, that's probably not going to happen, because the artist has been dead for a fairly long time. He is:

A: **Andy Warhol (Campbell's Soup Cans)** (2)

12 That artist's most valuable work (at least to date) was a painting that displayed the image of a legendary American entertainer eight times. The painting sold for exactly \$100 million. The entertainer also died an untimely death, which definitely left the American public all shook up. He was:

A: **Elvis Presley (the \$100 million painting shows him in a cowboy outfit drawing a gun)** (2)

13 The last name from the previous answer can be rearranged to form only one legal scrabble "bingo" (a word that uses up all of a player's 7 letters and earns a bonus of 50 points). The actual definition of the word is "those who utter a short cry or bark, as a dog" but on first glance the word appears to refer to the users of a popular Internet review site. The seven letter-word is:

A: **Yelpers** (1)

14 The website referenced in the question above includes reviews of universities. The very first review presented for one local university says, "The professors are knowledgeable and some are very committed to your success. We also have a Farm Store that I shop at all time to support the local crops!" What university, located approximately 25 miles west of downtown Los Angeles, is being described by this reviewer? (informal name)



A: **Cal Poly Pomona** (3)

- 15 Find the vehicle located on this level that was (probably) manufactured in location named in the previous question, and read its accompanying placard. One word on that placard fits on the following list:

caramel, casserole, champagne, camouflage, croissant

What word is it?

- A: **chassis (words from the French language)** (1)

- 16 Speaking of croissants, there is a bakery truck on this level. It has the last name of a U.S. Senator who once declared that UNC did not stand for "University of North Carolina," but instead for "University of Negroes and Communists." He was:

- A: **Jesse Helms (pictured below)** (2 or 3)

- 17 That conservative U.S. Senator shares his first name with a very well known former state governor, namely:

- A: **Jesse "The Body" Ventura** (2 or 4)

- 18 On two occasions before entering into politics, that former governor co-starred in a movie with another future governor. I am sure you will be pumped when you realize that governor #2 is:

- A: **Arnold Schwarzenegger (Predator and Batman & Robin are the two movies)** (2)

- 19 The state that governor #2 led is also home to what rap group, famous for writing many songs about marijuana, most notably "Insane in the Brain"?

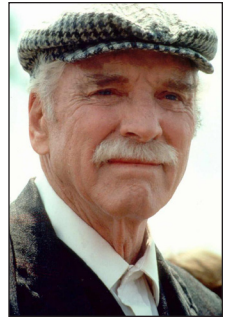
- A: **Cypress Hill** (2)

- 20 Speaking of brains, the three men who founded the chain of Pep Boys automotive stores are regarded as some of the most savvy businessmen in automotive history. One of those three men shares his last name with a well-known American president. This "presidential" Pep Boy was:

- A: **W. Graham Jackson** (3)



- 21 The "presidential" Pep Boy's middle name is also the last name of a baseball player who played just one game in the major leagues (on June 29, 1905), but was made famous by the 1989 movie "Field of Dreams." In the movie, this one-game wonder was portrayed by a legendary actor—an Academy Award winner known primarily for "tough guy" roles. It proved to be this actor's final film appearance; he retired from the movie business in 1989 and passed away in 1994. That actor is:



- A: **Burt Lancaster** (2)

- 22 Name a Shakespeare character, a world capital, and an NFL team (including city). Each of your three answers must contain all of the letters that appear in the first name of the actor described in the previous question:

- A: **Brutus or The Duke of Bourbon or Tribune** (variable)

- A: **Beirut or Bucharest or Cockburn Town or Ulan Bator** (variable)

- A: **Pittsburgh Steelers or Tampa Bay Buccaneers** (variable)

- 25 Now that you've practiced that type of puzzle, find the only vehicle on this level manufactured by a company whose name contains all of the letters in that actor's first name. Read the placard accompanying that vehicle. Only one word there could logically be added to this list:

alley, lane, gutter, foul

That word is:

- A: **Frame (bowling terms; the vehicle is the Studebaker)** (1)

- 26 And finally, what do the five words underlined in red in this section have in common?

- A: **They are all names of cities in California (or, to be more specific, in Southern California)** (variable)



Part II: Second Floor

- 1 Warren Buffett, Ted Williams, Andy Roddick, Mary Shelley and I all have something in common. The same:

A: **Birthday**

- 2 There is only one person who has driven a 2009 Ford Focus Electric Vehicle on "The Jay Leno Show" AND could also be added to the list from the previous question. Who is it? (Hint: They became eligible for the list exactly two years before I did, and they have never posed for Playboy magazine).

A: **Cameron Diaz, born on August 30, 1972** (2)

- 3 The person from the previous question starred in the only film from the 1990s to make the Top 30 of the American Film Institute's list of the greatest comedies of all time. That film, best-remembered for a scene involving a misunderstanding about hair care products, was:

A: **There's **Something** about Mary** (4)

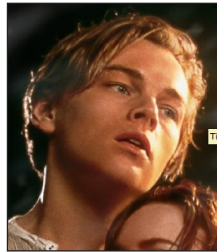
- 4 Also appearing in that film was a famous athlete. Sports fans know him for his record-setting career in which he won MVP awards and a championship. Lovers of gossip know him for his habit of using his cell phone to text pictures of his junk. What team did he play for?

A: (The) **Green Bay Packers** (3, not including 'the')

- 5 Various critics characterized that athlete's performance as "stiff" and "wooden" and "awful." And speaking of bad actors, find the vehicle that has twice been used in movies starring the person who was the answer to Part I, Question 18. Who directed both of the movies in which the vehicle appeared?

A: **James Cameron ("True Lies" and "Terminator 2")** (2)

- 6 Take the names of the two most recent theatrical releases helmed by that director (Hint: He was nominated for Academy Awards for both films). The letters that comprise the titles of those movies can be rearranged to form a pair of English words. The first describes a type of song, the second describes a type of game. What are the two words?



A: **"Avatar" and "Titanic" -> Cantata and Trivia** (2)

- 7 Take the second word from the previous answer (the game description) and do the following to it:

1. Remove all instances of the two letters that also appear in the postal abbreviation for the "Hawkeye State"
2. Add all of the vowels that appear in the first two words of the Gettysburg Address (including repeated vowels)
3. Add all of the letters that appear in the name of the character who saves Zelda in the "Legend of Zelda" video games
4. Remove any letters that appear in the chemical symbol for Potassium

If you did everything correctly, this will leave you with 10 letters that can be

rearranged to form a word that means "sudden change." What is the word?

A: **trivia - ia = trv + four score = trvouee + link =** (1)

trvoueelink - k = trvouelin = revolution

- 8 Speaking of sudden changes, these individuals all have something in common:

John Lennon, Billy the Kid, John Wilkes Booth, John Dillinger, Che Guevara, Abraham Lincoln, Mohandas K. Gandhi

What prominent musician joined this list in March of 1997, during a visit to the Petersen Automotive Museum?

A: **Christopher Wallace, aka Biggie Smalls, aka The Notorious B.I.G. was shot to death after a party here** (2 or 3)

- 9 1997 also saw George Clooney earn a Razzie nomination for worst screen couple (with Chris O'Donnell). They did not win, though Alicia Silverstone took home worst supporting actress, so it wasn't a total loss. In any case, carefully examine the museum exhibit commemorating the movie series these actors nearly ruined. In what year did these characters first appear on the big screen?



A: **1966** (1)

- 10 Continuing on the same theme, look at this group of "equations":

TJ = CR, JN, HL TR = FG, JC C = LM, MP TP = BM, DD

If you have decoded the table (the three posters on the wall might help you form some initial impressions), then you will know that 'MP' refers to:

A: **Batman villains & actors; e.g. The Joker = Caesar Romero, (2) Jack Nicholson, Heath Ledger. MP is thus Michelle Pfeiffer**

- 11 Now that you're in this area of the museum, turn your attention to the collection of 18 movie posters that are mounted together. They will be the basis for the next five questions. To start with, find the sole movie among the 18 to also be represented by a car in this gallery. Who is the only actor to be mentioned on both the poster and the placard accompanying the car?

A: **Raul Julia ("Gumball Rally")** (?)

- 12 Which movie's poster might well have been inspired by the board game Clue?

A: **"Dragstrip Riot" (a murder committed with a wrench)** (?)

- 13 Which movie featured an actor who was a famous child star in the 1930s, and whose name could be added to the list that appears in Question 8 of this section?

A: **Carl 'Alfalfa' Switzer was in "Motorcycle Gang" and was shot to death in 1959** (?)

- 14 Which movie's poster is the only one to include the name of an individual who has won the Academy Award for Best Director?

A: **"Little Fauss and Big Halsy" (Robert Redford)** (?)



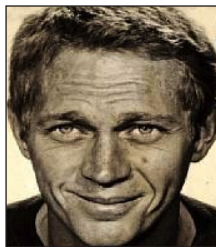
- 15 And finally, make a mental list of all 18 posters (or a written list, if you prefer). Now cross off the movie or movies that:

1. Were referenced in the last four questions
2. Have title words that are commonly part of a weather forecast
3. Feature a performer who charted with the song "Fire and Rain"
4. Grossed more than \$100 million in the United States
5. Have been the subject of a remake or a sequel in the last 15 years
6. Have titles containing French words
7. Would appear last if all 18 titles were put in alphabetical order
8. Feature a vehicle that, if it existed today, would be worth \$300 million

There is now only one movie left. That movie is:

- A: **"Bullitt"** (?)

- 16 At this point, you should probably move on to other parts of the museum, as we've pretty much beaten the movie posters to death. So, what brand of motorcycle was favored by the star of the movie from the previous question?



- A: **Steve McQueen owned several of the Indian cycles in the museum**

- 17 And if you keep moving through the museum, you can discover the first name of the animated character that shares his last name with the movie star from the last two questions. What is that first name?

- A: **Lightning (Note: Not actually named after Steve McQueen)** (1)

- 18 If you got the last question right, you are undoubtedly shocked by the answer. And speaking of electricity: Who was president of the United States when inventor Robert Anderson (apparently) developed the first electric automobile?

- A: **The placard by the Ford Focus EV reveals the year to be 1832, which makes the answer Andrew Jackson** (2)

- 19 Continuing with this series of highly charged questions, in 1971 a new musical debuted in Chicago. At that time, the two-word title of both the musical and its main theme included the answer to Question 17. When the play moved to Broadway in 1972, its title was reduced to one word, though the title of the theme stayed the same. What was the name of the musical?

- A: **"Grease," whose theme and original title are "Greased Lightning"** (1)

- 20 Now find the vehicle that would not be in this museum if it was not for the musical from the last question. On the accompanying placard the names of five different people are given. Which of their surnames could be added to this list?

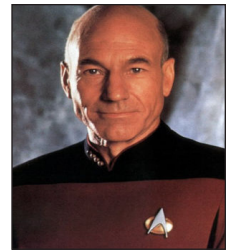
Hammond, Hartman, Clinton, McKean

- A: **Travolta (surnames of people who have played Bill Clinton. Bill appeared as himself in "The Last Party")** (1)

- 21 As noted, the musical from the previous two questions debuted in 1971. One year earlier, a noted musician died of an overdose only four miles away from where you are standing right now. That person, if still alive, would likely be happy to learn that one of the men building Ford roadsters in the 1930s was:

- A: **Bob McGee, who shares his name with the subject of Janis Joplin's most famous song** (1)

- 22 On the other hand, the gentleman pictured to the right would probably not be very pleased to learn that some of the transmissions that were installed in 1930s Fords were built by:



- A: **Borg Warner. Sorry, Locutus.** (1 or 2)

- 23 The 1930s also witnessed the introduction of the first modern computers, which were primarily used by intelligence agencies for codebreaking. If you crank up your own spy skills, and take a step backward, you will eventually discover the name hidden in this sequence of letters:

K B N F T C P O E

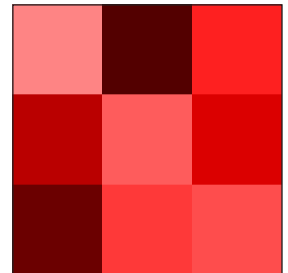
Which vehicle on this floor is associated with that person?

- A: **If you step each letter back one (K back to J, B back to A) it spells out JAMESBOND. So, the 2002 Jaguar XKR.** (1)

- 24 There's also a vehicle associated with this person:



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Which vehicle is it?

- A: **Pho + Red Dust + Hair = Fred Astaire, so the 1927 Rolls Royce Phantom** (5)

- 25 Find the 1953 Ice Cream Delivery Truck. It should help you figure out how to decipher the table below:

2 = Tommy	4 = Duke	20 = Don
32 = Sandy	39 = Roy	53 = Don

Once you have cracked the code, you will likely know that 42 = :

- A: **Jackie (numbers retired by the Dodgers)** (1)

- 26 And finally, what do the five words underlined in red in this section have in common?

- A: **All five are titles of songs by The Beatles**

(variable)

Part III: Find the Alphabet

These letters may be anywhere in the game area; your job is to tell me what word, phrase, or sequence of letters each one came from.
Some of them may be guessable, but be very sure you're guessing correctly...



Part IV: Find the Items

These items may be found anywhere in the game area. Please do not use an answer more than once within this section.

- 1 A vehicle that Mitt Romney might own or drive
 - 2 A vehicle that Barack Obama might own or drive
 - 3 A vehicle made while World War II was underway.
 - 4 A Hot Wheels/die cast car that commemorates a candy
 - 5 The Confederate (battle) flag
 - 6 The Union Jack
 - 7 A vehicle designed by someone who made their name in a non-automotive profession or industry
 - 8 A vehicle named for a mythical or mythological being
 - 9 A vehicle that once belonged to a world leader
 - 10 The name 'Chris' or 'Christopher'
 - 11 The name of a prominent Native American
 - 12 A vehicle constructed in a nation that no longer exists
 - 13 The name of an ocean
 - 14 A vehicle with a coefficient of drag (Cd) less than 0.4
 - 15 A vehicle whose name contains the name of an NBA MVP
 - 16 A vehicle that Napoleon Bonaparte might own or drive
 - 17 A vehicle that Napoleon Dynamite might own or drive
 - 18 An item of clothing associated with a country other than the United States
 - 19 The name of someone who died in a car crash
 - 20 A vehicle that once transported a Grammy winner
 - 21 A word that some people might consider offensive
 - 22 An item of food you shouldn't eat if you're on a diet
 - 23 A vehicle that has a top speed in excess of 175 MPH
 - 24 A vehicle that might appear in a movie or documentary about a crime or about criminals
 - 25 A vehicle that would make an excellent flying car
 - 26 A vehicle where more than one was produced, but there are less than 50 left in the world
- The 1957 Studebaker Lark Wagonaire, because it has a luggage rack on top to which he can tie his dog kennel**
- The 1959 Chevrolet Bel-Air because JFK used one while president, and it was made the same year Barack was born**
- The 1939 Packard**
- Carvel/PayDay Candy Bars (gift shop)**
- On top of the "General Lee" (Hot Wheels gallery)**
- On top of several cars in the Disney/Pixar exhibit**
- The 1955 Ghia was designed by a famous math professor**
- The 1950 Mercury custom**
- The 1971 Maserati (belonged to Spanish King Juan Carlos)**
- A bunch of items in the gift shop are available with the name of your choice**
- Any of the Pontiac vehicles**
- The 1982 Jawa Speedway motorcycle (Czechoslovakia)**
- Atlantic (side of the 1921 White truck)**
- 2006 Bugatti Vagron (0.36)**
- Any of the Nash vehicles. There was also a Jordan motorcycle.**
- Any of the Deussenbergs. Because the salesman would be German, and a Frenchman like Napoleon would undoubtedly surrender quickly**
- The purple car outside the Hot Wheels exhibit, because it's garish like his prom suit**
- Laurel and Hardy are both wearing bowler hats**
- James Dean (Mercury exhibit)**
- Mel Torme's 1937 Jaguar SS-100**
- The 1904 Oriental motorcycle, or the Midget racer**
- French Fries (Johnny Rocket's)**
- 1992 Oldsmobile Aerotech (257 mph top speed)**
- The Batmobile, for obvious reasons**
- The 1981 DeLorean, since I saw one fly in "Back to the Future"**
- The 1930 Nash 482R coupe**

Part V: Lists

These items may be anywhere in the game area. Please do not use an answer more than once within this section.

Find 10 vehicles that have a number printed or engraved on their chassis (excluding license plates; no photos of vehicles or models for this question).

I had originally intended to provide an answer key for this section, like the others, but then decided it was more instructive to just provide a few remarks for each question. For this one, I will note that there are about 20 vehicles that suit the needs of the question, but one definitely has to move beyond race cars where the number is highlighted and has to look for less pronounced numbers. The AAA truck, for example, has the number 1900 on it ("serving America since 1900"), the Packard Super 8 has its model number on it, and so forth.

Find 5 different colors of California license plates and plates from 5 other states (Note: In the 1930s, plates only had abbreviations, like 'AL' or 'ILL').

There are multiple specimens of blue, white, red, yellow, and black California plates scattered around the museum. the other states are harder; I only found five other states represented on the vehicles in the museum, namely Illinois, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Alabama. The Alabama one is particularly hard to find, and requires careful reading of the instructions I wrote above.

If you could not find all five of the states I list above, there were two other ways to finish the list that I could think of. The first would be to go out into the parking lot, which is legal (as noted in the instructions), and would likely have at least a few Arizonas or Nevadas or Washingtons. The other is to go to the gift shop; the car books there are full of examples. In fact, just looking at the covers of the car books gives you Maryland (the Camaro book) and Idaho (the Ford Deuce book).

Find words in 5 different foreign languages (proper names are acceptable) and the names of 5 different restaurants

Several languages are pretty easy to locate, and can be satisfied with basic words from the language's vocabulary. Spanish is easiest (Los Angeles, for example, or Tamale). French isn't far behind (Grand Prix, for example, or Le Mans, or Rochet). Now, I know "Los Angeles" is a proper name, but it's made up of two words that are not. German can be done without resorting to proper nouns if you find the 1946 Kaiser. It's easier to do with the proper names, however, as the word Duesenberg is all over the gallery. For most other languages, it is necessary to resort to proper names. Armenian can be listed with the use of the name Iskenderian (located in the "Speed Shop"), Italian can be done with any of the cars in the Italian gallery.

In terms of restaurants, I noted six. Johnny Rocket's (lobby), Jamm's (first floor exhibit on drive-ins), Bob's Big Boy (first floor exhibit on drag racing), Dog Cafe (Dog Cafe exhibit), The Brown Derby (Dog Cafe exhibit), and Mel's Drive-In ("American Graffiti" poster). There are also some mentioned in the books in the gift shop, and also in the painting in the lobby.

Find 10 different vehicles that named for the company's founder(s) and/or the car's creator (for example, '2006 Toyota Prius' would count if that company had been founded by a man named John Toyota, or a man named Toyota Johnson). Must be 10 different companies/creators.

There were quite a lot of options here; I'd guess this was probably the easiest list to finish. Among them were the vehicles made by Ford, Studebaker, Deussenberg, DeLorean, Willys-Knight, White, Miller, Kurtis, Darrin, Packard, Gurney, Chrysler, and Ferrari

Find vehicles produced during each of these Republican presidencies (no photos of vehicles or models for this question):

Each president was represented by at least two vehicles, except for Theodore Roosevelt and William McKinley. I had to omit one Republican president entirely, William Howard Taft, as I could not find a specimen for his years (1909-1913). The easiest presidency to find, interestingly, was Dwight D. Eisenhower. I suppose this makes sense, given that the 1950s are a beloved era in car production and design.