

Twisted Trivia- Traveling down the Tower!

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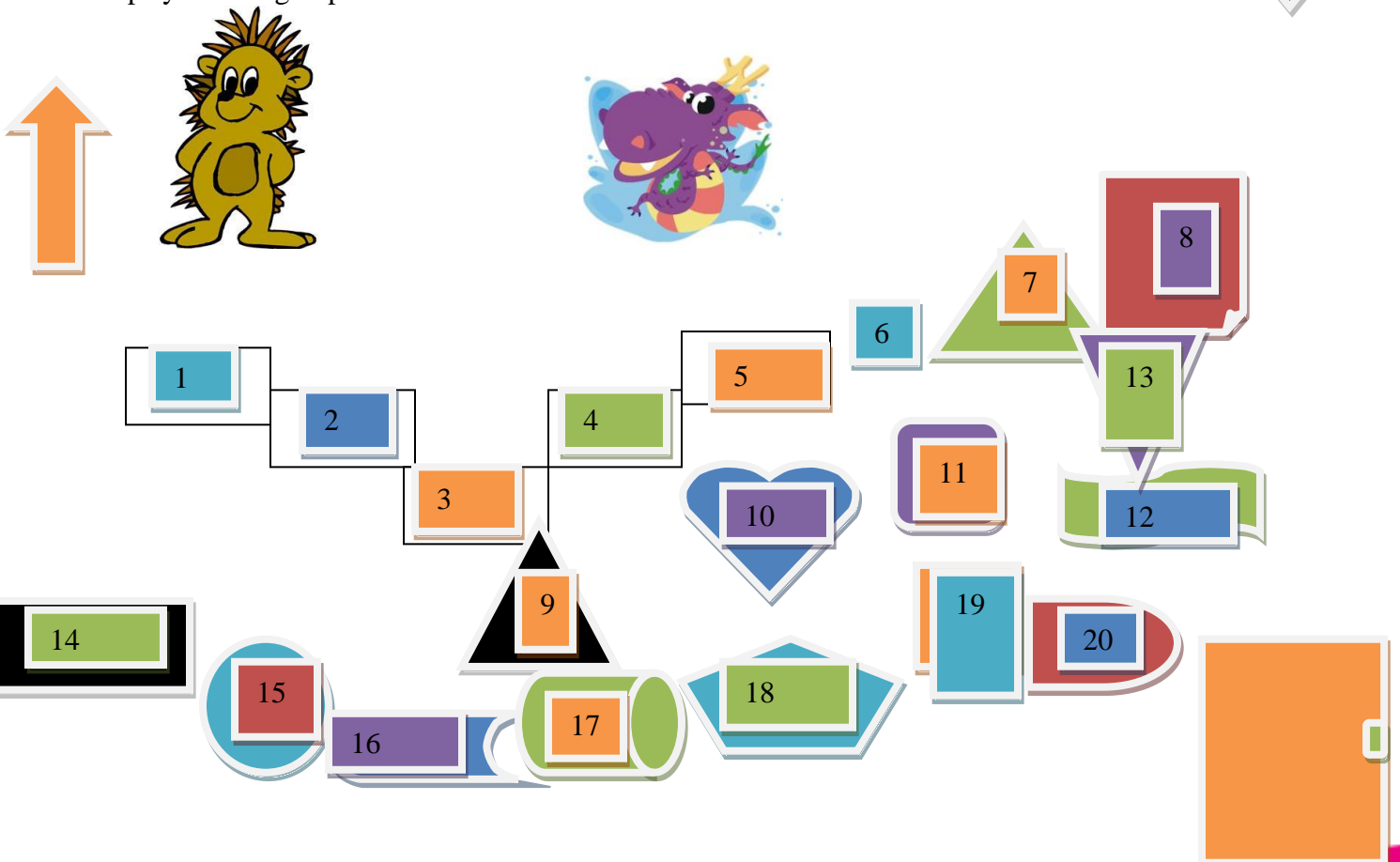
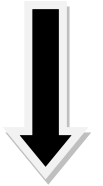
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Traveling Down the Tower



Prince Porcupine and Sally Snappy Dragon are trapped in this tower, located in Paris, France. Name the tower to start on square one. Answer the trivia questions to move the Prince and Sally down to the door so they can escape. A correct answer gives you one move; an incorrect answer keeps you sitting in place for a turn.



First find the correct answer to the question, and then write your own question using the answer in the question with a reference to back it up. (No Wikipedia allowed!)

1. Frogs are amphibians, spending their lives on both land and water. Although many frogs live in marshes they don't drink water, but absorb it through which part of their body?

- a. Around their eyes
- b. Through their skins
- c. Into their noses

2. Despite their sweet name and reputation for fierce fighting, honey badgers can perform which effective defensive action when they are threatened?

- a. Roll up into a ball and play dead
- b. Change color to blend in with their surroundings
- c. Spray stink bombs

3. The Latin word "umbra" means shade, and historians think that the first umbrellas in Eleventh Century China, Egypt, and India were inspired by the canopy of these plants.

- a. trees
- b. lemon grass
- c. ivy

4. Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake entirely within the United States, while Lake Superior touches on Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and which Canadian Province?

- a. Alberta
- b. British Columbia
- c. Ontario

5. Victorian girls pulled the petals off this flower, saying "he loves me, he loves me not." Which flower did they use?

- a. daisies
- b. dandelions
- c. daffodils

6. Oregon Trail travelers in the 1840s and 1850s discovered that huge and heavy Conestoga Wagons were not suitable for traveling West. Which version of the Conestoga Wagon did many of the Oregon Trail emigrants use?

- a. A Kettler Classic Flyer
- b. A Prairie Schooner
- c. A Lumber Wagon

7. Archaeologists believe that Cleopatra and her fellow Egyptians might have slept on pillows made of which material?

- a. Wood
- b. Ivory
- c. Woven Plant Fibers

8. Ts'ai Lun, a Chinese government official and scholar ground up mulberry bark, linen, and hemp, shaped it into a mat and dried it to make.....?

- a. Paper
- b. Papyrus
- c. Willow baskets

9. At the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, Ernest Hamwi had an idea when the ice cream seller next to him ran out of dishes. Ernest gave him something to hold the ice cream and created America's first ice cream cone. What did Ernest give the ice cream seller?

- a. Doughnuts
- b. Waffles
- c. Tacos

10. In May 2002, scientists discovered enough water ice just under the surface of Mars to fill Lake Michigan twice with instruments on which NASA spacecraft?

- a. Mars Pathfinder
- b. 2001 Mars Odyssey
- c. Curiosity

11. The remains of which of which animals was discovered stretched out beside a child at Pompeii?

- a. Crocodiles
- b. Dogs
- c. Cats

12. Nashville citizens William Morrison and John C. Wharton invented which candy, first called "fairy floss", selling it at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair?

- a. Licorice
- b. Cotton Candy
- c. Taffy

13. Opossums are the only marsupials – mammals with pouches – native to the United States and Canada. Which action do baby opossums that are born as tiny as honeybees perform as soon as they are born?

- a. They huddle together to keep warm and dry
- b. They search for something to eat
- c. They immediately crawl into their mother's pouch

14. Inventor Whitcomb L. Judson sold his “side fastener” at the Chicago World’s Fair in 1893, and soon opened a factory to manufacture it. Today his “side fastener” is known by which name?

- a. A zipper
- b. A Snap
- c. A wooden button

15. Ancient Egyptians called which of these animals “miw”, turned them into deities for protecting their grain stores from rats, and embalmed them and placed them in wooden coffins when they died?

- a. Crocodiles
- b. Cats
- c. Snakes

16. The Romans called which fruit with pits “Persian Apples,” because they reached the Middle East along the Silk Road, a 4,000 mile trade route which stretched from East Asia to ancient Persia? The Romans called which pitted fruit “Persian Apples” because they reached the Middle East along the Silk Road, a 4,000 mile trade route which stretched from East Asia to ancient Persia?

- a. Avocados
- b. Plums
- c. Peaches

17. Since about 6,050 B.C., salt has played an important part in daily human lives. The word salary originated from salt as did what dish that began when the early Romans salted their leafy greens and vegetables?

- a. Saltpeter
- b. Salad
- c. Sandwiches

18. The Wisconsin Glacial Episode, ending 12,000 years ago, shaped the Mississippi River, as did the Army Corps of Engineers by building a series of locks and dams. Which other event changed the Mississippi River's course?

- a. The 1812 Earthquake on the New Madrid Fault
- b. Agricultural runoff producing excess nitrogen and phosphorous
- c. Building levees along the river, causing landward erosion

19. Why do Entomologists, insect scientists, say if a mosquito checks out a possible human snack and then flies away it is a male?

- a. Female mosquitoes prefer nectar to blood
- b. Male mosquitoes drink only nectar and other plant juices
- c. Non-sweaty people are the only ones attractive to female mosquitoes

20. In the Thirteenth Century B.C., the Chinese used which marine creatures from the shallow waters of the Pacific and Indian Oceans for money when they traded with Asia, Africa, Oceania and parts of Europe?

- a. Cowrie Shells
- b. Dried Squid
- c. Jellyfish

Answer Key

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. A
6. B
7. C
8. A
9. B
10. B
11. B
12. B
13. C
14. A
15. B
16. C
17. B
18. A
19. B
20. A

