



# *Is This Your Card?*

*Celebrating all things related to Kings, Queens, Jacks, and Aces*

# Kings, Queens, Jacks, and Aces—Altogether!

Collectively, they make a great quartet. Answer some questions about ways in which Kings, Queens, Jacks, and Aces all come together.

## Name the Shakespearean kings, queens, and Jacks!

(Sadly, Shakespeare never wrote about any Aces, at least as far as we know.)

Given the following quotations, please identify the relevant kings, queens, and Jacks and the plays in which they can be found. Please note: royal characters may be current, former, or future kings or queens at the moment of the given excerpt, but any character asked for here is, was, or will be a king, queen, or Jack. When more than one name is possible for a character (e.g. if the Duke of Such-and-Such later becomes King So-and-So), we will accept any valid version of their name.

1. Howl, howl, howl, howl! O, you are men of stones:  
Had I your tongues and eyes, I'd use them so  
That heaven's vault should crack.—She's gone for ever!—  
I know when one is dead and when one lives;  
She's dead as earth.
  - a) Who is speaking?
  - b) Who is the “she” being discussed?
  - c) What play is this from?
  
2. The next thing then she waking looks upon,—  
Be it on lion, bear, or wolf, or bull,  
On meddling monkey, or on busy ape,—  
She shall pursue it with the soul of love.
  - a) Who is speaking?
  - b) Who is the “she” being discussed?
  - c) What play is this from?
  
3. Ungracious boy, henceforth ne'er look on me. Thou art violently carried away from grace. There is a devil haunts thee in the likeness of an old fat man. A tun of man is thy companion. Why dost thou converse with that trunk of humors, that bolting-hutch of beastliness, that swollen parcel of dropsies, that huge bombard of sack, that stuffed cloakbag of guts, that roasted Manningtree ox with the pudding in his belly, that reverend Vice, that gray iniquity, that father ruffian, that vanity in years?
  - a) Who is speaking?

- b) What character are they impersonating?
  - c) What character is being (rather extensively) insulted?
  - d) What play is this from?
4. Full fathom five thy father lies;  
Of his bones are coral made;  
Those are pearls that were his eyes:  
Nothing of him that doth fade,  
But doth suffer a sea-change  
Into something rich and strange.
- a) Who is the “him” being discussed?
  - b) What play is this from?
5. Her chariot is an empty hazel-nut  
Made by the joiner squirrel or old grub,  
Time out o' mind the fairies' coachmakers.  
And in this state she gallops night by night  
Through lovers' brains, and then they dream of love.
- a) Who is the “she” being discussed?
  - b) What play is this from?
6. Alack! I am afraid they have awak'd,  
And 'tis not done:—the attempt, and not the deed,  
Confounds us.—Hark!—I laid their daggers ready;  
He could not miss 'em.—Had he not resembled  
My father as he slept, I had done't.
- a) Who is speaking?
  - b) Who are *both* of the “he”s being discussed? (Two names required.)
  - c) What play is this from?
7. Poor painted queen, vain flourish of my fortune!  
Why strew'st thou sugar on that bottled spider,  
Whose deadly web ensnareth thee about?  
Fool, fool! Thou whett'st a knife to kill thyself.  
The day will come that thou shalt wish for me  
To help thee curse this poisonous bunchback'd toad.
- a) Who is speaking?
  - b) Who is being addressed?
  - c) Who is the “bottled spider” being discussed?
  - d) What play is this from?

8. The rebels are in Southwark; fly my lord!  
\_\_\_\_\_ proclaims himself Lord Mortimer,  
Descended from the Duke of Clarence' house,  
And calls your grace usurper openly,  
And vows to crown himself in Westminster.  
His army is a ragged multitude  
Of hinds and peasants, rude and merciless:  
Sir Humphrey Stafford and his brother's death  
Hath given them heart and courage to proceed:  
All scholars, lawyers, courtiers, gentlemen,  
They call false caterpillars and intend their death.

- a) What name fills in the blank?
- b) Who is being addressed?
- c) What play is this from?

9. \_\_\_\_\_ This jealousy  
Is for a precious creature: as she's rare,  
Must it be great; and, as his person's mighty,  
Must it be violent; and as he does conceive  
He is dishonour'd by a man which ever  
Profess'd to him, why, his revenges must  
In that be made more bitter. Fear o'er shades me:  
Good expedition be my friend, and comfort  
The gracious queen, part of his theme, but nothing  
Of his ill ta'en suspicion!

- a) Who is speaking?
- b) Who is the "she" being discussed?
- c) Who is the "he" being discussed?
- d) What play is this from?

### **Fast Food Showdown**

Tell us when the menu items below are sold at Burger King, Dairy Queen, Jack-in-the-Box, or Wallace (a China-based chain that—fun fact!—has the most locations out of these four).

- 10. The Ultimate Cheeseburger
- 11. The Flamethrower
- 12. Chicken Fries
- 13. Blizzard
- 14. Hotshot Chicken Burger
- 15. Sourdough Grilled Cheese

## The Actual Playing Cards

16. In standard poker, a hand with AKQJ10 of the same suit is known by what two-word term?
17. In casino blackjack, if dealers show an ace after the initial deal, they will sometimes offer players at the table the opportunity to do what prior to offering the first player the chance to hit?
18. In the classic high-card-point system for evaluating a hand in contract bridge (ignoring variants that award points for suit distribution), only the aces, kings, queens, and jacks provide points to the hand. Tell us how many points the hand below is worth.

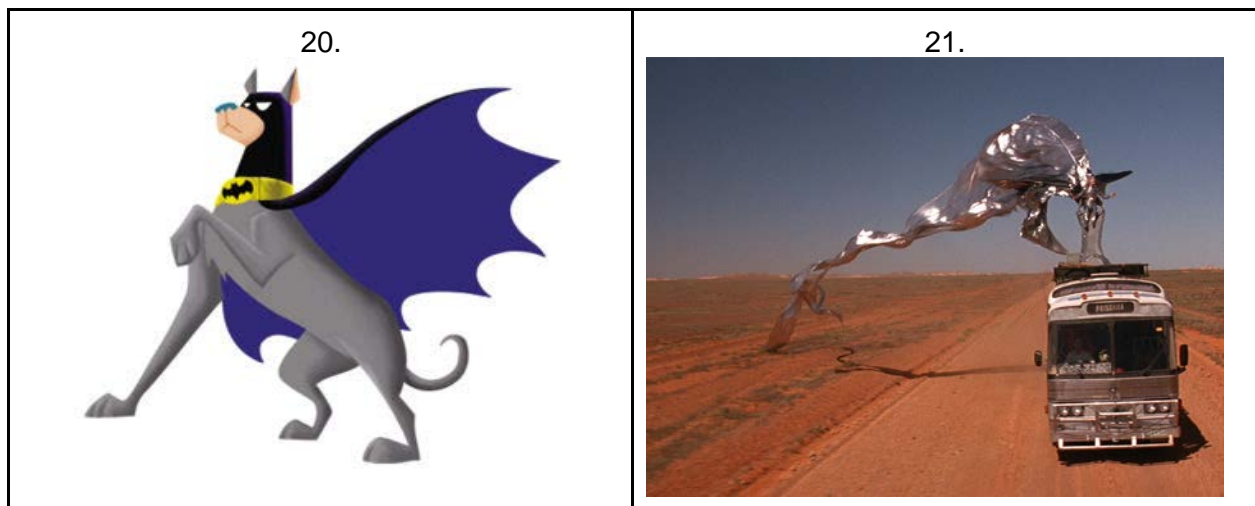
♠ A 6 4   ♥ Q J 2   ♦ 10 9 7 4 3   ♣ K J

19. Imagine that you are playing pinochle, have won the bid with spades as trump, have just completed the passing phase, and hold the cards below. Name any meld you can make with your hand.

♠ A A K Q J   ♥ Q J   ♦ J   ♣ K K Q J

## Ace, King, Queen, or Jack?

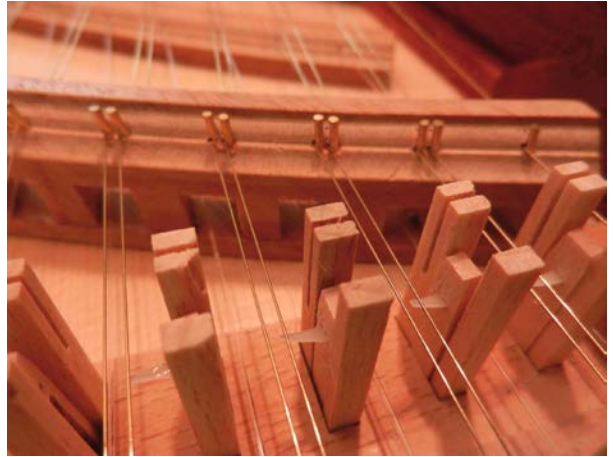
Tell us whether each of the pictures below represents an ace, king, queen, or jack. *You don't need to name the entity itself—just answer ACE, KING, QUEEN, or JACK.*



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## Aces, Kings, Queens, and Jacks—Separately

But Kings, Queens, Jacks and Aces all have their own separate lives, too. Answer some questions about a particular type of

### **Sporting Aces**

*In baseball, a team's "ace" is typically the pitcher who starts on Opening Day.*

28. What baseball ace, in the last of his 14 career Opening Day starts for the same team, pitched a 15-inning shutout against the Philadelphia Athletics?

29. Only two Hall-of-Fame pitching aces made three or fewer Opening Day starts before turning 35, but at least six after turning 35. Name either.

30. Although his only Opening Day start (due to his tragic death in a car crash at age 25) came during the team's World Series-winning season of 2015, what Kansas City Royals pitcher was nonetheless nicknamed "Ace" by fans and sportscasters almost immediately (and for obvious reasons)?

*In golf, a hole-in-one is also called an "ace."*

31. Most aces in golf are shot on par-3 holes and hence are scored as "eagles." Name the birds associated with the rare ace on a par-4 hole and (even rarer) a par-5 hole.

32. In May 1982, a six-year-old golfer hit a hole-in-one on the Heartwell golf course in Long Beach, CA. What was his name?

33. The last three women to hit two aces in a season, as well as the only two to hit three in a season, are from a particular ethnic background—which shouldn't be a surprise, as six of the current top 15 in the LPGA also share that background. Their 21st-century enthusiasm for golf is often attributed to two golfers, one of whom won two majors as a rookie in 1998 and the other of who became the youngest woman to qualify for an LPGA event in 2005. Name the ethnic group.

*In tennis, a service winner is an "ace."*

34. What tennis player has hit the most aces in Grand Slam history? He has more than the two rivals most closely associated with him combined.

35. There are two claimants for the distinction of fastest ace in history, at about 163 mph. The official record holder is from a Challenger tournament in 2012 by an Australian who served as opposition leader in his regional assembly until this past February. The unofficial record holder is an American who won seven straight US Opens in the 1920s. Name either.

36. After a shocking loss at the French Open final in 1989, who not only won that year's Wimbledon and US Open, but closed out each title with an ace?

### Short Kings

Since 2018, the Internet has been celebrating those of us guys who get left-swiped any time we post a full-length portrait. Identify these notable short kings.

37. What poet, estimated by his contemporaries at 4'6", wrote of himself in the "Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot" that "I cough like Horace, and, though lean, am short"? This is presumably in reference to the lifelong complications he suffered from childhood tuberculosis, which stunted his growth.

38. What 4'11" political economist served as Secretary of Labor under Bill Clinton, produced the film *Inequality For All*, has over 1 million followers on YouTube, and sired the CEO of Dropout?

39. At 5'3", what longtime Charlotte Hornets point guard was a full two inches shorter than any other player in NBA history?

40. If we define "short king" as referring to a man more than two inches shorter than the average for his time, who is America's only true short king president?

41. Name the literal short king and tall queen seen here. The king's height is consistently exaggerated in artistic portrayals (note his pedestal and heels in the wax figure below), given that his queen was about five inches taller.



## Drag Queens

Sashay away!

42-45. Below are banks of, respectively, eight drag first names and eight drag last names. There are FOUR pairings in which to match a first name from the left column to a last name from the right column to form the full name of a contestant from *RuPaul's Drag Race*. Name them.

First Name	Last Name
Acacia	Boxx
Alaska	Burner
Laganja	Caliente
Monét	Fierce
Sasha	Forgot
Shuga	Pill
Utica	Thunderfuck
Willow	X Change

Drag queens sometimes get themselves made up in the style of another queen. From the picture below, name both the queen shown and the queen whose style is being imitated.

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### Jack the Ripper

Jack the Ripper brutally murdered a number of women in Whitechapel in the fall of 1888. We'd really rather not dwell on those real-life incidents, so instead we'll ask about the great many works of fiction were subsequently inspired by the Ripper. Of these ...

50. ... which began life as a short story before being adapted into Alfred Hitchcock's best silent feature?
51. ... which became a landmark atonal opera, in which the Ripper makes a sudden appearance at the end to kill the heroine?
52. ... which, although not directly related to the Ripper killings, does feature a General Jack D. Ripper, who cavalierly suggests murdering many millions more people than his namesake did?
53. ... which was a never-completed rock opera by Spinal Tap, which took its name from a postcard sometimes attributed to the Ripper?
54. ... which takes its name from the two-word heading of a letter that the real Ripper (likely) sent to Vigilance Committee leader George Lusk?
55. (Short Essay) You have 100 words to give us your best theory regarding who the Ripper was. Points will be given based on the number of plausible and/or darkly comic references to actual facts about the case, subsequent Ripper media, and/or life in 1888 London.