

GRADE TWO KNOWLEDGE-A-THON

1. Who sewed the first American flag? BETSY ROSS

2. Why are there thirteen stripes on the American flag?
THEY REPRESENT THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL COLONIES

3. When is Abraham Lincoln's birthday? FEBRUARY 12

4. What city is known as the Big Apple? NEW YORK CITY

5. Of what metal is the Statue of Liberty made? COPPER

6. What name is given to the jet plane in which the President of the
United States flies? AIR FORCE ONE

7. In what year did the Pilgrims first come to America? 1620

8. What ingredient makes bread rise? YEAST

9. What is the time before Christmas when you get ready for Jesus to come into your
life? ADVENT

10. What is the only animal with four knees? ELEPHANT

11. If the President of the United States dies, who is the next in line?
to become president? THE VICE PRESIDENT

12. Which friendly Indian taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn and how to trap food? SQUANTO
13. What blind and deaf woman overcame her handicaps to become a leading speaker and citizen? HELEN KELLER
14. Name the seven (7) sacraments. BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, RECONCILIATION, HOLY EUCHARIST, MATRIMONY,
HOLY ORDERS, ANOITING OF THE SICK
15. What is the special cup that holds the Eucharistic wine at mass called? CHALICE
16. Whose picture and home are on the United States nickel?
THOMAS JEFFERSON
17. Which city is considered the Chocolate Capital of the world?
HERSHEY, PA
18. What is the only state named for a President? WASHINGTON
19. Why did the Pilgrims leave England? BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT
ALLOWED TO WORSHIP AS THEY PLEASED
20. What do you call the official who governs a city? MAYOR
21. What is the smallest state in the Unites States? RHODE ISLAND
22. Complete the phrase: "An apple a day. . ." KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY

23. What is the national anthem of the United States? THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER
24. Whose picture is on the one-dollar bill? GEORGE WASHINGTON
25. What is the First Commandment? LOVE GOD MOST OF ALL
26. What is the nickname for the state of Pennsylvania (our state)? THE KEYSTONE STATE
27. What holiday is on March 17? ST. PATRICK DAY
28. What do you call a moving stairway? ESCALATOR
29. How many states are there in the USA? FIFTY (50)
30. What oceans touch the United States? ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC
31. What bird is known as the best mousetrap ever invented? THE OWL
32. What is the world's largest bear? THE KODIAK BEAR
33. Who is Elizabeth Ann Seton? THE FIRST AMERICAN BORN SAINT
34. How many centimeters are in a meter? 100
35. What is the special plate that holds the Eucharistic bread at Mass called? PATEN

36. What sea creature has no legs but crawls along on hundreds of tiny feet? STARFISH
37. What does a geologist study? ROCKS
38. Who is Kateri Tekawitha? A MOHAWK INDIAN WHO IS TRULY AN AMERICAN SAINT
39. What do you call the bread that becomes the Body of Christ at Mass? HOST
40. What are the words of forgiveness that the priest prays over you at the sacrament of Reconciliation called? ABSOLUTION
41. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States
of America and to the Republic for which it stands.
One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all.
42. What is the City of Brotherly Love? PHILADELPHIA
43. What are bifocals? A TYPE OF EYE GLASSES
44. How many wheels are on a unicycle? ONE (1); a bicycle? TWO (2);
a tricycle? THREE (3)
45. How many are in a "baker's dozen." THIRTEEN

46. What kind of orange has the same name as a belly button? NAVEL
47. What are four types of clouds? STRATUS, CIRRUS, CUMULUS,
NIMBUS
48. How many letters are in the English alphabet? 26
49. What do you call the cross between a donkey and a horse? A MULE
50. What is the name of a storm cloud? CUMULUS NIMBUS
51. What are cardinal directions? NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST ON A MAP
52. What is Smokey the Bear's motto? "ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES."
53. What vegetable are pickles made from? CUCUMBERS
54. What is the plaid skirt called that a Scotsman wears? A KILT
55. What is one word to call apples, bananas, oranges, and pears? FRUIT
56. What is one word to call potatoes, carrots, peas, and broccoli?
VEGETABLES
57. What three things do plants need to grow? WATER, SUN, AND SOIL
58. What word means peace, hello, and goodbye? SHALOM

59. Who is the only United States President elected to four terms?

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

60. What is the name of a female fox? VIXEN

61. Memorize "The Swing" by Robert Louis Stevenson

How do you like to go up in a swing,

Up in the air so blue?

Oh I think it is the pleasantest thing

Ever a child can do.

Up in the air and over the wall,

Till I can see so wide,

Rivers and trees and cattle and all

Over the countryside.

Till I look down on the garden green

Down on the roof so brown

Up in the air I go flying again,

Up in the air and down!

62. What is another name for a Swiss house? CHALET

63. Name one bird that cannot fly? OSTRICH, PENGUIN, KIWI

64. Who is the head of the Catholic Church on earth?

POPE BENEDICT XVI

65. What two pro football teams play in Pennsylvania?
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES AND PITTSBURGH STEELERS
66. What do you call a doctor that treats a patient with heart problems?
CARDIOLOGIST
67. Where do you find a Compass Rose? ON A MAP
68. What is the hole in a sewing needle called? THE EYE
69. What is Popeye's favorite food? SPINACH
70. What is a toupee? A MAN'S HAIRPIECE
71. What animal does venison come from? DEER
72. What are baby beavers called? KITTENS
73. What color are rubies? RED
74. What plant does molasses come from? SUGAR CANE
75. What does the Statue of Liberty hold in her right hand?
A TORCH
76. Who, according to tradition, got rid of the snakes in Ireland?

ST. PATRICK

77. How many pounds make a ton? 2000 pounds
78. How many lives is a cat said to have? NINE (9)
79. How long does it take for a chicken egg to hatch? 21 DAYS
80. Who is the Bishop of Harrisburg? BISHOP KEVIN RHODES
81. Is a toad a gardener's friend or enemy? FRIEND (It eats bugs)
82. Which continent has no snakes? ANTARCTICA
83. What continent is the USA a part of? NORTH AMERICA
84. What are huge pieces of floating ice called? ICEBERGS
85. What is the nearest star to the Earth? OUR SUN
86. Which grows faster fingernails or toenails? FINGERNAILS
87. What European country is in the shape of a boot? ITALY
88. What part of the body has a crown, a root, and a neck? A TOOTH
89. Who painted the Sistine Chapel's ceiling? MICHELANGELO

90. What is a necklace of flowers called in Hawaii? A LEI
91. Where on the body is the skin the thinnest? THE EYELID
92. What is the melted rock that flows out of an erupting volcano called? LAVA
93. What animal is known as man's best friend? THE DOG
94. What country has the most people? CHINA
95. Where is your funny bone? IN THE ELBOW
96. What is the largest desert in the world? SAHARA DESERT
97. What four teeth are the last ones to grow into a person's mouth?
THE WISDOM TEETH
98. What Fridays are supposed to be unlucky?
FRIDAYS ON THE THIRTEENTH OF THE MONTH
99. What do turtles, spiders, and chickens have in common?
THEY ALL HATCH FROM EGGS
100. Memorize "The Purple Cow" by Gellet Bruggess.

I never saw a purple cow,

I never hope to see one.

But I can tell you, anyhow,

I'd rather see than be one.