

Hi everyone!

Thanks so much again for participating in the 2015 Global Gossip Game. I checked in with many of you on the day and heard positive reports – hope this was true across the board!

(If you're mainly curious to see how the Secret morphed over time, just flip the page – I always include a page of stats and reflections but the good stuff is never far ☺)

I've now heard back from everyone, so here are our numbers:

We had **1070 players**

playing the game in only **4 languages** (*English, Finnish, Norwegian & Swedish*),

over **30 hours** (plus another 2 days for the)

at **84 libraries** (plus 4 more that tried to join in)

in **11 countries!**

(*Australia, Canada, Finland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Sweden, the UK, and the USA.*)

The Secret started as "**Play is our brain's favourite way of learning**", a slight paraphrase from p. 11 of Diane Ackerman's 2011 book *Deep Play*. The final phrases for this year for each of the branches of the game are below. Because there may have been a break between Mandurah in Western Australia and Poland (see p. 8), and in no small part also because it's so perfectly in theme, I'm including that final phrase.

Mandurah, Western Australia:	Astoria, Oregon, USA:	Sacramento, California, USA	Anchorage, Alaska, USA:	Durham, North Carolina, USA:
<i>191 players</i>	<i>472 players</i>	<i>529 players</i>	<i>546 players</i>	<i>513 players</i>
I like the library because I like to play games	Keep calm and carry on	It's in the jacket	Pon pon	Ears

As always, please give yourselves a round of applause!

This year saw overall growth yet again, despite my time being far more heavily constrained than ever before and despite several glitches on the day. However, because of my lack of time to co-ordinate and support international participation, we have fewer countries, fewer continents, and fewer languages than previous years – which I'm hoping to correct next year, especially if I can develop the tools I have in mind, which will automate most of the time-consuming work that I can no longer do. (This may involve a crowdfunding campaign – please keep an eye out for this!)

And that's another year done! Thank you, and your players, once again. Part of the magic of games is the joy of knowing that you're helping others have fun by having fun yourself; this is especially true of this event, where knowing that so many people in so many other places all around the world is central to the pleasure of the game – so that means around 1000 other people around the planet are also grateful to you and your players for participating.

I'm always delighted to hear more from you about how your game went, so please be in touch if you have any comments, suggestions, or stories from the day.

Meanwhile, all the best from Oz for the end of the Gregorian year – hope to hear from you again in 2016!

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Final log

The final log of phrases and participating libraries is below. Each library's entry includes:

- the number of participants at that library,
- how many people had been in the chain carrying the Secret at the end of that library's session;
- total number of participants.

John F. Kennedy Catholic High School Lancer Library, Burien, WA, USA

17:00 UTC 2015-11-20

(9:00 AM Friday November 20, 2014 Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08])

29 people played in English

Play is our brain's favourite way of learning

(slight paraphrase of p. 11, Diane Ackerman, Deep Play, 2011)

Play is our brain's favorite way of learning

Play is the brain's best way of learning

Play is the brain's best way of learning

The way the brain learns is knowledge

The way the brain learns is knowledge

The power of knowledge is through the brain

The power of knowledge is through the brain

The power of knowledge is in the brain

The power of knowledge is in the brain

The power of knowledge is in your brain

The power of knowledge is in your brain

The power is knowledge

The greatest power is knowledge

The greatest power is your mom

The greatest power is your mom

Your mom is the power

Your mom has the power

My mom has the power

Mom has the power

Mom has the power

Mom always has her way

Mom always has her way

Mom always has her way

Mama always has her way

Mom always gets her way

Mom always gets away

My mom does laundry

My mom does laundry

My mom does laundry

Moree Community Library, Moree, NSW, Australia

23:00 UTC 2015-11-20

(10:00 AM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Eastern Daylight Time [UTC+11])

6 people played in English; 35 in chain; 35 total players

My mum does laundry
My mum does laundry
My mum does laundry
My mum does laundry
My mum does laundry
My mum does laundry

Weipa Hibberd Library, Weipa, QLD, Australia

23:30 UTC 2015-11-20

(9:30 AM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Eastern Standard Time [UTC+10])

17 people played in English; 52 in chain; 52 total players

My mum does laundry
My mum does laundry
My Mum does laundry
My mum does laundry
My mum does laundry
My mum does the laundry
My mum does the laundry
My mum does the laundry
My mum does the laundry
Collette does the washing
Collette does the washing
Collette does the washing
Collette does the washing
Collette does the washing
Collette does the washing
Collette does the washing
Collette does the washing

Yarra Plenty Regional Library - Ivanhoe Branch, Ivanhoe, VIC, Australia

00:00 UTC 2015-11-21

(11:00 AM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Eastern Daylight Time [UTC+11])

11 people played in English; 63 in chain; 63 total players

In a delightful coincidence, it turned out that the contact calling from Weipa Hibberd Library in Queensland was in fact the niece of a member of the Ivanhoe Branch staff! Thanks for sharing that story, folks – it was a nice additional moment for the day ☺

Collette does the washing
Collette does the washing
Collette does the washing
Collect the dusty
Collect the dusty

Collect the dusty
Collect the dusty
Collecting for dusty
Collecting for dusty
Collecting for dusty
Collecting for dusty

Eastern Regional Libraries, Scoresby, Victoria, Australia

00:30 UTC 2015-11-21

(11:30 AM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Eastern Daylight Time [UTC+11])

14 people played in English; 77 in chain; 77 total players

Collecting for Dusty
Collecting for Dusty
Collecting for Dusty
Collecting for Dusty
Collecting for Dusty
Correcting for Dusty
Correcting for Dusty
Correcting for Dusty
Correcting for Darcy
Correcting for Darcy
Correcting for Darcy
Connection for Darcy
Connection for Darcy
Collection for Darcy

Logan Central Library, Logan Central, QLD, Australia

01:00 UTC 2015-11-21

(11:00 AM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Eastern Standard Time [UTC+10])

8 people played in English; 85 in chain; 85 total players

Collection for Darcy
Collection for Darcy
Collection for Darcy
Collection for Darcy
Collection for Darcy
Package for Darcy
Package for darsky
Package for fordarsky

Bayside Library Service, Brighton, Victoria, Australia

01:30 UTC 2015-11-21

(12:30 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Eastern Daylight Time [UTC+11])

10 people played in English; 95 in chain; 95 total players

Package for fordarksky
Package for fordarksky

Package for fordarksky
I don't know who fodoski is
I don't know who fodoski is
I don't know what the secret is
I don't know what for the secret is
I don't know what the secret is
I don't know what the secret is
I don't know the meerkat

Salisbury Library, Salisbury, SA, Australia

02:30 UTC 2015-11-21

(1:00 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Central Daylight Time [UTC+10:30])

7 people played in English; 102 in chain; 102 total players

There's the meerkat
I don't know what is in the cupboard
I do not know where the milk carton is
Don't know where the milk is
Where's the milk
Where's the milk
Where's the milk

Springvale Library, Springvale, Victoria, Australia

03:00 UTC 2015-11-21

(2:00 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Eastern Daylight Time [UTC+11])

19 people played in English; 121 in chain; 121 total players

Where is the milk?
Where is the silk?
Where is the silk?
Where is the silk?
I really like silk
I really like silk
I really like silk
I really like silk
I really like silk
I really like silky
I really like silky
I really like Windex
I really like Windex
I really like Windex
I really like Windex
What's your name
What's your name
What's your name
What's your name

Dandenong Library, Dandenong, Victoria, Australia

03:00 UTC 2015-11-21

(2:00 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Eastern Daylight Time [UTC+11])

41 people played in English; 143 in chain; 143 total players

What's your name
What's your name
What's your name
What's your name
What's your name
What's your name
What's is name
What's is name
What's is name
What's your game
What's your game
What's your game
What's your game
What's your game
What is the air
What is the air
What is the hair
Where is the hair
Where is the hair
Where is the hair
Where is the hair
What is the here

Logan West Library, Browns Plains, QLD, Australia

03:30 UTC 2015-11-21

(1:30 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Eastern Standard Time [UTC+10])

8 people played in English; 151 in chain; 151 total players

What is the year?
What is the year?
What year is it?
What year is it?
What ear is it?
What year is it?
What year is it?
What year is it?

Logan Libraries, Marsden Library, Marsden, QLD, Australia

04:00 UTC 2015-11-21

(2:00 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Eastern Standard Time [UTC+10])

5 people played in English; 156 in chain; 156 total players

What year is it?
This year is 2015

This year the year is 2015
This year is 2015
This year used to be 2015

Mandurah Libraries, Mandurah, WA, Australia

05:00 UTC 2015-11-21

(1:00 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Western Standard Time [UTC+08])

19 people played in English; 175 in chain; 175 total players

This year used to be 2015
This year used to be 2015
The year of 2015
The year 2015
The year 2015
The year 2015
The year 2015
The year 2015
The year 2015
The year 2015
The year 2015
The year 2015
I like Lego
He likes Lego
He likes Lego
He likes Lego
He likes Lego
He likes Lego
He likes Lego
He likes Lego
He likes Lego

Harbor Library, Building PL 7430/4700, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia

06:00 UTC 2015-11-21

(9:00 AM Saturday November 21, 2015 Saudi Arabia Time Zone [UTC+03])

1 people played in English; 176 in chain; 176 total players

He likes Lego

Mandurah Libraries, Mandurah, WA, Australia

06:30 UTC 2015-11-21

(2:30 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Australian Western Standard Time [UTC+08])

15 people played in English; 191 in chain; 191 total players

He likes Lego
He likes Lego
He likes Lego
He likes Lego
I like Lego
I like Lego
I like Lego

Eyelid Ogre
 I like ogres
 I like ogres
 I like ogres
 I like Lego
 I like Lego
 I go to the library because it's fun
I like the library because I like to play games

Miejska Biblioteka Publiczna w Gliwicach (Municipal Public Library in Gliwice), Gliwice, Poland

07:30 UTC 2015-11-21

(8:30 AM Saturday November 21, 2015 Central European Time [UTC+01])

0 people played in English; 191 in chain; 191 total players

Some sort of technical error stopped the phone call getting through somehow... but Musei still got a different version of the Secret! My best guess (which may be wishful thinking) is that Gliwice explained that they had had problems with the library "which was before us" and the combination of a low-quality international line, English being both libraries' non-primary language, and the low-level jinxes that have been a minor theme of this year's game conspired to produce a real-world Gossip Slip to "whispers in the forest"! (It would certainly be cool if this were true, anyway 😊)

Biblioteca Multimediale "Villa Asquer" Musei, Musei, Sardinia, Italy

08:00 UTC 2015-11-21

(9:00 AM Saturday November 21, 2015 Central European Time [UTC+01])

14 people played in English; 205 in chain; 205 total players

Whispers in the forest
 Whispers in the forest
 Whispers in the forest
 Whispers in the forest
 Whispers in the forest
 There are witches in the forest
 There are witches in the forest
 There are witches in the forest
 There are witches in the forest
 Witches play in the forest
 Witches play in the forest
 Witches play in the forest
 Witches play in the forest
 Witches will hunt you in the forest

Keravan kaupunginkirjasto, Kerava, Finland

10:30 UTC 2015-11-21

(12:30 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Eastern Europe Standard Time)

14 people played in Finnish; 219 in chain; 219 total players

Noidat jahtaavat sinua metsään (*The witches will hunt you in the forest*)
 Noidat jahtaavat sinua metsään (*The witches will hunt you in the forest*)

Pedot jahtaavat sinua metsään (*The beasts will hunt you in the forest*)
 Pedot jahtaavat sua metsään (*The beasts will hunt you in the forest*)
 Perhot jahtaa sua metsään (*Flies will hunt you in the forest*)
 Perhot tieto tuo metsään (*Flies knowledge bring to forest*)
 Perhotie vie metsään (*Flyroad goes to forest*)
 Tie vie metsään (*Road goes to forest*)
 Tie vie metsään (*Road goes to forest*)
 Tie vie metsään (*Road goes to forest*)
 Tie vie metsään (*Road goes to forest*)
 Tie vetsään (*Road to vorest*)
 Sipimetsään (*To sipiforest [gibberish]*)
 Siipimetsään (*To wingforest*)

The University Library “Svetozar Markovic”, Belgrade, Serbia, Serbia

11:00 UTC 2015-11-21

(12:00 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Central European Time [UTC+01])

14 people played in English; 233 in chain; 233 total players

Wing forest
 Ming forest
 Ming forest
 Ming forest
 Ming forest
 Mink forest
 Ming force
 Minked force
 Minked force
 Minked force
 Minked force
 Minked force
 Minked force
 Minked force

Levanger bibliotek, Levanger, Nord-Trøndelag, Norway

11:30 UTC 2015-11-21

(12:30 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Central European Time [UTC+01])

11 people played in Norwegian; 244 in chain; 244 total players

Minked kraft (*Minked force*)
 Minsket kraft (*Reduced force*)
 Minsket kraft (*Reduced force*)
 Minskt kraft (*Minskt force*)
 Mikseskraft (*Mikseskraft*)
 Miksesaft (*Miksesaft*)
 Heksekost (*Witch broom*)
 Heksekost (*Witch broom*)
 Heksekost (*Witch broom*)
 Kostan (*Kostan*)

Kosta (*Costa*)

Bournemouth Library, Bournemouth, Dorset, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

12:00 UTC 2015-11-21

(12:00 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Greenwich Mean Time [UTC+0])

12 people played in English; 256 in chain; 256 total players

Cospo

Cospo

Cospo

Cospo

Cospo

Hospo

Crossbow

Crossbow

Crossbow

Crossbow

Crossbow

Crossbow

Ekerö Bibliotek, Ekerö, Stockholm, Sweden

13:00 UTC 2015-11-21

(2:00 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Central European Time [UTC+01])

14 people played in Swedish; 270 in chain; 270 total players

Armborst (*Crossbow*)

Armborste (*Arm brush*)

Harmborste (*Indignation brush*)

Armborste (*Arm brush*)

Armborste (*Arm brush*)

Armborste (*Arm brush*)

Armborste (*Arm brush*)

Armborste (*Arm brush*)

Armborste (*Arm brush*)

Armborste (*Arm brush*)

Tandborste (*Toothbrush*)

Armborste (*Arm brush*)

Tandborste (*Toothbrush*)

Tandborste (*Toothbrush*)

Baltimore County Public Library, Parkville-Carney Branch, Parkville, MD, USA

14:00 UTC 2015-11-21

(9:00 AM Saturday November 21, 2015 Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05])

8 people played in English; 278 in chain; 278 total players

Toothbrush

Do the brushing

Do the brushing

Do the brushing
Do the brushing
Do the brushing
Do the brushing
Do the brushing

Secrets have a way of spreading!

As happened last year, so many libraries wanted to play that the Gossip Game had to split into two parallel chains!

14:30 UTC 2015-11-21 – 318 total participants

Decatur Library,
Decatur, Georgia, USA
9:30 AM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]
22 people played in English; 300 in chain

Iredell County Public Library
Statesville, North Carolina, USA
9:30 AM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]
18 people played in English; 296 in chain

Do the brushing
Do the brushing
Do the brushing
Deal the brushing
Deal with the brushing
Deal with the brushing
Do you want the brushing
Do you want the brushing
Do you want the bridesgroom
Do you want the bridesgroom
Do you want the bridesgroom
Do you want the bridesgroom
Do you want the bridesgroom
Do you want a prize at school
Do you want a prize at school
Do you want a prize at school
Do you want a prize at school
Do you want a prize at school
Do you want a prize at school
Do you want a prize at school
Do you want a prize at school
Do you want a prize at school

Do the brushing
Do the brushing
Do the Brushy
Tea san pressing
This is frizzy
This is freaky
This is creaky
This is greeky
This is green
This is green
This is green
This is green
Big green books
Big green books
Big green books
Big green books
Big green books
Big green books

Triple Split!

With this many people wanting to share in the Secret, the plan was that it would split again... but something went wrong, and instead an entirely new Secret was started – see below.

16:00 UTC 2015-11-21 – 394 total participants

Eloy Santa Cruz Librry

Eloy, Arizona, USA

9:00 AM Mountain Standard Time (North America) [UTC-07]

14 people played in English; 322 in chain

Do you want a prize at your school
 Do you want a prize at your school
 Do you want to win a prize for your school
 Do you want to win a prize for your school
 Do you want to win a prize for your school
 Do you want to win a prize for your school
 Do you want the prize to your school
 Do you want to know the prize of your school
 Do you want to know the secret of the school
 Do you want to know the secret of the school
 Do you want to know the secret of the school
 Do you want to know the secret of the school
 You want to know the secret of the school
 You want to know the secret of the school

Stair District Library,

Morenci, MI, USA

11:00 AM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]

26 people played in English; 32 in chain

Those librarians in North Carolina just don't know how to keep a secret.
 Those librarians in North Carolina don't know how to keep a secret.
 Those librarians in Russia don't know how to keep a secret.
 Those librarians in Russia don't know how to keep a secret.
 Those librarians in Russia don't know how to keep a secret.
 Those librarians in Russia don't know how to keep a secret.
 Those librarians in Russia don't know how to keep a secret.
 Those librarians in Russia don't know how to keep a secret.
 Those librarians in Russia don't know how to keep a secret.
 There's that library don't know how to keep a secret.
 There's that library don't want to keep a secret.
 There's that library don't want to keep it a secret.
 There's a library and I don't want to keep it a secret.
 There's a library and I don't want to keep it a secret.
 This is a library and I want to keep it a secret.
 This is a library and I want to keep it a secret.
 This is a library and I want to keep it that way.
 This is a library and I want to keep it that way.
 This is a library and this is how I want to keep it.
 I'm glad that this is a library and I want to keep it.
 I really like this library and I really want to keep it.
 She really loves the library and she really wants to keep it.
 She really likes the library and she really wants to keep it.
 She really likes the library and she really wants to keep it.
 She really loves the library and she really wants to keep it.
 She really wants the library and she wants to keep it.

Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library,

Harrisville, RI, USA

11:00 AM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]

2 people played in English; 318 in chain

I was in the library by the books
 I was standing in the library looking at the books

16:30 UTC 2015-11-21 – 416 total participants

Lawrence Public Library

Lawrence, Kansas, USA

10:30 AM Central Standard Time (North America) [UTC-06]

11 people played in English; 333 in chain

You want to know the secret of the school
 You want to know the secret of the school
 You want to know the secret of the school
 You want to know the secret of the school
 You want to know the secret of the school
 I want to know the secret of the school
 I need to know the information about the school
 I need to know the information about your school
 Tell me the information about your school
 Tell me information about your school
 Tell me information about my school

Middletown Branch Library,

Middletown, MD, USA

11:30 AM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]

4 people played in English; 36 in chain

She really wants the library and she wants to keep it.
 I really like the library and I want to keep it.
 Really like their library and want to keep it.
 They really like their library and they want to keep it.

C. Burr Artz Public Library,

Frederick, MD, USA

11:30 AM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]

7 people played in English; 325 in chain

I was sitting the library reading a book
 I was sitting the library reading a book
 I was sitting the library reading a book
 I was sitting the library reading a book
 I was sitting the library reading a book
 I was sitting the library reading a book
 I was sitting the library reading a book

17:00 UTC 2015-11-21 – 452 total participants

Aldrich Public Library

Barre, VT, USA

12:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]

8 people played in English; 341 in chain

Tell me information about my school
 Tell me about school
 It's something about school
 It's something about school
 It's about school
 It's about school
 It's about school
 It's about school

AESEC Library,

Bronx, New York, USA

12:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]

23 people played in English; 59 in chain

They really like their library and they want to keep it.
 She really likes the librarian and she wants to keep it.
 She really likes the librarian and she wants to keep it.
 She really likes the librarian and she wants to keep it.
 She really likes the librarian and she wants to keep it.
 She really likes the librarian and she wants to keep it.
 She really likes the librarian and she wants to keep it.
 She really likes the librarian and she wants to keep it.
 She really likes the librarian and she wants to keep it.
 She really likes the librarian and she wants to keep it.
 She really likes the librarian and she wants to keep it.

Sanger Public Library,

Sanger, TX, USA

11:00 AM Central Standard Time (North America) [UTC-06]

5 people played in English; 330 in chain

I was sitting in the library reading a book
 I was sitting in the library reading a book
 I was sitting in the library reading a book
 Who's in the library reading a book
 Who's in the library reading a book

She really likes the librarian and wants to keep it.
 She really likes the librarian and wants to kiss her.
 She really likes something and wants to kiss her.
 She really likes something and wants to kiss her.
 She really likes something and wants to kiss her.
 She really likes something and wants to kiss her.
 She really likes something and wants to kiss her.
 You're gonna like something and then you're
 gonna kiss something.
 If you don't like something you're gonna kiss
 something.
 If you don't like something you're gonna kiss it.
 If you don't like something you're gonna kiss it.
 My little cousin
 My little cousin
 My little cousin

17:30 UTC 2015-11-21 – 502 total participants

Artesia Public Library
 Artesia, NM, USA

10:30 AM Mountain Standard Time (North America) [UTC-07]
 15 people played in English; 356 in chain

Corinth Free Library,
 Corinth, NY, USA

12:30 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]
 11 people played in English; 70 in chain

Cottonwood Public Library,
 Cottonwood, AZ, USA

10:30 AM Mountain Standard Time (North America) [UTC-07]
 24 people played in English; 354 in chain

It's about school
 It's about school
 It's about school
 It's about a phone
 It's about a phone
 It's about a phone
 It's about a phone
 It's about a phone
 It's about vogue
 It's about vogue

If you don't like something, you're going to kill it
 I have heard that if you don't like something, you're
 going to kill it
 If you don't like something, you can kick it
 What hath God wrought
 What hath God wrought
 What hath gone wrong?
 What have gone wrong?
 What hath gone wrong?
 Bad gone wrong
 Bad done wrong

Who is in the library reading the book?
 We gotta go to the library
 I'm a little boy
 I'm an old woman
 I'm a witch
 I'm a witch
 I'm a witch
 I'm a chicken
 Savanah likes chicken
 Purple chickens
 Turkey chickens

It's about food
Defile food
Do you file foods
Do you file foods

Bad gone wrong

I love cake
I used to be a tomboy
I used to play *Pokémon* when I was little
I used to play *Pokémon*
I used to play video games 24/7
I used to be addicted to *Minecraft*
When I was young, I was obsessed with fairies and go to the woods and build them houses
I want to get a strawberry, banana, peanut butter milkshake
I want to get a strawberry banana milkshake
I went to get a strawberry banana milkshake
I went to get a strawberry banana milkshake
I would like to get a strawberry milkshake
I want a strawberry milkshake

18:00 UTC 2015-11-21 – 528 total participants

Palm Harbor Library
Palm Harbor, FL, USA

1:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]
10 people played in English; 366 in chain

Greene County Library, a unit of Uncle Remus Regional Library System,
Greensboro, Georgia, USA

1:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]
7 people played in English; 77 in chain

McPherson Public Library,
McPherson, KS, USA

12:00 PM Central Standard Time (North America) [UTC-06]
9 people played in English; 363 in chain

Do you file foods?
Do you file foods?
Do you follow foods?
Do I follow foods?
Do you follow foods?
Do you follow foods?
Do you eat food?
Do you eat food?
Do you eat food?
Do you eat food?

Bad gone long
Bad gone long
Bag gone long
I am 9 years old
I am 9 years old
I forgot the Secret
It is IGD welcome

I want a strawberry milkshake
I want a strawberry milkshake
I want a strawberry milkshake
I want a strawberry milkshake
I want a bike
He wants a bike
My shoes are pretty
I think she said my shoes are pretty
I think that boy likes my hat

18:30 UTC 2015-11-21 – 546 total participants

Fairlee Public Library

Fairlee, VT, USA

1:30 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]

11 people played in English; 377 in chain

Michigan City Public Library,

Michigan City, IN, USA

12:30 PM Central Standard Time (North America) [UTC-06]

5 people played in English; 82 in chain

Mundy Branch Library,

Syracuse, NY, USA

1:30 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]

2 people played in English; 365 in chain

Do you eat food?
 Do you eat food?
 Do you eat food?
 Do you eat food?
 Do you eat food?
 I like food
 I like food
 I like food
 I love food
 I love the mood
 I love the mood

Welcome to International Games Day 2015
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 Welcome to International Games Day 2015

I think that boy likes your hat
 Someone likes your hair

19:00 UTC 2015-11-21 – 600 total participants

Burnham Memorial Library

Colchester, VT, USA

2:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]

19 people played in English; 396 in chain

Corrine Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library,

Port St. Joe, Florida, USA

2:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]

5 people played in English; 87 in chain

Bellevue Public Library,

Bellevue, Nebraska, USA

1:00 PM Central Standard Time (North America) [UTC-06]

30 people played in English; 395 in chain

I love the mood
 I love the mood
 I love the moon
 I love the moon
 I love the moon
 I love the moon
 I love the moon
 I love the moon

Welcome to International Games Day 2016
 Welcome to International Games Day 2016
 Welcome to some kind of games
 Welcome to some kind of game – I don't know
 what else
 Welcome to some kind of game – I don't know
 what else she said

Someone likes my hair
 Someone likes my hair
 Someone likes my hair
 Someone likes my hair
 Someone likes my hair
 Someone likes my hair
 Someone licked my hair
 Someone licked my hair

I love the moon
 I love the moon
 I left the moon
 I'm going to the moon
 I'm going to the moon
 I'm going to the moon
 I'm going to the moon
 I'm going to the moon
 I'm going to the men
 I'm going to the men
 I'm going to the men

Burnham's favourite transfer of the day went from a 2-year-old boy to his elderly grandpa wearing a hearing aid!

Someone licked her hair
 Someone likes her hair
 Someone likes her hair
 Someone licked her hair
 Someone licked your hair
 Someone licked her hair
 They like her hair
 The library likes her hair
 The library likes her hair
 The library staff is very helpful
 The library staff is very helpful
 The library staff are helpful
 The library staff are helpful
 The library staff are helpful
 Our staff are helpful
 Our status is helpful
 My status is helpful
 My status is helpful
 My status is helpful
 My status is helpful
 His status is hopeful
 His stamp is hopeful

19:30 UTC 2015-11-21 – 641 total participants

Elkridge Branch of the Howard County Library System
 Elkridge, Maryland, USA
 2:30 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]
 7 people played in English; 403 in chain

SRC @ The Prairie School,
 Racine, WI, USA
 1:30 PM Central Standard Time (North America) [UTC-06]
 13 people played in English; 100 in chain

The Mary and Jeff Bell Library,
 Corpus Christi, Texas, USA
 1:30 PM Central Standard Time (North America) [UTC-06]
 21 people played in English; 416 in chain

Talk to the men
 I go to Dalia's
 I got a free DS

Welcome to some kind of game; I don't know what else she said
 Welcome to some kind of game; I don't know what else she said

His stamp is hopeful
 His stamp is helpful
 His stamp is cool
 His stand is cool

He’s got a free DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS

Welcome to the game. I don’t know what she said
Welcome to the game. I don’t know what she said
Welcome to the game. I don’t know what she said
Welcome to the game. I don’t know what she said
Welcome to the game. I don’t know how to play
I’m playing a game. I don’t really know what it is
I’m playing a game. I don’t really know what it is
I’m playing a game. I don’t really know what it is
I have a secret and I don’t know what to say to you
I have a secret but I don’t know what it is
I have a secret but I don’t know what it is

His stand is cool
His stand is cool
His stand is cool
Miss Dandy is cool
Miss Dandy is cool
Miss Standy is cool
Miss Dandy is cool
Miss Dandy is cool
Miss Dandy is cool
Miss Dandy is cool
Miss Dandy is best
Miss Deanna is the best
Miss Deander is the best
SDN is the best
SDN is the best
SD is the best
SD is the best
Best D is the best

20:00 UTC 2015-11-21 – 680 total participants

Rum River Branch Anoka county library
Blaine, MN, USA
2:00 PM Central Standard Time (North America) [UTC-06]
23 people played in English; 426 in chain

West End Branch, Richmond Public Library,
Richmond, Virginia, USA
3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]
8 people played in English; 108 in chain

Petoskey District Library,
Petoskey, MI, USA
3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]
8 people played in English; 424 in chain

I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS

I have a secret but I don't know what it is.
I have a secret but I don't know what it is.
I have a secret but I don't know what it is.
I have a secret but I don't know what it is.
I have a secret but I don't know what it is.
I have a secret and I don't know what it is.
I have a secret and I don't know what it is.
I have a secret and I don't know what it is.

Bestie is the best
Bestie is the best
Bestie is the best
Bessie is the best
Bessie is the best
Messy is the best
Messy is the best
Messy is the best

I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS

20:30 UTC 2015-11-21 – 716 total participants

Albany County Public Library
Laramie, Wyoming, USA

1:30 PM Mountain Standard Time (North America) [UTC-07]
8 people played in English; 434 in chain

Poinciana Library,
Poinciana, FL, USA

3:30 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]
8 people played in English; 116 in chain

St. Albert Public Library,
St. Albert, AB, Canada

1:30 PM Mountain Standard Time (North America) [UTC-07]
20 people played in English; 444 in chain

I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3D ass
I have a 3DS
I have a 3D ass
I have a 3DS
I have 3 ears
I have 3 ears

I have a secret and I don't know what it is
I have a secret, but I don't know what it is
I have a secret, but I don't know what it is
Kangaroos
Where's the roof
Where is the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof

Messy is the best
Messy is the best
Messy is the best
Messy is the best
Messy is the best
Icy is the best
Icy is the best
I see is the best
I see who's best
I see who's best
I see who's best
I see who's best

I see your vest
I see your vest
I see your vest
I see your vest
I just lust
I just last
I just last
I just laughed

21:00 UTC 2015-11-21 – 779 total participants

Woodland Public Library
Woodland, CA, USA

1:00 PM *Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08]*
22 people played in English; 456 in chain

Desmond-Fish Library,
Garison, New York, USA

4:00 PM *Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]*
30 people played in English; 146 in chain

St. Albert Public Library,
Rantoul, IL, USA

3:00 PM *Central Standard Time (North America) [UTC-06]*
11 people played in English; 455 in chain

I have three ears
I have three ears
I have three ears
I have three ears
I have three ears
I have three years
I have three years
I have three years
Ninety years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen yields
Nineteen months

Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof

I just had to laugh
I just had to laugh
I just started to laugh
I just started to laugh
She just started laughing
Just start laughing
Just start laughing
Just start laughing
Just start laughing
Just start laughing
Just start laughing

Ninety smiles
Ninety smiles
Ninety smiles
Ninety smiles

Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof
Raise the roof

21:30 UTC 2015-11-21 – 799 total participants

Mukilteo Library
Mukilteo, WA, USA

1:30 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08]
5 people played in English; 461 in chain

Dayton Metro Library West Carrollton Branch,
West Carrollton, Ohio, USA

4:30 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]
14 people played in English; 160 in chain

Durham School of the Arts Library Media Center,
Durham, NC, USA

4:30 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC-05]
1 people played in English; 456 in chain

90 smiles
90 smiles
90 smiles
90 smiles
90 smiles

Raise the roof!
Raise the roof!
Raise the roof!
Raise the roof!
Raise the roof!
Do you want to hear a secret? Raise the roof!
Do you want to know a secret? Raise the roof!
Raise the roof!
Raise the roof!
Race the roof!
Race the proof!
Erase the proof!
Erase the proof!
Erase the proof!

Just start laughing

(Durham had to postpone their participation on the day, making this a very short link.

However they created their own branch at local schools over the Monday and Tuesday afterwards – see the Durham Appendix on p. 28!)

22:30 UTC 2015-11-21 – 888 total participants

Rawlings Library
Pueblo, CO, USA

3:30 PM Mountain Standard Time (North America) [UTC-07]
14 people played in English; 494 in chain

Placer County Library, Auburn,
Auburn, CA, USA

2:30 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08]
31 people played in English; 200 in chain

Astoria Public Library,
Astoria, OR, USA

2:30 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08]
7 people played in English; 472 in chain

Down, down, a spray
Down, down, a spray
Down, down, a spray
Adele, Adele, spray
A down, a down, a spray
A down, a down, a spray
A down, a down, a spree
Down and down a spree
The stream or something
The stream or something
Gentleman Jacque
Gentleman jackin'
Gentleman jackin'
Gentleman jacket

Erase proof
Gary poof
Cup
A cup
A cup
Pucup
Buckeye
Buckeye
Buckeye
Pock eye
Pock eye
Pockle eye
Pockabye
Bock pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie

Just start laughing
Just keep laughing
Just keep laughing
Jump keep landing
Keep calm and carry on
Keep calm and carry on
Keep calm and carry on

Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie

One branch down.

And the last two .

23:00 UTC 2015-11-21 – 901 total participants

Stevenson Ranch Library- County of Los Angeles Public Library,
Stevenson Ranch, CA, USA
3:00 PM *Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08]*
6 people played in English; 207 in chain

North Bend Public Library
North Bend, Oregon, USA
3:00 PM *Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08]*
7 people played in English; 207 in chain

Gentleman jacket
Gentleman jacket
Journal man jacket
Journal man jacket
Turtle has a jacket
Turtle has a jacket

Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pumpkin pie
Pinecone

23:30 UTC 2015-11-21 – 914 total participants

Mark Twain Neighborhood Library, James E Brooks Library, Central Washington University
Long Beach, CA, USA Ellensburg, WA, USA

3:30 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08]
12 people played in English; 208 in chain

3:30 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08]
1 people played in English; 208 in chain

Turtle has a jacket
Turtle has a jacket
Turtle has a jacket
Turtle has a jacket
Turtle has a jacket
Turtle has a jacket
Turtle has a jacket
Dirty man has no jacket
The dirty man gets no jacket
The dirty man gets no jacket
The dirty man gets no jacket
The dirty man gets no jacket

Pinecone

Network issues diverted staff resources from International Games Day and the Global Gossip Game, and the folks at James E. Brooks were only able to pass on the Secret to the next library, not actually play. Better luck next time!

00:00 UTC 2015-11-22 – 926 total participants

Taft Branch Library,
Taft, CA, USA

Lake Stevens Library
Lake Stevens, WA, USA

4:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08]
4 people played in English; 216 in chain

4:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08]
8 people played in English; 216 in chain

The dirty man gets no jacket
The dirty man gets no jacket
The dirty man gets no jacket
The dirty man gets no jacket

Pinecone
Pinecone
Pinecone
Pinecone
Ping is gone
Ping pong
Ping pong
Ping pong

00:30 UTC 2015-11-22 – 951 total participants

Sacramento Public Library - Valley Hi North Laguna branch,
Sacramento, CA, USA
4:30 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08]
13 people played in English; 228 in chain

Sherwood Public Library
Sherwood, Oregon, USA
4:30 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08]
12 people played in English; 228 in chain

The dirty man gets no jacket	Pingpong
The dirty man gets no jacket	Pingpong
The dirty man doesn't get a jacket	Pingpong
The dirty man wears the jacket	Pingpong
The dirty man has no jacket	Pingpong
The dirty man wears a jacket	Pingpong
The dirty man wears a jacket	Pingpong
The dusty man has a jacket	Pig punk
The dusty man is wearing a jacket	Big bunk
The dust is in the jacket	Big bunk
The note is in the jacket	Big monk
It's in the jacket	Big monk
It's in the jacket	

The Mix at SFPL (San Francisco Public Library), San Francisco, CA, USA
01:00 UTC 2015-11-22
(5:00 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC-08])
9 people played in English; 237 in chain; 960 total players

Big monk
Bank monk
Bank monk
Bank monk
Bank monk
Bank monk
Bank monk
Bank monk
Bunk monk
Bunk monk

Mountain View Neighborhood Library, Anchorage, AK, USA
02:00 UTC 2015-11-22
(5:00 PM Saturday November 21, 2015 Alaska Standard Time)
13 people played in English; 250 in chain; 973 total players

Bunk monk
Bunk monk
Monk monk
Bung mug
Bong bong
Bon bon
Bun bun
Bun bun
Bon bon

Bon bon
Burn burn
Bon bon
Pon pon

The Durham Appendix

As mentioned on p. 22, one of our libraries in North Carolina ran a local branch of the game around their associated schools over the following few days. Here's how that played out:

Rogers-Herr Middle School, Durham, NC, USA

6 people played in English; 462 in chain; 979 total players

Start laughing
Stop laughing
Spock laughing
Spockafin
Spockaface
Spockaphase

The School for Creative Studies, Durham, NC, USA

29 people played in English; 491 in chain; 1008 total players

Spockaface
Spock a face
Spock in face
Spock in these
Spoke in the world
Spoke of the world
Spoke of the world
The world open it

The road open
The road open
The road open
The road open
The road broken
The road broken
The road broke
The road broke
The rope broke
Throw broke
The road run
The round
No round
Now around
All around
All around
All around
All around
All around
Everybody all around
Everybody all around

Durham School of the Arts, Durham, NC, USA
22 people played in English; 513 in chain; 1030 total players

Everyone all around
Everybody all around
Everybody all around
Australian folk song
Australian folk song
Australian folk song
Australian folk song
Australian folk tales
Australian folk lore
Australian folk lore
Australian folk lore
Australian folk lore
Australian folk lore
Australian folk lore
Australian folk lore
Australian folk lore
Australian folk lore
Australian vocal
Australian folk home
Australian folk home
Australian scone
Australian scone
Australian scone
Librarian scone

Sandy Ridge Elementary School, Durham, NC, USA
7 people played in English; 520 in chain; 1037 total players

Librarian Sco
Librarian Scer
Librarian Scer
Blhe blhe blhe hugh
She couldn't hear the secret because Gerard was jumbly
I couldn't hear Garin because he was mumbling
I did not hear her

Easley Elementary School, Durham, NC, USA
33 people played in English; 553 in chain; 1070 total players

I did not hear
What I can not hear
What I can not hear
What I do not hear
I do not like Disneyland
I do not like Disneyland
I do not like Disneyland
I do not like sand
She does not like sand
She doesn't like sand
She doesn't like sand
She doesn't like sand
She does not like sand
She doesn't like sand
She doesn't like Santa
She doesn't like Santa
Don't tell about Santa
Toad a lotta
Toad a lotta
I don't know
I don't know
I don't know
Us
Us
Us
Is
Is
Is
Is
Is
Ears
Ears
Ears