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.

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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
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 😊
Collect the dusty
Collecting for dusty
Correcting for Dusty
Correcting for Darcy
Connection for Darcy
Collection for Darcy

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 Darcy
Correcting 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
Package for Darcy
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
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 milk?
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 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 your name
What’s your name

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 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
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
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

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 😊)

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 will hunt you in the forest

Noidat jahtaa sinua metsään (The witches will hunt you in the forest)
Pedot jahtaa sinua 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 vetsään (Road to forest)
Sipimetsään (To sipiforest [gibberish])
Siipimetsään (To wingforest)

Wing forest
Ming forest
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)
Mikseskaft (Mikseskaft)
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)
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Armborste (*Arm brush*)
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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 the brushing
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
Big green books
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.
15:00 UTC 2015-11-21 – 334 total participants

Boyne District Library, Boyne City, MI, USA
4 people played in English; 304 in chain

Do you want a prize at school
Do you want a prize at school
Do you want a prize at your school
Do you want a prize at your school

Andrews Public Library, Andrews, NC, USA
0 people played in English; 0 in chain

An unknown communication glitch blocked Andrews Public Library from getting their instructions, and for some reason Iredell couldn’t get through. (This is why the next library in this chain starts its own Secret from scratch.)

Big green books
Big green books
Clean books big
Clean big books
Clean big books
Big books clean
Clean big books
Clean really big books
I was here at the library for books
I was in the library by the books

Western Pocono Community Library, Brodheadsville, PA, USA
10:00 AM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC−05]
12 people played in English; 308 in chain

15:30 UTC 2015-11-21 – 352 total participants

Oakwood Public Library District, Oakwood, IL, USA
4 people played in English; 308 in chain

Do you want a prize at your school
Do you want a prize at your school
Do you want a prize at your school
Do you want a prize at your school

Norwich Public Library, Norwich, VT, USA
6 people played in English; 6 in chain

The secret is that there is no secret from North Carolina
The secret is that there is no secret from North Carolina
There is no secret in North Carolina
There is no secret in North Carolina
There is no secret in Carolina
Those librarians in North Carolina don’t know how to keep a secret
I was in the library by books
I was in the library by books
I was in the library by the books
I was in the library by the books
I was in the library by the books
I was in the library by the books

Penn Yan Public Library, Penn Yan, NY, USA
8 people played in English; 316 in chain

I was in the library by books
I was in the library by books
I was in the library by the books
I was in the library by the books
I was in the library by the books
I was in the library by the books
Do you want a prize at your school
Do you want to win a prize for your school
Do you want to know the prize of your school
Do you want to know the secret of the school
You want to know the secret of the school

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.
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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.

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

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.
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
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

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.
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

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

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.
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.
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

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 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
Savanah likes chicken
Purple chickens
Turkey chickens

Corinth Free Library, Corinth, NY, USA
12:30 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC−05]
11 people played in English; 70 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 vogue
It’s about vogue

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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

We gotta go to the library
I’m an old woman
I’m a witch
I’m a witch
I’m a witch
Savanah likes chicken
Purple chickens
Turkey chickens

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 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 an old woman
I’m a witch
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 eat food?
Do you eat food?
Do you eat food?

Bad gone long
Bad gone long
Bad 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
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<td>5 people played in English; 82 in chain</td>
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<td>2 people played in English; 365 in chain</td>
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<td>19 people played in English; 396 in chain</td>
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<td>5 people played in English; 87 in chain</td>
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<td>Bellevue Public Library</td>
<td>1:00 PM Central Standard Time (North America) [UTC−06]</td>
<td>30 people played in English; 395 in chain</td>
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**18:30 UTC 2015-11-21 – 546 total participants**

- 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
- Welcome to International Games Day 2015
- Welcome to International Games Day 2015
- 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**

- I love the mood
- 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 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 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 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 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
His status is hopeful
His stamp is hopeful
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
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 Dandy is cool
Miss Dandy is cool
Miss Dandy is cool
Miss Dandy is cool
Miss Dandy is cool
Miss Dandy is cool
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
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
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
I have a 3DS
I have a 3DS
I have a 3D ass
I have a 3DS
I have 3 ears
I have 3 ears

Poinciana Library
Poinciana, FL, USA
3:30 PM Eastern Standard Time (North America) [UTC−05]
8 people played in English; 116 in chain
I have a secret and I don’t know what it is
I have a secret, but I don’t know what it is
Kangaroos
Where’s the roof
Raise the roof

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
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 is the best
I see is the best
I see is the 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 ears
I have three ears
I have three years
I have three years
I have three years
I have three years
I have three years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
Nineteen years
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
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
She just started laughing
Just start laughing
Just start 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

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

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. 29!)
Ninety smiles
Ninety-nine smiles
Ninety-nine smiles
Ninety-nine smiles
Dining of the sprouts
Downing of the sprouts
Down in the sprouts
Down in the sprouts
Down in the sprouts
Down in the sprouts
Down in the sprouts
Down in the sprouts
Down down the spread
Down down the spread
Down down a spray
Down down a spray
Down down a spray
Down down a spray

Erase the proof
Erase the proof
Erase proof
Erase proof
Erase proof
Erase proof
Erase proofs
Erase proofs

Just start laughing
Just start laughing
Just start laughing
Just start laughing
Just start laughing
Just start laughing
Just start laughing
Just start laughing

22:00 UTC 2015-11-21 – 836 total participants

Corona Public Library
Corona, California, USA
2:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC−08]
19 people played in English; 480 in chain

Medford Teen Library Jackson Co. Library Services,
Medford, Oregon, USA
2:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC−08]
9 people played in English; 169 in chain

Amarillo Public Library,
Amarillo, Texas, USA
4:00 PM Central Standard Time (North America) [UTC−06]
9 people played in English; 465 in chain
Down, down, a spray
Down, down, a spray
Adele, Adele, spray
A down, a down, a spray
A down, a down, a spray
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
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

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

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

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

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 3:30 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC−08]
12 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
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, Lake Stevens Library
Taft, CA, USA 4:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (North America) [UTC−08]
4 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

Ping is gone
Ping pong
Ping pong

00:30 UTC 2015-11-22 – 951 total participants
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 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
Bunk 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
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The Durham Appendix
As mentioned on p. 23, 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

The School for Creative Studies, Durham, NC, USA
29 people played in English; 491 in chain; 1008 total players

Bon bon
Burn burn
Bon bon
**Pon pon**

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

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 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 does not like sand
She doesn't 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
Ears
Ears
Ears