

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.

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

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





**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*)



# 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

**Middletown Branch Library,**

Middletown, MD, USA

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

4 people played in English; 36 in chain

**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

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  
 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

**AESEC Library,**

Bronx, New York, USA

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

23 people played in English; 59 in chain

**Sanger Public Library,**

Sanger, TX, USA

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

5 people played in English; 330 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

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.

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



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



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. 29!)*





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

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
<b>It's in the jacket</b>	

**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. 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

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 folk lore  
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**