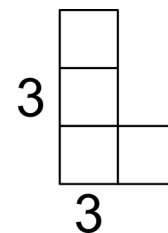Cookie Masterson: Hello, and welcome to Hollywood Squares! I'm your host, Cookie Masterson. You may remember me from the *You Don't Know Jack* video games, but…well, you see, the actors are on strike, so the producer got a bunch of fictional characters, including me, to fill in. And the writers all quit last week, so we won't have any joke answers. But don't worry, you'll hardly miss them.

And now, let's introduce our contestants. On my left, we have Professor Charles Xavier, from Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters. Welcome to the show, Professor.

Professor Charles Xavier: Please, call me Xavier.

Cookie: All right then, Xavier. And how–

Xavier: I'm well, thanks.

Cookie: But I didn't even finish my question. That–

Xavier: Yes, it's strange. You might even say it's…uncanny.

Cookie: And on my right, we have Ophelia, from Elsinore castle. Welcome to the show, Ophelia.

Ophelia: Hi, Cookie!

Cookie: How are you today, Ophelia?

Ophelia: I'm great! Though my boyfriend's started acting strange…

Cookie: Well, this isn't the show to discuss those kinds of issues. Let's go over the rules, and then we can get started. For each round, each player in turn will get to choose one of the panelists in the three-by-three grid behind me. I will ask that panelist a question, and the panelist will get the chance to respond. The active player then decides whether they agree or disagree with the panelist's answer; that is, whether they think the panelist gave a correct answer or not. If the player made the right decision, they get control of that square; if the player made the wrong decision, their opponent gets control of that square. The first player to control three squares in a row – horizontally, vertically, or diagonally – or to control five of the nine squares wins that round, and a $2500 prize. Simple, right?

Also, for each contestant's turn, there will be a "Secret Square" – if the contestant chooses the secret square, they earn $500 if they make the correct decision to agree or disagree with the panelist. Unlike most games of Hollywood Squares, a new Secret Square will be chosen after each contestant's turn.

Now, let's begin. Xavier, you won the toss, so you go first. Choose a panelist.

Xavier: I knew you were going to say that. I'll go with **Heinz Doofenshmirtz**, in the center square.

Heinz Doofenshmirtz: Ooh, I get to be first! I love going first!

Cookie: That's the kind of enthusiasm we like to see here. Unfortunately, the Secret Square for this turn was **Ralph Wiggum**. Heinz, can you tell me: which of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World lent its name to the word for "lighthouse" in several modern languages?

Heinz: Ooh, I know this one! That's the **Pharos of Alexandria**.

Cookie: Okay, Xavier, do–

Xavier: I agree with Dr. Doofenshmirtz.
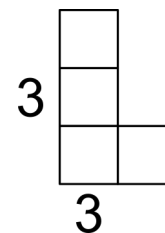
Cookie: Will you–

Xavier: Yes, I'll stop reading your mind.

Cookie: Thank you. Anyway, Heinz's answer was correct! **X** gets the square! Ophelia, it's your turn to choose a panelist.

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Ophelia: I'll go with **Molly Weasley**.

Molly Weasley: Why, thank you.

Cookie: Unfortunately, you should have picked **Ozma** for the Secret Square this turn. Okay, Molly. What road running event has a distance of just over 21 kilometers?

Molly: Let's see. 21 kilometers, convert it to miles…oh, that must be a **half-marathon**.

Cookie: Ophelia?

Ophelia: I agree.

Cookie: Molly's answer was correct, so **circle** gets the square! Back to Xavier.

Xavier: I'll go for Molly Weasley's downstairs neighbor. Give me **Carmen Sandiego**.

Cookie: The Secret Square was **Xena**, so bad luck there. All right, Carmen. Love the hat!

Carmen Sandiego: Thank you.

Cookie: So Carmen, I have a question for you. What legal term refers describes an event which is a necessary and sufficient condition for another event to occur?

Carmen: That would be **proximate cause**. Which, I must point out, ACME Crime has never actually been able to prove.

Cookie: All right, then. Xavier?

Xavier: I agree.

Cookie: Carmen's answer was correct, so **X** gets the square! Ophelia, your turn.

Ophelia: I'll go with **Xena** for the block.

Cookie: Good call. However, **Ralph Wiggum** was the Secret Square this turn. Xena, how's that reboot coming along?

Xena: I don't want to talk about it.

Cookie: Oh, sorry to bring it up. Anyway, what Best Picture nominee of 2011 shares its name with a major literary award?

Xena: Ugh, can't you ask me something harder? That would be **Hugo**.

Cookie: Ophelia, agree or disagree?

Ophelia: I agree with Xena.

Cookie: Xena was correct, so **circle** gets the square! Back to Xavier.

Xavier: I'll go with **Apollo Creed** this time.

Cookie: And **Molly Weasley** was the Secret Square. Apollo, what is the term for the hard support structure on the outside of an insect, arachnid, or crustacean?

Apollo Creed: I believe that is an **exoskeleton**.

Xavier: I agree.

Cookie: Apollo's answer was correct, so **X** gets the square! Ophelia, your turn.
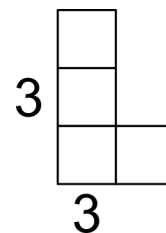
Ophelia: **Ralph Wiggum** to block. And maybe he'll be the Secret Square again.

Cookie: Nope…this time **Ozma** is the Secret Square. But let's say hi to Ralph!

Ralph Wiggum: Hi! Am I on the TV?

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Cookie: Yes, you are.

Ralph: Yay! That's my favorite show!

Cookie: All right, Ralph. Oh. Oh dear. Well…what part of the brain, which plays a role in long-term memory, takes its name from the Greek word for "seahorse"?

Ralph: Oh, that's easy! It's the **hippocampus**!

Ophelia:…I have to agree with Ralph.

Cookie: And Ralph is correct, so **circle** gets the square!

Ralph: I like circles! They're all soft and not pointy!

Cookie: Riiiight. Okay, Xavier?

Xavier: I'll go with Ralph's left-hand neighbor.

Cookie: So, **Ozma**?

Xavier: Yes.

Cookie: Well, **Apollo Creed** was the secret square this turn. But Ozma, how are things going in the Emerald City?

Ozma: Things are pretty tough right now. It's not easy being green.

Cookie: I guess I walked into that one. Well, Ozma, what letter in the NATO Phonetic Alphabet is also a type of electromagnetic radiation?

Ozma: That would be **X-ray**.

Xavier: I agree.

Cookie: Ozma is correct, so **X** gets the square! Ophelia?

Ophelia: I guess I'll go with **Trillian** for the block.

Cookie: Well, **Ralph Wiggum** was the secret square, so no luck there. Trillian, what port city is the center of the largest wine-producing region in France?

Trillian: Ooh, I love French wine. I bet that's **Bordeaux**.

Ophelia: I bet she's right. I agree.

Cookie: Trillian is correct, so **circle** gets the square! Xavier?

Xavier: Well, I guess that leaves me with **Oscar the Grouch**.

Oscar the Grouch: Of course I get picked last. Of all the rotten luck!

Cookie: Speaking of rotten luck, **Ozma** was the Secret Square this time. How are you doing, Oscar?

Oscar: Lousy!

Cookie: Glad to hear it. Oscar, what state boundary includes a significant east-west portion at approximately 39 degrees, 43 minutes north latitude?

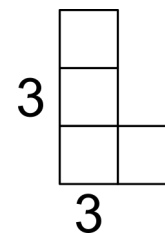**Oscar**: That's the **Mason-Dixon line**. Now beat it!

Xavier: I agree with Oscar.

Cookie: Oscar is correct, so **X** gets the square! That means **Xavier** wins this round, with 5 squares to Ophelia's 4. But Ophelia, you get to pick first in the second round.

Ophelia: I'll go with **Heinz Doofenshmirtz** to start.

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Heinz: Oh! I get to go first again!

Cookie: Yes, you do. However, **Oscar the Grouch** was the Secret Square. Heinz, what title for British monarchs was revoked by the Catholic Church in 1530, and reinstated by the Church of England in 1544?

Heinz: Oh, I know this one too! That's **Defender of the Faith**!

Ophelia: I agree with Heinz.

Cookie: Heinz is correct, so **circle** gets the square! Xavier?

Xavier: I'll take **Trillian** this time.

Trillian: You can't have me; I'm already taken! Oh, you mean in the game.

Cookie: Yes, Trillian, the game. **Ralph Wiggum** was the secret square, but you get to answer the next question. What neuropeptide, with chemical formula $C_{43}H_{66}N_{12}O_{12}S_2$, plays an important role in regulating maternal instincts and pair-bonding in mammals?

Trillian: Oh, that's one of my favorite neuropeptides. **Oxytocin**, for sure.

Xavier: I agree.

Cookie: Trillian is correct! **X** gets the square! Back to Ophelia.

Ophelia: I'll go one square to the left of Trillian. **Apollo Creed**, please.

Cookie: The Secret Square was **Carmen Sandiego**, so no luck there. But Apollo, tell me: what Pixar feature film is named after a type of vegetable stew?

Apollo: I'm starting to get hungry. That would be **Ratatouille**.

Ophelia: I agree.

Cookie: Apollo is correct. **Circle** gets the square. Xavier again.

Xavier: I'll take **Ralph Wiggum** to block.

Ralph: You mean like an Alpha-Bits block?

Cookie: Not exactly. But **Xena** was the Secret Square for this turn. Ralph, what structural model of DNA was first described in an article by James Watson and Francis Crick, based on X-ray imagery by Rosalind Franklin?

Ralph: D-N-A? Is that like C-A-N-D-Y? My daddy says that's bad for my tooths!

Cookie: Answer the question, Ralph.

Ralph: Okie-dokie! **Double helix**.

Xavier: I agree.

Cookie: Ralph is correct, so **X** gets the square! Ophelia?

Ophelia: This time I'll go to the right of Ralph. **Oscar the Grouch**, if you please.
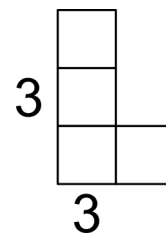
Oscar: I don't please.

Cookie: That's not very nice, Oscar. Also, **Trillian** was the Secret Square. Now, Oscar, can you tell me what invention from the comic strip Calvin and Hobbes was originally made from an upside-down cardboard box, but was later turned into a ray gun?

Oscar: That's a **transmogrifier**. And if I had one of those right now, I'd…

Ophelia: I agree, and I don't want to know what Oscar would do with one.

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Cookie: Me neither. But Oscar was correct, so **circle** gets the square! Back to Xavier.

Xavier: Let's go with **Molly Weasley** to block.

Cookie: How are you doing, Molly?

Molly: I'm great, thanks!

Cookie: Wonderful. Unfortunately, **Oscar the Grouch** was the Secret Square. Molly, what word describes people who can use both hands equally well?

Molly: Why, that's **ambidextrous**, of course!

Xavier: I agree.

Cookie: Molly is correct! **X** gets the square! Ophelia?

Ophelia: I'll go with **Carmen Sandiego**.

Cookie: The Secret Square was **Ozma**, so no luck there. But Carmen, what artifacts were discovered in the Qumran Caves by a Bedouin shepherd in 1946?

Carmen: The **Dead Sea Scrolls**. I'm pretty sure I've stolen them at least twice.

Ophelia: I agree.

Cookie: Carmen is correct, so **circle** gets the square! Xavier?

Xavier: I'll pick **Xena** for the block.

Cookie: And **Trillian** was the Secret Square this turn. Xena, what sitcom featured Andy Kaufman as a mechanic named Latka Gravas?

Xena: Really, that's the hardest you have? **Taxi**.

Xavier: I agree.

Cookie: Well, apparently that was too easy for Xena, because she is correct! **X** gets the square! And Ophelia, you've got the last pick.

Ophelia: Indeed. I guess I'll take **Ozma**.

Cookie: And **Trillian** was the Secret Square again. Ozma, are you ready for your question?

Ozma: I'm ready!

Cookie: Okay. What chemical element is represented by the symbol Au?

Ozma: That would be **gold**, of course!

Ophelia: I agree.

Cookie: Ozma is correct! **Circle** wins the square and the round! That means Xavier and Ophelia have each won $2500! But that's all the time we have. Join us next week, when the actors' strike is over and you get to see a bunch of actual washed-up, second-banana celebrities up on the big board, instead of the fake ones we had today.

Oscar: I heard that!

Cookie: Yes, you did, Oscar. Good night, everyone!