

The Great Computer Challenge, 2026

Internet Scavenger Hunt, Level 2

Background

Description - Teams will be given an online scavenger hunt printed on paper. Participants will use their own computer (or any device with a web browser and Internet access).

Hardware/Software – Participating teams are allowed one computer or smart device per team.

Internet Access – Allowed (and required!) ODU Wi-Fi is available for any team that needs it. Team sponsors should ensure participants are able to login to their computers without sponsor assistance during the event.

Judging – Each team should record their answers with pencil or pen on the paper scavenger hunt.

Criteria – The Scavenger Hunt is scored for correct answers and methods used to obtain the answers. Teams will be judged on the quality of their responses. Partially-correct answers and close answers may get some credit at the judge's discretion.

Guidelines & Requirements

- Put your school's name and team number on each page.
- The answers and the website where the answer was found are required for each challenge. Even if you already know the answer, you must find the information on the Internet and name the website where you found the answer.
- You may list multiple websites.
- All sources are valid, but some are better than others. A university website is more trustworthy than a blog. Both are more trustworthy than a tweet.
- Some of the challenges may have more than one part. Answer some for partial credit.
- Complete sentences are not required, if your answer is clear.
- You may put your answers directly on this handout. Or you can put your answers on separate paper.
- Showing your work and being detailed are helpful – maybe you can get partial credit if the answer is incorrect, but the work is good.
- Wrong answers and incomplete answers do not make you lose points. Try to answer all challenges.

Example Challenge

Was ODU founded before or after the Great Depression started?

Answer: ODU was founded in 1930 **after** the Great Depression started in 1929.

<https://www.odu.edu/about/historyandarchives>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Depression

Challenge 1

How many countries have names that end in “-stan”?

Answer:	
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Challenge 2

If you were standing at the top of the Eiffel Tower looking North, what famous river would be directly beneath you?

Answer:	
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Challenge 3

Which of these things is a **botanical berry**: strawberry, raspberry, banana, grape, blackberry?

Answer:	
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Challenge 4

Who is the author of the headline article of today’s New York Times newspaper?

Answer:	
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Challenge 5

Something about new Mario movie? Something that requires watching the trailer?

In the Final Trailer for the Super Mario Galaxy Movie, what is the Toad that gets slapped wearing?

Answer:	
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Challenge 6

The Pokémon Trading Card Game has several new expansions each year. In the Ascended Heroes expansion, how much damage does Charmander's attack do to the opponent?

Answer:	
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Challenge 7

This is the 41st annual Great Computer Challenge. This event occurs every year. What year was the first Great Computer Challenge? Did your school (where you are in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade) exist that year?

Answer:	
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Challenge 8

This is on the cover of a popular book. Find an image of that cover online. What is the title and who is the author?



Answer:	
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Challenge 9

About a month ago, there was a NASA mission. Where did the astronauts go on that mission and where did the mission end? (Where did the spaceship stop when it returned to Earth)?

Answer:	
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Challenge 10

In 2025, the United States Mint stopped producing pennies. If you have pennies, can you still use them to buy something?

Answer:	
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Challenge 11

The popular m&m's candy has not always had the same colors. What is a color that was added to the candy? What color was removed?



Answer:	
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Challenge 12

On April 1, 1957, a TV show in England showed a video of farmers harvesting spaghetti noodles from a tree. Does spaghetti grow on trees? How do we get spaghetti noodles?

Answer:	
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Judging Criteria

See Guidelines and Requirements section on the first page.

***Have fun and thank you for participating in the
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