



## AVCX TRIVIA

Welcome to AVCX Trivia! This is a brand-new weekly trivia game edited by Aimee Lucido that will consist of five (ish) related trivia questions. The first four questions are meant to be of average difficulty, but the fifth and final question will be more challenging. This is because the final question is not just a trivia question in its own right, but also a **meta** question that all the other answers will point to in some way. Each weekly puzzle will interpret this theme differently, but the clue for that final question should give some insight into how it ties everything together.

In the long-term we would love for this trivia game to involve some sort of weekly competition. Think: challenging friends to head-to-head matches, keeping track of statistics, on-the-fly answer checking, etc, but in the short-term, we will just be providing these games to you for your own enjoyment.

However, since this is the very first time we're showing the world these puzzles, we thought we *would* do a little competition. Send the correct answers to all five questions in an email to [trivia@avxwords.com](mailto:trivia@avxwords.com) by the end of the day Friday, December 17, (when you will also receive solutions) and be entered into a drawing to win a free one-year subscription to the expanded AVCX for yourself or a friend. We kindly ask that you don't look up the answers before submitting if you plan on entering the competition :)

And if you find this fun and you'd like to try your hand at making them, start thinking of ideas! We'll be doing a call for open submissions if and when the kickstarter ([bit.ly/avcx-kickstarter](http://bit.ly/avcx-kickstarter)) is funded, so keep an eye out! And remember, the more money the kickstarter ([bit.ly/avcx-kickstarter](http://bit.ly/avcx-kickstarter)) makes, the more fun we can have with these sorts of puzzles, so one more time, you can donate at [bit.ly/avcx-kickstarter](http://bit.ly/avcx-kickstarter).

- 1) **Which aptly-named spectral monster**, a staple in the Mario Bros. franchise, was originally designed to cover its face and freeze if the player's character looked directly at it?
- 2) In fashion, the common term for **which neckline** gets its name from being shaped like the top half of an anatomically-inaccurate symbol?
- 3) The New York Yankees slugger known as "The Sultan of Swat" and "The Bambino" was probably most often referred to by **what other four-letter nickname**?
- 4) **What, most notably, is the common ingredient** in the Russian cake medovik, the Ethiopian beverage tej, and the Sardinian pastry seadas?
- 5) **The role of the astronaut love-interest in which 1983 film** was originally written for Burt Reynolds, temporarily played by James Garner, but ultimately ended up going to Jack Nicholson, who won an Oscar for it? The title is also an accurate description of a category that contains the answers to questions 1-4.