

MELNEA CASS'S GLASSES--SOLUTION



As hinted by the relic being a pair of glasses and the phrase “touchy subject,” this puzzle uses Braille! Solvers should answer the true/false test without any changes at first while taking note of the fact that four of the six statements in each question use a word from the feeder answers: old/oldest (AGE OLD), big/biggest (BIG BUSINESS), cold/coldest (GRAB A COLD ONE), and odd (ODDS BODKINS). After answering the questions, solvers should, as hinted by the flavortext, “flip their perspective” on those answers, changing True to False and vice versa; since “true answers are full of facts,” T equals a full circle in Braille, and “false answers ring hollow,” so F equals an empty circle. The answers—after being swapped by the Glasses—are below:

QUESTION ONE:

Geography

As of 2025, South Sudan is the oldest country in the world.	<u> T </u>	<u> T </u>	The lowest point in North America is in Death Valley.
Lake Superior is the biggest of the Great Lakes.	<u> F </u>	<u> F </u>	There are an odd number of continents on Earth.
Antarctica is the world's coldest continent.	<u> F </u>	<u> F </u>	The shortest distance between capital cities is Ottawa, Canada and Rome, Italy.

QUESTION TWO:

Tabletop Games

The lowest point value tiles in <i>Scrabble</i> are blanks.	<u> T </u>	<u> F </u>	The shortest possible chess game ends in ten moves.
The biggest number on the spinner in <i>The Game of Life</i> is 10.	<u> F </u>	<u> T </u>	<i>Dungeons and Dragons</i> features an odd number of main attributes.
The oldest board game in the National Toy Hall of Fame is <i>Candyland</i> .	<u> T </u>	<u> F </u>	There is a <i>Magic: The Gathering</i> card called the Cold-Water Snapper.

QUESTION THREE:

Singers and Their Songs

“Cold to Go,” Chappell Roan	<u> T </u>	<u> F </u>	“Against All Odds,” Bonnie Tyler
“Friends in Low Places,” Garth Brooks	<u> T </u>	<u> F </u>	“Big Girl You Are Beautiful,” MIKA
“Die Old,” Kesha	<u> T </u>	<u> F </u>	“Short Cool Woman in a Black Dress,” The Hollies

QUESTION FOUR:

The Animal Kingdom

When measured by mass, the Etruscan shrew is the world's biggest mammal.	<u> T </u>	<u> F </u>	The dromedary is a type of camel with an odd number of humps on its back.
The oldest land animal in the world (with a verified age) is Jonathan the Seychelles Giant Tortoise.	<u> F </u>	<u> T </u>	Toucans, parrots, and birds of paradise thrive in the coldest climates.
Mariana Trench-dwelling snailfish are the lowest lived animals on Earth.	<u> T </u>	<u> F </u>	The shortest known gestation period among mammals belongs to the elephant.

QUESTION FIVE:

Disney Animated Movies

Donald Duck is infamous for his notoriously short temper.	<u>T</u>	<u>F</u>	In "Let It Go," Elsa famously sings "The cold never bothered me anyway."
Dumbo has the lowest number of lines of any Disney title protagonist.	<u>T</u>	<u>T</u>	The oldest Disney animated feature is <i>Moana 2</i> .
<i>The Black Cauldron</i> is Disney's biggest box office success.	<u>T</u>	<u>F</u>	Snow White has an odd number of dwarf friends in her movie.

QUESTION SIX:

TV Shows

<i>Old Sheldon,</i> Iain Armitage, Zoe Perry	<u>T</u>	<u>F</u>	<i>Lowlander,</i> Adrian Paul, Alexandra Vandernoot
<i>Cold in Cleveland,</i> Jane Leeves, Betty White	<u>T</u>	<u>F</u>	<i>Short Island Medium,</i> Theresa Caputo, Larry Caputo Jr.
<i>Big Love,</i> Chloë Sevigny, Bill Paxton	<u>F</u>	<u>F</u>	<i>The Odd Couple,</i> Jack Klugman, Tony Randall

QUESTION SEVEN:

Video Games

<i>The Adventure of Link</i> is an odd-numbered entry in the <i>Zelda</i> series.	<u>T</u>	<u>F</u>	At 1,014.1 pounds, Snorlax is the biggest Gen. 1 Pokemon.
The titular character in the <i>Sly Cooper</i> games is a cold-blooded animal.	<u>T</u>	<u>F</u>	<i>Donkey Kong</i> is the oldest game to feature Mario.
"Speedrunning" refers to completing a game in the shortest possible time.	<u>T</u>	<u>F</u>	The lowest potential ESRB rating for a game is AO.

QUESTION EIGHT:

Boston Bits

The legendary "Big Dig" permanently changed I-93 and I-90.	<u>F</u>	<u>T</u>	During Paul Revere's ride, an odd number of lanterns meant "by sea."
On average, July is the coldest month in Boston.	<u>T</u>	<u>F</u>	The Green Line is the shortest of the major MBTA subways.
Fenway's Green Monster is the lowest wall in all current MLB fields.	<u>F</u>	<u>F</u>	Founded in 1634, the Boston Common is the oldest city park in the U.S.A.

QUESTION NINE:

Movie Titles

<i>Cold Fuzz</i> , Simon Pegg, Nick Frost	<u>T</u>	<u>T</u>	<i>Big Soldiers</i> , Kirsten Dunst, Frank Langella
<i>Low Fidelity</i> , John Cusack, Jack Black	<u>F</u>	<u>T</u>	<i>Odd Cowgirls Get the Blues</i> , Uma Thurman, Lorraine Bracco
<i>Get Shorty</i> , John Travolta, Rene Russo	<u>T</u>	<u>F</u>	<i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i> , Jean Adair, Priscilla Lane

QUESTION TEN:

Puzzlin' Fun!

The crossword is the oldest puzzle type in the world.	<u>T</u>	<u>T</u>	In Morse code, cold is spelled -- . . / . - / - . / - . - -
In the A1-Z26 cipher, "M" has an odd numeric value.	<u>F</u>	<u>T</u>	The world's biggest jigsaw puzzle measures two feet by one foot.
The lowest amount of starter numbers needed to solve a Sudoku is three.	<u>F</u>	<u>F</u>	The shortest MIT Mystery Hunt ever was twenty-seven minutes long.

Reading each question in the Braille method described above reveals the answer to the meta: **COLOR BLIND!**

For the curious, here are the "correct" statements for the trickier statements:

Geography: South Sudan is the *newest* country as of 2025, and the shortest distance between two capitals is the two miles between Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Brazzaville of the Republic of the Congo.

Tabletop Games: The shortest chess game ends in three moves (the "fool's mate"), *D&D* features an even number of attributes, and the oldest game in the Toy Hall of Fame is chess.

Animal Kingdom: The blue whale is the world's largest mammal by mass (the Etruscan shrew is the smallest!), and the shortest gestation period belongs to the stripe-faced dunnart (just eleven days—African elephants, by contrast, are pregnant for *twenty-two months*).

Disney Animated Movies: *The Black Cauldron* was among Disney's biggest box-office bombs, and the oldest animated feature—mentioned just below—is *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

Video Games: *Adventure of Link* is the second game in the *Zelda* series, and Sly Cooper is a raccoon—warm-blooded!

Boston Bits: Two lanterns meant "by sea" during Paul Revere's ride, and the Blue Line is the shortest MBTA subway.

Puzzlin' Fun: The oldest known puzzle is the *Stomachion* (a type of tangram), the provided Morse code spells "ZANY," the world's biggest jigsaw puzzle measures nearly 49 by 79 feet, and the shortest MIT Hunt on record was, to the best of our knowledge, in 2017.