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Find Your Own Tavern



1 You arrive in town, eager to begin your adventure. Clearly you should start at the tavern, but where is it?

The mayor waves you over. "Hello! You must be new here. Finding the tavern is simple: just pick a letter of the alphabet, then answer questions from townspeople about it. Each choice points to a number, and then you jump to the section with that number to see what happens next."

You decide on a letter.

"Okay, ready? Where is your letter located on a QWERTY keyboard?"

- \circ The top row \rightarrow 6
- \circ The middle row \rightarrow 9
- \circ The bottom row \rightarrow 10
- 2 The farmer introduces you to an architect, who asks if your letter (when capitalized) can be built with only straight lines.
 - \circ It can \rightarrow 8
 - \circ It's got some curves \rightarrow 4
- 3 The poet points you towards the artist, who asks if your letter (when capitalized) has a line of symmetry.
 - \circ **Y** \rightarrow 16
 - \circ **N** \rightarrow 15
- 4 The architect sends you to the chemist, who asks if the element represented by your letter is a gas (at room temperature).
 - \circ It is \rightarrow 15
 - $\circ \text{ It isn't} \rightarrow 16$

- 5 The pilot sends you to the classicist, who asks if, in Roman numerals, your letter is a perfect square.
 - \circ It is \rightarrow 16
 - \circ It isn't \rightarrow 15
- 6 The mayor points you to a farmer, who asks if your letter is a vowel.
 - \circ It's a vowel \rightarrow 2
 - \circ It's a consonant \rightarrow 11
- The mathematician refers you to a fencer, who asks if your letter (when capitalized) has an enclosed area.
 - \circ **Oooh, yes** \rightarrow 16
 - \circ Nah \rightarrow 15
- 8 The architect tells you to talk to the linguist, who asks whether you can spell a common word by putting your letter after TO.
 - \circ To-tally \rightarrow 15
 - \circ **Nope** \rightarrow 16
- 9 The mayor directs you towards a mathematician, who asks you whether the position of your letter in the alphabet is odd or even.
 - \circ It's odd \rightarrow 7
 - \circ It's even \rightarrow 12
- 10 The mayor directs you to the airport, where you meet a pilot. The pilot asks you whether your letter, in the NATO alphabet, is a person's name.
 - \circ Roger. I mean, yes \rightarrow 5
 - $\circ\: \textbf{No} \to 13$

- 11 The farmer introduces you to a poet, who asks whether your letter rhymes with "free".
 - \circ Yes sirree \rightarrow 3
 - \circ No \rightarrow 14
- 12 The mathematician introduces you to Pythagoras (he lives in this town), who asks you whether your letter (when capitalized) looks like a capital Greek letter.
 - \circ YSAH \rightarrow 16
 - \circ No \rightarrow 15
- 13 The pilot sends you to the telegraph operator, who asks you whether your letter uses four symbols in Morse code.
 - \circ Yes yes yes \rightarrow 15
 - \circ **No** \rightarrow 16
- 14 The poet insists that you meet their wedding planner, who asks if there's a day of the week that begins with your letter.
 - \circ There is \rightarrow 16
 - \circ There is not \rightarrow 15
- 15 Whatever you just said must have offended the townsperson. They ask you to leave immediately.

I guess you picked the wrong letter.

- \circ Try again $\rightarrow 1$
- 16 The last townsperson points you down yet another road, where you find the tavern. Finally! To commemorate this event, please write your letter above the blank(s) corresponding to the section you *just* came from.

7 14 12 8 5 12 12 4 13 3

Once you've done so, you'll know what kind of quest this is.