The AhaBulb Party Game

STUFF EVERY CAP CADET SHOULD KNOW

How to play (30 seconds)

1. The reader reads a card and its three answers out loud.
2. Everyone says "One, two, three, Goldilocks!" and holds up 1, 2, or 3 fingers.
3. The reader flips the card and reads the answer and the Why.
4. Everyone who was right takes a point.
5. The reader reads the joke with a straight face. Anyone laughs or groans? The reader takes a point. Nobody got it right? The reader takes a point.
6. Pass the deck left. Most points when the points run out wins.

What you need

These cards and the point tokens on the last two pages. No tokens? Use coins, buttons, pebbles, or marshmallows. 3 to 10 players, ages 8 and up.

Expert rule: Bet It

Before the reader flips the card, you may put one of your points on your answer. Right: take your normal point plus one extra. Wrong: your bet goes back to the pile. That's it.

Printing

Print single-sided, on cardstock if you have it. Cut on the dashed lines. Each card is a 3.5 x 5 inch index card. The answer half is upside down on purpose, so the table can't peek.

Cards 1 to 50 of 553. More cards and the free daily online game at sesk.info. Built 2026-10-14.

SCOUTING & CADETS

How many questions are on a regular cadet achievement test?

A 25
B 50
C 100

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A 25

WHY Each leadership or aerospace achievement test has 25 multiple-choice questions. Milestone and Spaatz exams follow different rules.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet bring a ladder to the test? It was a high-level exam.

SESK.INFO #2096

SCOUTING & CADETS

Can a cadet look in the textbook while taking a regular achievement test?

A No, books must be put away
B Yes, achievement tests are open-book
C Only with the commander's written waiver

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B Yes, achievement tests are open-book

WHY Regular achievement tests are open-book, so cadets may look things up. That is why cadets are allowed to take them online at home.

STRAIGHT FACE
My textbook is so helpful during open-book tests. It really knows how to turn the page on stress.

SESK.INFO #2097

SCOUTING & CADETS

What is the time limit on a regular cadet achievement test?

A 60 minutes
B No time limit
C 30 minutes

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C 30 minutes

WHY Each achievement test has a 30-minute time limit. Online, the software keeps the time, scores the test and records the result.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the clock join the cadets? It wanted to learn to keep perfect time.

SESK.INFO #2098

SCOUTING & CADETS

What score does a cadet need to pass an achievement test?

A 80 percent
B 70 percent
C 65 percent

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A 80 percent

WHY Cadets need 80 percent to pass an achievement test, and milestone exams use the same mark. On a 25-question test, that means at least 20 right.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the math book look sad after the test? It had too many problems.

SESK.INFO #2099

SCOUTING & CADETS

If a cadet fails an achievement test, how long must they wait to try again?

- **A** Until the next day
- **B** At least 7 days
- **C** 30 days

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B At least 7 days

WHY A cadet who fails must wait at least 7 days before testing again. A testing officer may waive the wait only for technical problems with the software.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the test take a week off? It needed time to re-question its life choices.

SESK.INFO #2100

SCOUTING & CADETS

How does a cadet earn credit for a Cadet Interactive module?

- **A** By scoring 80 percent on its final quiz
- **B** By finishing it in under 10 minutes
- **C** By taking part actively

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C By taking part actively

WHY Cadet Interactive is an online choice instead of the written test. Each module takes about 30 to 45 minutes, and credit comes from active participation.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the computer join the squadron? It wanted more interactive friends.

SESK.INFO #2101

SCOUTING & CADETS

Which study material is tested only by a written test, not Cadet Interactive?

- **A** Learn to Lead volume 4
- **B** Learn to Lead volume 1
- **C** Aerospace Dimensions modules

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A Learn to Lead volume 4

WHY Cadet Interactive covers Learn to Lead volumes 1 to 3 and the Aerospace Dimensions modules. Volume 4 and Journey of Flight can only be done as written tests.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why was volume 4 so serious? It had a lot of strategic things on its mind.

SESK.INFO #2102

SCOUTING & CADETS

How are milestone award exams, like the Wright Brothers and Mitchell, given?

- **A** Open-book, taken at home
- **B** Closed-book, supervised at the squadron
- **C** As a take-home essay

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B Closed-book, supervised at the squadron

WHY Milestone exams check everything learned in a whole phase, so they are closed-book. A senior member testing officer gives them at the squadron.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the textbook stay home on milestone day? It wasn't invited, it was closed for business.

SESK.INFO #2103

SCOUTING & CADETS

Why might two cadets taking the same milestone exam get different questions?

- **A** The testing officer writes new questions each time
- **B** Older cadets get harder questions
- **C** Software picks questions at random from a big bank

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C Software picks questions at random from a big bank

WHY Each cadet gets a unique milestone exam drawn at random from a big question bank. Memorizing someone else's answers will not help; knowing the material will.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the question bank never get robbed? Its answers were all over the place.

SESK.INFO #2104

SCOUTING & CADETS

How much time does a cadet get for the Wright Brothers Award exam?

- **A** It is untimed
- **B** 30 minutes
- **C** 60 minutes

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A It is untimed

WHY The Wright Brothers exam is closed-book but has no time limit. The Mitchell and Earhart exams each allow 60 minutes.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the Wright brothers' first flight go so well? They had the right idea.

SESK.INFO #2105

SCOUTING & CADETS

What kind of test is the drill and ceremonies test in Achievements 1 to 8?

- **A** A secret written test
- **B** A performance test cadets may study ahead of time
- **C** An online Cadet Interactive quiz

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B A performance test cadets may study ahead of time

WHY Drill is tested by doing it: cadets perform commands while a testing officer scores them. The test booklet is public, so cadets can study it beforehand.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why was the drill test never nervous? It knew all the right moves.

SESK.INFO #2106

SCOUTING & CADETS

How does a cadet earn honor credit for an achievement?

- **A** By passing the test on the first try
- **B** By scoring 100 percent
- **C** By completing all tests and interactive modules

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C By completing all tests and interactive modules

WHY Honor credit goes to cadets who complete all written tests and all Cadet Interactive modules for an achievement. It rewards going beyond the minimum.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the star join CAP? It wanted to shine on a ribbon.

SESK.INFO #2107

SCOUTING & CADETS

Where do Learn to Lead test questions come from?

- **A** The learning objectives in each chapter
- **B** Only the pictures and captions
- **C** Current news stories

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A The learning objectives in each chapter

WHY CAP says test questions come from the learning objectives spread through each chapter. If you can answer every objective, you are ready for the test.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet study the objectives? Because aiming for the target beats guessing.

SESK.INFO #2108

SCOUTING & CADETS

On the Achievement 1 drill test, how many of the 15 commands must a cadet do correctly?

- **A** All 15
- **B** At least 11
- **C** At least 8

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B At least 11

WHY The Achievement 1 drill test passes at 73 percent, which is at least 11 of 15 commands. The cadet drills as a member of an element.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet pass the drill test? He had his best foot forward. Then the other one.

SESK.INFO #2109

SCOUTING & CADETS

How many questions are on each Spaatz Award exam for leadership and aerospace?

- **A** 25
- **B** 100
- **C** 60

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C 60

WHY The Spaatz leadership and aerospace exams each have 60 multiple-choice questions, a 60-minute limit and an 80 percent passing score.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why do Spaatz cadets make good astronauts? They're used to aiming very high.

SESK.INFO #2110

SCOUTING & CADETS

What is the title of Learn to Lead volume 1?

- **A** Small Team Leadership
- **B** Personal Leadership
- **C** Strategic Perspectives

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B Personal Leadership

WHY A cadet's first step is learning to lead yourself, so volume 1 is Personal Leadership. Later volumes move on to teams and bigger groups.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did volume 1 feel confident? It was off to a good start.

SESK.INFO #2111

LEADERSHIP

What does Learn to Lead call the most important element of leadership?

- **A** Character
- **B** Rank
- **C** A loud command voice

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A Character

WHY Good leaders lead by example. How a leader acts matters far more than what they think or say.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the leader carry a mirror? To check that her example looked good.

SESK.INFO #2113

LEADERSHIP

According to Learn to Lead, where does a person's leadership ability come from?

- **A** Only from being a born leader
- **B** Only from holding a high rank
- **C** Natural talent plus education, training and experience

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C Natural talent plus education, training and experience

WHY Learn to Lead follows the Air Force belief that anyone can grow as a leader. Talent helps, but study and hands-on training build the rest.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the leader bring a pencil to the field? To draw out the best in everyone.

SESK.INFO #2112

SCOUTING & CADETS

Which list names CAP's four Core Values?

- **A** Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, Respect
- **B** Honor, Courage, Commitment, Loyalty
- **C** Duty, Honor, Country, Service

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, Respect

WHY CAP built its Core Values on the Air Force's. Members are expected to show all four at all times, in every mission.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet carry four compasses? One for each Core Value.

SESK.INFO #2115

LEADERSHIP

Having a 'warrior spirit' means promising yourself you will never do what?

- **A** Lose a game or contest
- **B** Lie, cheat or steal, even if others do
- **C** Ask a leader for help

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B Lie, cheat or steal, even if others do

WHY In Learn to Lead, a warrior is someone whose strong character helps them sacrifice for the team and reach long-term goals. What they defend is their honor.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why was the cadet's conscience so light? It had nothing to hide.

SESK.INFO #2114

SCOUTING & CADETS

Which best describes the Core Value of Integrity?

- **A** Always winning
- **B** Doing what is right even when no one is looking
- **C** Doing whatever your friends do

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B Doing what is right even when no one is looking

WHY A person of integrity is honest, keeps their promises, and does not blame others or take credit for someone else's work.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet clean the room nobody would inspect? Integrity doesn't need an audience.

SESK.INFO #2116

SCOUTING & CADETS

The Core Value of Volunteer Service is mainly about what?

- **A** Earning service hours for school
- **B** Joining as many activities as possible
- **C** Putting the team and the people we help first

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C Putting the team and the people we help first

WHY Volunteer Service means the needs of the team and the people we help come before what we want. Learn to Lead calls it the difference between giving and taking.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the volunteer bring extra snacks? Because sharing is the best kind of fuel.

SESK.INFO #2117

SCOUTING & CADETS

A cadet who values Excellence makes a commitment to what?

- **A** Continuous self-improvement
- **B** Never making a mistake
- **C** Doing everything alone

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A Continuous self-improvement

WHY Excellence means giving your best effort to every challenge and always working to get better. It also means knowing teams accomplish more than individuals.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet polish her boots twice? Excellence is a shoe-in.

SESK.INFO #2118

SCOUTING & CADETS

According to Learn to Lead, a respectful person treats others how?

- **A** Only as well as others treat them
- **B** As they would like to be treated
- **C** Based on their rank alone

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B As they would like to be treated

WHY Respect means defending human dignity, being polite and kind, and giving people the benefit of the doubt. It also means accepting each person as unique.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the polite cadet hold the hangar door open? He wanted to make a great entrance for everyone.

SESK.INFO #2119

LEADERSHIP

Learn to Lead sums up self-discipline in one word. What is it?

- **A** Obedience
- **B** Talent
- **C** Willpower

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C Willpower

WHY Self-discipline is steering your thoughts, feelings and actions toward a goal that matters. Cadets build it on the drill field and by wearing the uniform just right.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet skip the third dessert?
Willpower, and a uniform inspection tomorrow.

SESK.INFO #2120

SCOUTING & CADETS

What is an oath?

- **A** A secret password
- **B** A solemn promise, usually made in public
- **C** A rule written by your commander

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B A solemn promise, usually made in public

WHY When you swear an oath, you put your honor and reputation on the line. Presidents, military members and CAP cadets all take oaths.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet practice the oath in the shower?
She wanted to keep it fresh.

SESK.INFO #2121

SCOUTING & CADETS

The Cadet Oath says 'obey my officers.' What if an officer orders something morally wrong?

- **A** Obey anyway, since the oath says so
- **B** Ask another cadet to do it
- **C** The cadet does not have to obey

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C The cadet does not have to obey

WHY Promising to obey means admitting leaders have more experience and following their guidance. It never means doing something wrong.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the compass refuse a bad order? It always points true.

SESK.INFO #2122

SCOUTING & CADETS

Learn to Lead defines the word 'cadet' as what?

- **A** A young person in training to become a leader
- **B** Any member of the military
- **C** A student pilot

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A A young person in training to become a leader

WHY That is why the oath promises to advance your education and training rapidly. A cadet's main job is learning to lead.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet bring a ladder to class? To climb the ranks.

SESK.INFO #2123

SCOUTING & CADETS

The Cadet Oath ends by preparing the cadet to serve whom?

- **A** My squadron, wing and region
- **B** My community, state, and nation
- **C** My family, school and friends

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B My community, state, and nation

WHY CAP is a volunteer group whose main purpose is community service. The last line says the goal is growing into a citizen who helps others.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why is the Cadet Oath like a good flight plan? It ends at the right destination.

SESK.INFO #2124

SCOUTING & CADETS

What are all military customs and courtesies rooted in?

- **A** Basic politeness and respect
- **B** Fear of punishment
- **C** Showing who is better

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A Basic politeness and respect

WHY Saluting, saying sir or ma'am and standing when an officer enters are polite habits. They are never a mark of being lower than someone else.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet say sir to the airplane? It outranked him by 30,000 feet.

SESK.INFO #2125

SCOUTING & CADETS

The military salute traces back to which old custom?

- **A** Sailors waving signal flags
- **B** Pilots signaling before takeoff
- **C** Knights raising the right hand to show trust

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C Knights raising the right hand to show trust

WHY When armored knights met, they raised their visors and greeted each other with the right hand, their sword hand. The gesture outlived the armor.

STRAIGHT FACE
What was Camelot famous for? Its knight life.

SESK.INFO #2126

SCOUTING & CADETS

A uniformed cadet meets a senior officer outdoors where salutes are required. Who salutes first?

- **A** The junior person
- **B** The senior person
- **C** Whoever sees the other first

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A The junior person

WHY The junior person starts the salute early enough that the senior has time to return it. A greeting such as 'Good morning, ma'am' goes along with it.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet salute the flagpole? When in doubt, salute. Just maybe not the flagpole.

SESK.INFO #2127

SCOUTING & CADETS

A cadet standing in formation sees an officer walk by. What should the cadet do?

- **A** Salute right away
- **B** Stay put; the person in charge salutes for everyone
- **C** Leave ranks and report

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B Stay put; the person in charge salutes for everyone

WHY In formation, cadets salute only when commanded to. The person in charge gives and returns salutes for the whole formation.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why didn't the formation wave hello? They let their leader do the talking.

SESK.INFO #2128

SCOUTING & CADETS

Which of these indoor situations normally requires a cadet to salute?

- **A** Every time they pass an officer in a hallway
- **B** Never, under any circumstances
- **C** When formally reporting to an officer

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C When formally reporting to an officer

WHY Salutes are normally exchanged outdoors. Inside, a cadet salutes when formally reporting, such as reporting to an officer's desk.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why don't cadets salute in the hallway? There's just not enough elbow room.

SESK.INFO #2129

SCOUTING & CADETS

When reporting to an officer at a desk, how far away does the cadet halt?

- **A** About 2 paces
- **B** About 10 paces
- **C** Right at the desk, touching it

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A About 2 paces

WHY The cadet knocks, waits to be told to enter, halts 2 paces away, salutes and reports. Then they stay at attention unless told otherwise.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet count his steps to the desk? He didn't want to pace himself too close.

SESK.INFO #2130

SCOUTING & CADETS

When a junior cadet walks with an officer, which side does the cadet walk on?

- **A** On the right
- **B** On the left
- **C** Directly behind

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B On the left

WHY Military custom treats the right as the position of honor. The senior person takes the right, so the junior cadet walks on the left.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet walk on the left? Because the officer was always right.

SESK.INFO #2131

SCOUTING & CADETS

Learn to Lead says wearing the cadet uniform is what?

- **A** A right every member has no matter what
- **B** Optional at every event
- **C** A privilege, not a right

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C A privilege, not a right

WHY CAP is the Air Force Auxiliary and cadets wear an Air Force style uniform, so they have a special duty to wear it properly and with pride.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet iron his uniform twice? He wanted to press for success.

SESK.INFO #2132

SCOUTING & CADETS

According to Learn to Lead, a unit's performance on the drill field measures what?

- **A** The cadets' self-discipline
- **B** How well cadets know aircraft parts
- **C** How many cadets have flown

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A The cadets' self-discipline

WHY Drill builds teamwork and needs attention to detail, which shows the Core Value of Excellence. You can learn a lot about a unit just by watching it drill.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the scarecrow win an award? He was outstanding in his field. Like a good drill team.

SESK.INFO #2133

SCOUTING & CADETS

What is the chain of command, put simply?

- **A** A list of the squadron's best cadets
- **B** The order of authority
- **C** The way a flight lines up in formation

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B The order of authority

WHY It links the newest cadet to every leader up to the national commander. It makes clear who is in charge and who is responsible.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the chain of command never break? Every link knew its job.

SESK.INFO #2134

SCOUTING & CADETS

What is 'jumping the chain'?

- **A** Skipping a grade on promotion
- **B** Leaving formation without permission
- **C** Going to a top leader without your immediate superiors

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C Going to a top leader without your immediate superiors

WHY For routine issues, use each level in order and solve problems as low as possible. Bullying, abuse, violence, and sensitive topics may go directly to a trusted senior member.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet take the ladder one rung at a time? He didn't want to jump the chain.

SESK.INFO #2135

SCOUTING & CADETS

At the position of attention, what angle do the feet form?

- **A** 90 degrees
- **B** 45 degrees
- **C** Feet parallel, toes straight ahead

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B 45 degrees

WHY Heels are together and in line, with the toes turned out equally to 45 degrees. The cadet remains silent and still, with eyes facing front.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why was the cadet so good at geometry? She stood at a perfect 45 every meeting.

SESK.INFO #2136

SCOUTING & CADETS

On the command Parade, REST, how far apart does the cadet place the heels?

- **A** 6 inches
- **B** 24 inches
- **C** 12 inches

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C 12 inches

WHY The left foot moves 12 inches left, and the hands go behind the back, right hand in the left palm. The cadet stays silent and still.

STRAIGHT FACE
How long is a parade rest? About a foot.

SESK.INFO #2137

SCOUTING & CADETS

Which rest position lets cadets talk quietly while staying in formation?

- **A** REST
- **B** AT EASE
- **C** Parade, REST

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A REST

WHY At REST, cadets may relax and talk quietly but keep the right foot in place. AT EASE is the same, except cadets stay silent.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the flight love the REST command? Finally, time to catch up.

SESK.INFO #2138

SCOUTING & CADETS

In the drill command Parade, REST, what is the word REST called?

- **A** The preparatory command
- **B** The command of execution
- **C** The informational command

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B The command of execution

WHY Most drill commands have two parts. The preparatory command tells what is coming, and the command of execution says do it now.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the flight wait after hearing Parade? REST had not arrived yet.

SESK.INFO #2139

SCOUTING & CADETS

How far does a cadet turn on the command About, FACE?

- **A** 90 degrees
- **B** 45 degrees
- **C** 180 degrees

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C 180 degrees

WHY About face turns the cadet to face the rear, pivoting to the right on the ball of the right foot and heel of the left. It takes two counts.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadet do an about face at the bakery? He saw the dough was behind him.

SESK.INFO #2140

SCOUTING & CADETS

What does an unarmed cadet do on the command Present, ARMS?

- **A** Raises a hand salute
- **B** Turns the head 45 degrees right
- **C** Raises the left arm out to the side

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A Raises a hand salute

WHY Present arms is how a formation salutes together. The command Order, ARMS brings the hand back down to attention.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the flight raise their hands? Present, ARMS. Not a question and answer session.

SESK.INFO #2141

SCOUTING & CADETS

On Dress Right, DRESS, what does a cadet who is not last in an element do with the left arm?

- **A** Puts it behind the back
- **B** Raises it out to the side, parallel to the ground
- **C** Salutes with it

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B Raises it out to the side, parallel to the ground

WHY Except for the last cadet in each element, cadets raise the left arm. Most also turn the head right to establish normal interval and alignment.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the cadets dress right? Because dressing wrong gets you gigged.

SESK.INFO #2142

SCOUTING & CADETS

According to Learn to Lead, where did the cadet tradition begin?

- **A** The first U.S. Army camps
- **B** Ancient Rome's armies
- **C** The courts of French kings

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

C The courts of French kings

WHY Distinguished French families sent young sons to the palace to learn to be gentlemen, leaders and patriots. Later, they became military officers.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the French cadet go to the palace? He heard it had excellent training, and croissants.

SESK.INFO #2143

LEADERSHIP

Why should you write a goal in specific words?

- **A** It guarantees instant success
- **B** It states exactly what you want to achieve
- **C** It removes the need for a deadline

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

B **It states exactly what you want to achieve**

WHY A vague dream is hard to act on. Writing a specific goal forces you to name the result you want.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the pencil set a goal? It wanted to make its point.

LEADERSHIP

What is a future picture in personal goal-setting?

- **A** A clear description of your desired future
- **B** A list of everything you did yesterday
- **C** A prediction that cannot be changed

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

A **A clear description of your desired future**

WHY A future picture helps you imagine where you want to end up. Your choices today should move you toward that picture.

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the goal bring binoculars? It wanted a clearer future.

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