

## The Most Random Number - Solution

The solutions to the cryptograms and the answers to the trivia they encode are given below.

1. There are 17 of these patterns of symmetry in plane tilings: WALLPAPER GROUPS
2. The song "17 Again" was recorded by this group featuring Annie Lennox when they reunited in 1999: EURYTHMICS
3. The Boeing B-17 bomber, widely used during World War II, was known by this nickname: FLYING FORTRESS
4. "Sexy + 17" was recorded by this rockabilly band featuring Brian Setzer: STRAY CATS
5. Because 17 equals two to the two to the two plus one, it is this kind of number: FERMAT PRIME
6. 17 is the minimum number of givens possible in a uniquely solvable instance of this puzzle: SUDOKU
7. "17 Days", the B-side to "When Doves Cry", is a song by this legendary musician: PRINCE
8. Prisoner-of-war film Stalag 17 starred this actor, who won an Oscar for his role as J.J. Sefton: WILLIAM HOLDEN
9. 17 sickles equal one galleon in the universe of this scar-faced wizard: HARRY POTTER
10. This three-line unrhymed Japanese poetic form contains 17 syllables: HAIKU
11. The periodic form of this loud insect spends thirteen or 17 years underground before emerging: CICADA
12. There are 17 columns on the long side of this Greek landmark, originally a temple to Athena: PARTHENON
13. This singer released "Edge of 17" on her first solo album while she was still also a member of Fleetwood Mac: STEVIE NICKS
14. Beneath the pyramid on the back of a U.S. one dollar bill is this 17-letter Latin phrase: NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM
15. The longest winning streak in NHL history was 17 games long and was achieved by this team: PITTSBURGH PENGUINS
16. This name refers to group 17 on the periodic table of the elements: HALOGENS
17. Subtitle of the Kubrick film whose title is the result of subtracting 17 from the current year: A SPACE ODYSSEY

When the letters on the numbered blanks are assembled in order, depending on which copy of the puzzle you are looking at, they spell one of the following messages (yellow team's version is included in the booklet):

YELLOW TEAM LOOK ON TOP OF THE REFRIGERATOR

PURPLE TEAM IT IS UNDER THE KITCHEN TABLE