

## Shoeless Joe and Me Dan Gutman

1. Who is Flip Valentine?  
He is the sponsor of Stoshack's baseball team. He owns a baseball card store.
2. What is happening to Flip's baseball card store?  
It is closing because the rent is too high. Flip is retiring.
3. What team did Shoeless Joe play for?  
1919 Chicago White Sox
4. Why isn't Shoeless Joe in the Baseball Hall of Fame?  
Joe was part of a scandal that the Chicago White Sox lost the World Series on purpose in 1919.
5. Stosh confided in Flip about his time travel. Flip didn't have a Joe Jackson card. Why was a Hiene Groh card just as good?  
The Hiene Groh card was a card from 1919. His team was the Cincinnati Reds, the team that the Chicago White Sox played in the World Series.
6. Why did Mom decide to let Stosh go back to Cincinnati?  
She first said no but then decided it would be okay if Stosh took a picture of her grandmother and her twin brother, Wilbur, while he was there. She wanted it for the family album.
7. When Stosh was ready to go back to Cincinnati, what did he make sure he took with him?  
He needed the camera, money, his medicine (he had a cold), the baseball card from 1919, and a pack of new baseball cards so he could get home again.
8. Stosh knew he could get home with the baseball cards in his pocket. Where was he when he was thinking about going home without ever seeing Joe Jackson?  
When he arrived in Cincinnati, he found himself in the bathroom of a billiards parlor. There were gangsters in the other room discussing the payoff of the World Series. He sneezed and got caught. They locked him up in a closet.
9. While Stosh was locked in the closet he found 4 screws in the back of the closet that led to the room next door. He kept hearing a strange voice saying: "Commy's a crook." What was the voice?  
It was a bird in a cage in the next room.
10. Who was in the room besides the bird?  
Joe Jackson and his wife, Katie.
11. What was the name of Joe Jackson's bat?  
Black Betsy
12. Who was Commy that the bird kept repeating was a crook?  
Charles Comisky, the owner of the Chicago White Sox
13. How did Joe Jackson get the nickname Shoeless Joe?  
When Joe was in the minors, the shoes that he had gave him blisters, so he played the outfield in his stocking feet and a reporter noticed it.

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14. When a White Sox player, Chuck Gandil, came to the hotel room to see Joe to ask him to join the other players in throwing the World Series, what happened?  
Joe said NO and threw Chuck out of the room. On his way out, Chuck threw an envelope with \$5000 on the bed.
15. When Joe went to Cominsky and told him about the team selling out, what did Cominsky do?  
He told Joe to go to bed and slammed the door.
16. What did Joe get from the trashcan the night he spent in Joe and Katie's room?  
Joe had practiced writing his signature twice. Stosh knew they were worth a half million dollars each, so he took them from the trash.
17. What was Prohibition?  
It was going to be illegal to sell any alcoholic drinks in 3 months after the World Series.
18. When the first game was about to begin, a plane flew over and dropped something on the pitcher's mound. What was it?  
It was a dummy dressed in a White Sox uniform.
19. What was the signal that the fix was on?  
Ed Cicotte, the pitcher, would hit the first batter.
20. From Joe's room, Stosh called his great grandmother, Gladys Kozinsky. Where was he going to meet her and Wilbur and what for?  
They were going to meet at the hot dog stand on the third base side after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. Stosh was going to take their picture for his mother then.
21. Why was Wilbur wearing a surgical mask when Stosh met with him and Gladys?  
Wilbur had the flue – over a million people died from the flu – there was no medicine for it in 1919.
22. What did Stosh give to Wilbur?  
Stosh gave Wilbur his medicine for the flu that his mother had made him bring on the trip.
23. Stosh wanted to take Joe Jackson back to the future. Joe turned him down. When Stosh was leaving to go home, who grabbed him?  
Abe and Billy, the two gangsters who had shoved him in the closet in the hotel.
24. When Billy tied up Stosh and was getting ready to shoot him, what did Stosh ask for?  
Stosh asked for the baseball cards in his pocket and a moment of silence. That gave him enough time to get away. Stosh heard a gunshot as he disappeared.
25. What did Stosh give to Flip when he got back to the present?  
Stosh gave Flip the two autographs so that Flip could buy his own baseball team with the money.
26. When Stosh got home, who was in a wheelchair in the kitchen?  
Uncle Wilbur, the medicine Stosh gave to Wilbur had saved his life.