Weakest Link (Solution)

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1. First, answer all of the trivia questions, filling in the colored blanks (one letter per blank).
2. Notice that the beginning and ending letters of all 25 answers are unique. This gives a way to chain together words, e.g.,
   RECONNAISSANCE / ERYTHROPHOBIA / AHMEDABAD / etc.
   You may wish to cut out the strips of paper with the words and rearrange them in this order (it will be the order used for the rest of the puzzle).
3. Reading the initial letters of these re-ordered words, we get “READ PINKS” followed by some garbage letters.
4. Reading only the letters in pink boxes, we get “ALTERNATE VIOLETS.”
5. Reading the letters in every other violet box, we get “RED DASH GREEN DOT.” This implies that we should interpret the red and green boxes as Morse Code, where each red box represents a dash and each green box represents a dot.
6. This gives another series of words, which can be chained together in a similar manner as in Step 2.
7. Reading off the initial letters of the new chain, we get the final answer, **WORST**.