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- Thing
- Thing
- Thing

ordered lists

1. Who
2. What
3. I don't know

or even descriptions

Costello: Well then who's on first?

Abbott: Yes.

Costello: I mean the fellow's name.

Abbott: Who.

Costello: The guy on first.

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This template was newly updated for the 2019 PERC Proceedings. The editors apologize if any errors exist, and encourage you to contact them with changes and other suggestions.

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