

Santa Ana High School Article of the Week #7

We Found Out What Happens After You Catch Every Pokemon (1220 L)

Learning Target: *Students will generate questions about ideas, arguments, analyses, perspectives, or the rhetorical presentation of text for the purpose of making an informed response to what others say.*

Instructions: READ and ANNOTATE using CLOSE reading strategies.

Step 1: Skim the article using these symbols as you read:

(+) agree, (-) disagree, (*) important, (!) surprising, (?) wondering

Step 2: Number the paragraphs. **Read** the article **carefully** and **make notes in the margin**.

Notes should include:

- Comments that show that you **understand** the article. (A summary or statement of the main idea of important sections may serve this purpose.)
- Questions you have that show what you are **wondering** about as you read.
- Notes that differentiate between **fact** and **opinion**.
- Observations about how the **writer's strategies** (organization, word choice, perspective, support) and choices affect the article.

Step 3: A reread noting anything you may have missed during the first read.

We found out what happens after you catch every Pokémon

Nick Johnson is the first person to announce he has collected every Pokémon in the popular mobile game Pokémon Go. That is, all 142 virtual monsters that users have confirmed seeing in the wild of North America.

So now what? Off on an international trip to catch the Pokémon elsewhere in the world — **underwritten** by an international travel company.

Marriott Rewards has offered to sponsor Johnson to go to Europe, Japan and Australia to catch the regionally based Pokémon and finish his collection, he told USA TODAY Friday. A spokesperson for Marriott wasn't immediately available for comment.

Using GPS and **augmented reality**, the game developed by Niantic Labs invites players to catch the colorful Pokémon monsters best known from Nintendo games and trading cards of the 1990s. In the game, the monsters appear on real-life sidewalks and park benches when a player has the app open — a **scenario** that's encouraged a mass public-walking binge by millions.

"I feel great," Johnson said. "I was getting a lot of rest and exercise and meeting new people. I'm a lot healthier — I think I lost about 8-10 pounds."

Launched in early July, the hardcore users are now looking for the rare Pokémon.

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Mr. Mime, Farfetch'd and Kangaskhan are reportedly only available in the wild in Europe, Asia and Australia, respectively. However, it is rumored these Pokémon can be hatched from rare eggs in North America that users can pick up at PokéStops.

"I've talked to dozens and dozens of people who have hatched 100's of eggs and no one can hatch or catch them (in North America) as far as I know," Johnson said. The Brooklyn-based tech worker announced this week he had nabbed the 142 local monsters on Reddit with a screenshot of his Pokédex.

He owes his new fame to plain old shoe leather.

After getting off at work around 6:00 pm at Applico, a platform innovation company, Johnson would meet up with his girlfriend, have dinner and then together head down to Pokémon hotspots such as Grand Army Plaza in Central Park. Many times they would get to know fellow Pokémon trainers (players) searching in the park and then they would wait for the top or the bottom of the hour when Pokémon tend to spawn.

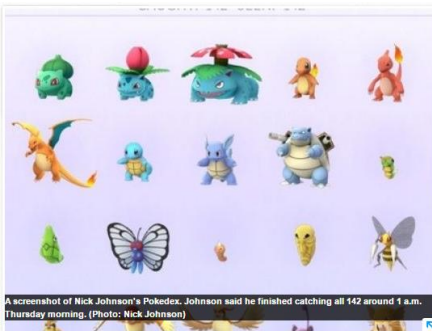
Johnson's iPhone Health App stated he has walked an average of 8 miles per day since the game was released on July 6th.

As for other fellow trainers hoping to catch them all, his first piece of advice is to talk to trainers for tips on where to find certain Pokémon.

Secondly, always make sure you walk in a straight line when trying to hatch an egg because the game uses a distance displacement calculation so walking in circles or zigzags won't do you any good.

"I learned that the hard way," Johnson said.

For now, he's playing casually as something fun to do with his girlfriend and friends. At least until he takes his international Pokémon catching trip. "My childhood dreams of being a Pokémon master have come true."



A screenshot of Nick Johnson's Pokédex. Johnson said he finished catching all 142 around 1:00 a.m. (Photo courtesy of Nick Johnson)



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Glossary:

Underwritten *verb* un·der·writ·ten \ 'ən-də(r)-, rīt, ,ən-də(r)- '\ : to guarantee financial support of

Augmented reality *noun*: an enhanced version of reality created by the use of technology to overlay digital information on an image of something being viewed through a device

Scenario *noun* sce·nar·io \sə-'ner-ē-, ō : a description of what could possibly happen

Comprehension questions – answers may be in phrases.

1. *According to the text, what is one possible benefit of play Pokémon Go?*
2. *How many total Pokémon are available in North America? List three not found in North America.*

Answer each question in one or more complete sentences and by providing complete explanations.

3. *Would it be likely that an average high school student would be able to catch every Pokémon? Support your response with data and evidence from the text.*
4. *In your opinion, is Pokémon Go a beneficial game? State your claim answering in a complete paragraph. Cite evidence from the text to support your claim.*