



Each of the 4 themed answers contained a term (or NAME, as the clue for 53-D suggested) that different places use as synonyms for a soft drink: TONIC (New England), SODA (lots of places), COKE (usually Southern U.S., also used in other places) and DOPE (exclusively Southern U.S.).

Another obvious synonym for soft drinks that wasn't included in the puzzle is **POP**, which is a sound often heard at a party as well, and therefore the answer to the meta.

Since many of these were specific to certain regions, the title Geography Quiz (explicit instructions) was supposed to get you thinking about that. Also, the title was supposed to confirm your guess - not only was this puzzle a Geography Quiz, but it also showed up unexpectedly for most of you (this puzzle was unannounced and released not on a Sunday), making it a POP quiz as well.