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# Weekly Trivia Quiz

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Estimated play time: Approximately 20 minutes  
Number of players: Unlimited  
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers  
Suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

You already know how to play trivia quizzes. Here are a few additional ideas to consider if you want a more, or less, competitive game.

## Instructions

1. Create a tournament format in which permanent teams compete in playoffs and a final champion team is crowned.
2. Collect a small amount of money from each player (for example, 50 cents or a dollar) and put it into a kitty. The winning team splits the kitty.
3. Buy some lottery tickets to use as prizes for the winners (and runners up).
4. To create a less competitive game, just give one point for every question answered.

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## ROCKS & MINERALS

- 10 Pts This mineral is often used to manage road ice.
- 20 Pts This rock, formed from dead plant material under intense pressure, comes in several types, including bituminous and anthracite.
- 30 Pts The Taj Mahal is clad entirely in this white rock. The largest block of it ever found in the US (weighing 56 tons) was used for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- 40 Pts Fred Flintstone's boss knows that this rock, used as blackboards or writing tablets for centuries, is formed when shale rock is put under heat and pressure.
- 50 Pts New Hampshire takes its nickname from this tough, coarse rock, which is also the material that Mt. Rushmore is carved from.

## MOVIE & TV QUOTES

- 10 Pts The opening to TV's *Star Trek*: "To boldly go ..."
- 20 Pts TV newsman Edward R. Murrow's sign-off phrase: "Good night, ..."
- 30 Pts Sam Baldwin in *Sleepless in Seattle*: "She wants to meet me at the top of ..."
- 40 Pts Ross to Rachel on *Friends*: "We were on a ...."
- 50 Pts The last five words in *The Wizard of Oz*, as Dorothy looks around her Kansas bedroom with her friends and family surrounding her.

## MID-WESTERN CITIES

- 10 Pts According to the 1952 rhythm and blues song, "They've got some crazy little women" in this mid-western city.
- 20 Pts In 1973, the *New York Times* revealed that President Nixon's domestic affairs counsel John Ehrlichman assured him that his so-called policy of "peace with honor" would be accepted by the people, reviving the old slogan: "It will play in ..." this midwestern city.
- 30 Pts This is the more populous, by more than 100,000 people, of Minnesota's Twin Cities.
- 40 Pts Three suburbs of this large mid-western city are Grosse Pointe, Dearborn, and Novi.
- 50 Pts Three mid-western capital cities are named for US presidents; can you identify one of them?

## FINISH THE LYRICS

- 10 Pts 1965, Nancy Sinatra: "These boots are made for walkin' and that's just what they'll do ..."
- 20 Pts 1941, The Ink Spots: "I don't want to set the world on fire, I just want to start ..."
- 30 Pts 1956, Ella Fitzgerald: "Birds do it, bees do it, even educated fleas do it ..."
- 40 Pts 1968, O.C. Smith: "God didn't make little green apples, and ..."
- 50 Pts 1964, Frank Sinatra: "Fly me to the moon, and let me play among the stars ..."

### A POTPOURRI OF FIRSTS

- 10 Pts    This first mouthwash (invented in 1879 and introduced in the US in 1914) was named for the British pioneer of antiseptic surgery.
- 20 Pts    Appropriately, this Hartford, Connecticut-based company was the first to insure automobiles.
- 30 Pts    In 2002, she made movie history as the first African American to win the Academy Award for Best Actress for her role in *Monster's Ball*.
- 40 Pts    This author of *Beloved* and *Song of Solomon* was the first African American to win a Nobel Prize for Literature.
- 50 Pts    This European car company was the first to equip its cars with safety belts.

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## ANSWERS

### ROCKS & MINERALS

- 10 Pts Rock Salt (Halite *and* sodium chloride *are also correct answers.*)
- 20 Pts Coal
- 30 Pts Marble
- 40 Pts Slate
- 50 Pts Granite

### MOVIE & TV QUOTES

- 10 Pts “ ... where no man has gone before.”
- 20 Pts “ ... and good luck.”
- 30 Pts “ ... the Empire State Building.”
- 40 Pts “ ... break.”
- 50 Pts “There’s no place like home.”

### MID-WESTERN CITIES

- 10 Pts Kansas City
- 20 Pts Peoria
- 30 Pts Minneapolis. It is the largest city in Minnesota, with nearly 430,000 people. St. Paul is the second-largest city in Minnesota, with a population of 310,000.
- 40 Pts Detroit
- 50 Pts Lincoln (Nebraska); Jefferson City (Missouri); and Madison (Wisconsin)

### FINISH THE LYRICS

- 30 Pts “... One of these days these boots are gonna’ walk all over you.”
- 10 Pts “... a flame in your heart.”
- 20 Pts “... Let’s do it, let’s fall in love.”
- 40 Pts “... it don't rain in Indianapolis in the summertime.”
- 50 Pts “... Let me see what spring is like on Jupiter and Mars.”

### A POTPOURRI OF FIRSTS

- 10 Pts Listerine, which was named after Joseph Lister
- 20 Pts Travelers Insurance
- 30 Pts Halle Berry
- 40 Pts Toni Morrison
- 50 Pts Volvo