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Weekly Trivia Quiz

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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PURPLE POTPOURRI

- 10 Pts Melanin is a pigment that defends the human body from the harmful effects of this type of light.
- 20 Pts The classic board game Clue includes this “purple” character.
- 30 Pts There are roughly 800 species of this often showy flower that comes in many colors, although the name of the flower refers only to a bright light purple color.
- 40 Pts This author of *The Carpetbaggers* and *The Betsy* has been called “Papa of the Purple Prose Paperback.”
- 50 Pts This brand of Canadian whisky, introduced in Canada in 1929 and in the US in the 1960s, comes in an elegant purple bag.

CLASSIC CHILDREN’S BOOKS

- 10 Pts Apparently, he considered the “Dick and Jane” books too boring, so this author wrote his first children’s book in 1957, using only 236 words that every beginning reader should know. It’s still a best seller.
- 20 Pts This A. A. Milne character, introduced in 1926, described himself as “a bear with very little brain.”
- 30 Pts In what city did *Make Way for Ducklings* take place?
- 40 Pts This classic kiddie lit character is named for the London train station where he ended up as a stowaway from “darkest Peru.”
- 50 Pts Surprisingly, this 1969 song was Johnny Cash’s biggest hit. Perhaps equally surprisingly, it was written by satirical children’s author, Shel Silverstein.

SHOES

- 10 Pts The traditional type of this shoe, which dates back in the Netherlands to the 13th century, was made by hollowing out a lump of solid wood to make a combined upper and lower.
- 20 Pts Around 4 BC, shoemaking became a notable profession. What was/is the term, stemming from Old English, for a person who makes and repairs shoes?
- 30 Pts Extreme versions of this type of shoe, popular in the 1970s, had soles and heels over 8” high, and were associated with a significant increase in sprained ankles.
- 40 Pts In 1936, the G.H. Bass company of Maine introduced this type of shoe, which became very popular among US prep school students, who (according to legend) kept coins in the saddle slot for making pay phone calls.
- 50 Pts This flat shoe has a cloth or canvas upper and a flexible sole made of esparto rope.

A POTPOURRI OF PIES

- 10 Pts This French term has been Americanized to refer to pie topped with ice cream
- 20 Pts This popular French savory pie is made with eggs and cheese, and sometimes also with vegetables, proteins or both.
- 30 Pts This representation of data is presented as a circle divided into sectors of relative sizes.
- 40 Pts This phrase refers to the deceptively rosy prospect of future events.
- 50 Pts You “eat” this kind of pie when you are proven to be wrong and have to admit it.

NICKNAMES

- 10 Pts The criminal known as Scarface.
- 20 Pts The sports icon dubbed The Louisville Lip.
- 30 Pts The rock musician called The Boss.
- 40 Pts The athlete known as The Yankee Clipper
- 50 Pts The artist dubbed Jack the Dripper.

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ANSWERS

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- 10 Pts Ultraviolet, also called UV sunlight
- 20 Pts Professor Plum
- 30 Pts Orchid
- 40 Pts Harold Robbins. Purple prose is writing that is overly elaborate or ornate.
- 50 Pts Crown Royal (also known as Seagram's Crown Royal)

CLASSIC CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- 10 Pts Dr. Seuss, whose first book was *The Cat in the Hat*
- 20 Pts Winnie-the-Pooh
- 30 Pts Boston
- 40 Pts Paddington Bear
- 50 Pts "A Boy Named Sue"

SHOES

- 10 Pts Clogs (also called wooden shoes)
- 20 Pts Cobbler
- 30 Pts Platform shoes
- 40 Pts Penny loafers
- 50 Pts Espadrille

A POTPOURRI OF PIES

- 10 Pts A la mode
- 20 Pts Quiche
- 30 Pts Pie chart
- 40 Pts Pie in the sky
- 50 Pts Humble pie

NICKNAMES

- 10 Pts Al Capone
- 20 Pts Mohammed Ali
- 30 Pts Bruce Springsteen
- 40 Pts Joe DiMaggio
- 50 Pts Jackson Pollock