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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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QUESTIONS

NAME THE ACTOR WHO PLAYED ...

- 10 Pts Bert, the chimney sweep and Rob Petrie.
- 20 Pts Sheriff Woody and Forrest Gump.
- 30 Pts Vivian Ward and Erin Brockovich.
- 40 Pts Popeye and Mrs. Doubtfire.
- 50 Pts Norma Rae Webster and Sister Bertrille.

HARVARD GRADS

- 10 Pts Having grown up in Newton, Massachusetts, this Oscar-winning star of *Mr. Roberts* and *Some Like It Hot* didn't have a long commute to college at Harvard.
- 20 Pts The first blind and deaf person to earn a bachelor's degree, she graduated from Harvard's Radcliffe College (for women) in 1904.
- 30 Pts This 6' 5" actor, known for playing Officer Muldoon in TV's *Car 54, Where Are You?* and Herman Munster on *The Munsters*, was a 1951 graduate of Harvard.
- 40 Pts This Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, who penned "The Road Not Taken" and "Mending Wall," attended Harvard for two years before dropping out due to ill health in 1899.
- 50 Pts Can you name both the first and the most recent US presidents who attended Harvard?

WORLD LEADERS

- 10 Pts Dartboards with his face on them were a big seller during the hostage crisis in the early 1980s.
- 20 Pts Born in 1894, he became a Bolshevik in 1918 and the Premier of the Soviet Union in 1958.
- 30 Pts Before he was president of the United States, Ronald Reagan was also president of this labor union.
- 40 Pts This former Israeli Prime Minister, who graduated from MIT in 1975, lost his brother the following year in the raid on Entebbe.
- 50 Pts Currently, there are seven living former prime ministers of this country, including Scott Morrison, Tony Abbott, Keven Rudd, and John Howard.

NONSENSE

- 10 Pts According to the 1959 nonsense song, where was your chewing gum likely to “lose its flavor”?
- 20 Pts This author of *Winnie-the-Pooh* wrote, “Isn’t it funny how a bear likes honey? Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! I wonder why he does.”
- 30 Pts According to a nonsense poem by A. E. Housman, “A tail behind, a trunk in front, completes the usual” one of these.
- 40 Pts The nonsense poem “Jabberwocky,” by this English writer, begins “’Twas brillig, and the slithy toves, Did gyre and gimble in the wabe.”
- 50 Pts In 1963, the British group Manfred Mann recorded a song with the lyrics: “There she was just a-walking down the street, singing ...” What nonsense words?

DOLLS AND DOLLYS

- 10 Pts In 1915, Johnny Gruelle of Arcola, Illinois, created this rag doll sibling pair.
- 20 Pts Why was Dolly, a Finnish Dorset sheep from Scotland, the most famous sheep in the world in the late 1990s?
- 30 Pts Pull a string and this doll, introduced in 1959, would talk and talk and talk.
- 40 Pts This theme park, located in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, near the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains, welcomes three million guests per year.
- 50 Pts The largest set of *matryoshka* (or nesting) dolls, which were invented in this country in 1892, is a 51-piece hand-painted set that was completed in 2003. The tallest doll in the set measures 21”, and the smallest is just over 1/10th of an inch.

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ANSWERS

NAME THE ACTOR WHO PLAYED ...

- 10 Pts Dick Van Dyke
- 20 Pts Tom Hanks
- 30 Pts Julia Roberts
- 40 Pts Robin Williams
- 50 Pts Sally Field

HARVARD GRADS

- 10 Pts Jack Lemmon
- 20 Pts Helen Keller
- 30 Pts Fred Gwynne
- 40 Pts Robert Frost
- 50 Pts The first was John Adams and the most recent was Barack Obama.

WORLD LEADERS

- 10 Pts Ayatollah Khomeini
- 20 Pts Nikita Khrushchev
- 30 Pts The Screen Actors Guild (SAG)
- 40 Pts Benjamin Netanyahu
- 50 Pts Australia

NONSENSE

- 10 Pts On the bedpost
- 20 Pts A. A. Milne
- 30 Pts Elephant
- 40 Pts Lewis Carroll
- 50 Pts "... do wah diddy diddy dum diddy do."

DOLLS AND DOLLYS

- 10 Pts Raggedy Ann and Andy
- 20 Pts Dolly was the first mammal cloned from an adult (not embryonic) cell.
- 30 Pts Chatty Cathy
- 40 Pts Dollywood
- 50 Pts Russia