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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

WORLD CAPITALS *(Name the country where you would find these capital cities.)*

- 10 Pts Port-au-Prince
- 20 Pts Amsterdam
- 30 Pts Canberra
- 40 Pts Helsinki
- 50 Pts Pyongyang

THE SHAPE OF THINGS *(Each answer contains the name of a geometric shape.)*

- 10 Pts Nickname for the room in the White House where the US president works.
- 20 Pts Headquarters of the US military.
- 30 Pts This major tourist destination in New York City, formed by the junction of Broadway, Seventh Avenue, and 42nd St., is sometimes referred to as the “Crossroads of the World” and the “Heart of the Great White Way.”
- 40 Pts Supposedly, this area in the Atlantic Ocean north of the Caribbean Sea is where a number of aircraft and ships are said to have disappeared under mysterious circumstances.
- 50 Pts This 3-D combination puzzle, invented in 1974, became the world’s bestselling puzzle game and toy of all time in 2009.

TONY AND OSCAR WINNERS

- 10 Pts He won a Tony for *Mister Roberts* in 1948 and an Oscar for *On Golden Pond* in 1981.
- 20 Pts She won a Tony for *A Streetcar Named Desire* in 1947 and an Oscar for *Driving Miss Daisy* in 1989.
- 30 Pts He won a Tony for *The Basic Training of Pavlo Hummel* in 1977 and an Oscar for *Scent of a Woman* in 1993.
- 40 Pts She won a Tony for *Ondine* in 1954 and an Oscar for *Roman Holiday* in 1954.
- 50 Pts She won a Tony for *The Ritz* in 1975 and an Oscar for *West Side Story* in 1961.

FOUR LETTERS

- 10 Pts This four-letter word is the name of Pompeii’s output. Lava
- 20 Pts This is a four-letter word for a soprano’s solo. Aria
- 30 Pts This four-letter currency was created in 1999 and is used by 19 countries.
- 40 Pts This four-letter TV show has presented science documentaries on PBS for more than forty years.
- 50 Pts This four-letter word is short for Edward or is a small whirlpool Eddy

NATIONAL CRISES (*What national crises prompted these presidential quotes?*)

10 Pts “Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date which will live in infamy ...”

20 Pts “(They) can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America.”

30 Pts “They ‘slipped the surly bonds of Earth to touch the face of God.’”

40 Pts “I come to offer the love and prayers of a nation ... all across this land of ours, we have wept with you, we’ve pulled our children tight.”

50 Pts “All I have I would have given gladly not to be standing here today.”

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ANSWERS

WORLD CAPITALS

- 10 Pts Haiti
- 20 Pts The Netherlands (Holland)
- 30 Pts Australia
- 40 Pts Finland
- 50 Pts North Korea

THE SHAPE OF THINGS

- 10 Pts The Oval Office
- 20 Pts The Pentagon
- 30 Pts Times Square
- 40 Pts The Bermuda Triangle
- 50 Pts Rubik's Cube

TONY AND OSCAR WINNERS

- 10 Pts Henry Fonda
- 20 Pts Jessica Tandy
- 30 Pts Al Pacino
- 40 Pts Audrey Hepburn
- 50 Pts Rita Moreno

FOUR LETTERS

- 10 Pts Lava
- 20 Pts Aria
- 30 Pts Euro
- 40 Pts NOVA
- 50 Pts Eddy

NATIONAL CRISES

- 10 Pts The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (President Franklin Roosevelt)
- 20 Pts The September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks (President George W. Bush)
- 30 Pts The explosion of the Space Shuttle *Challenger* (President Ronald Reagan quoting poet John Magee)
- 40 Pts The mass murder of children at the Sandy Hook elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut (President Barack Obama)
- 50 Pts The assassination of President John F. Kennedy (President Lyndon Johnson)