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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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## QUESTIONS

### PLANT POTPOURRI

- 10 Pts This addicting chemical in tobacco is a poisonous alkaloid that is also used as an insecticide.
- 20 Pts According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, this is “any plant that is growing where it is not wanted.”
- 30 Pts This spice, first cultivated in Mexico and used widely as flavoring in baking, is derived from orchids.
- 40 Pts This plant art, which originated during ancient Roman times, involves training and trimming the foliage of trees and shrubs to resemble shapes of any kind.
- 50 Pts Given its wide range of food uses and high nutritional value, economically, this is the most important bean in the world.

### TWO DOUBLE LETTERS *(Each answer contains a word with two double letters.)*

- 10 Pts Crickets, katydids, and locusts all belong to this family of insects.
- 20 Pts In the animated feature film *UP*, the main character lifts off for an adventure after tying thousands of these to his house.
- 30 Pts A period of one thousand years.
- 40 Pts This beverage bean is cultivated across tropical equatorial regions. Its largest producing nation by far is Brazil, followed by Vietnam and Colombia.
- 50 Pts The name of this native North American mammal most likely comes from the Algonquian phrase *ah-rah-koon-em*, meaning “[the] one who rubs, scrubs and scratches with its hands.”

### WOMEN’S NAMES ON THE MAP

- 10 Pts This resort island is located in the Atlantic Ocean, just south of Cape Cod.
- 20 Pts A section of London, a neighborhood in Manhattan, and a town bordering Boston all share this name.
- 30 Pts Canada’s “Garden City” is also the capital of British Columbia.
- 40 Pts This fourth-most populous city in New Jersey was not named for a British Queen, but for the wife of one of the early settlers of the colony of New Jersey.
- 50 Pts This Italian city, the capital of the Tuscany region of Italy, is considered the birthplace of the Renaissance.

**PLURALS THAT DON'T END IN "S"** (We provide the singular; you give us the plural.)

- 10 Pts Fungus
- 20 Pts Shrimp
- 30 Pts Mother-in-law
- 40 Pts Medium
- 50 Pts Stigma

**COMPOSERS**

- 10 Pts This British composer's first notable musical was *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* in 1968. Two of his many other musicals, *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera*, are among the top five longest-running musicals on Broadway.
- 20 Pts This American composer's best known works include *Rhapsody in Blue* (1924), *An American in Paris* (1928), and *Porgy and Bess* (1935), which included the classic hit "Summertime."
- 30 Pts In 1969, this composer was named Conductor Laureate for Life of the New York Philharmonic orchestra.
- 40 Pts "The Blue Danube" is one of the most famous works of this composer, known as "The Waltz King" for popularizing the dance in 19<sup>th</sup> century Vienna.
- 50 Pts The 2019 film about this British musician and composer's life was titled *Rocketman*, taken from his 1972 double-platinum hit song with the same title.

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## ANSWERS

### PLANT POTPOURRI

- 10 Pts Nicotine
- 20 Pts Weed
- 30 Pts Vanilla
- 40 Pts Topiary
- 50 Pts Soybean

### TWO DOUBLE LETTERS

- 10 Pts Grasshopper
- 20 Pts Balloons
- 30 Pts Millennium
- 40 Pts Coffee
- 50 Pts Raccoon

### WOMEN'S NAMES ON THE MAP

- 10 Pts Martha's Vineyard
- 20 Pts Chelsea
- 30 Pts Victoria
- 40 Pts Elizabeth
- 50 Pts Florence

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- 20 Pts Shrimp
- 30 Pts Mothers-in-law
- 40 Pts Media
- 50 Pts Stigmata

### COMPOSERS

- 10 Pts Andrew Lloyd Webber
- 20 Pts George Gershwin
- 30 Pts Leonard Bernstein
- 40 Pts Johann Strauss
- 50 Pts Elton John