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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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SPRING POTPOURRI

- 10 Pts Second only to Washington, this is the most common city name in the United States – just ask Homer Simpson.
- 20 Pts College students flood Daytona Beach in Florida each year during this March or April vacation period.
- 30 Pts This Chinese appetizer is traditionally associated with the Chinese New Year.
- 40 Pts This medium-sized spaniel was bred as a loyal companion and hunting dog that would flush hiding birds into the air.
- 50 Pts This is a summer Olympic diving event ... or, the beginning from which a project or enterprise is launched.

SPRING ON THE MAP

- 10 Pts This president spent a great deal of his time in Warm Springs, Georgia, where he tried to regain strength in his legs, which had been weakened by polio, by bathing and exercising in the hot springs water there.
- 20 Pts In the 1930s, Palm Springs, California became a popular get-away home for movie stars such as Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, and Clark Gable. It became more widely known in the 1960s, when a professional golf tournament held there was named after this famous comedian and avid golfer.
- 30 Pts This suburb, due north of Washington, DC, is mostly “inside the beltway,” although it is located in Maryland. (Sadly, the spring it was named after dried up long ago.)
- 40 Pts Mineral springs have made this upstate New York city a popular resort destination for over 200 years. It is also home to a top thoroughbred horse racing track, a performing arts center, and Skidmore College
- 50 Pts Located roughly in this country’s geographic center, Alice Springs was a key setting of Nevil Shute’s 1950 novel *A Town Like Alice*, which was also made into a mini-series that aired on PBS in 1981.

SINGING OF SPRING

- 20 Pts 1880 song featured in many films: “While strolling through the park one day, in the merry, merry month of _____.”
- 30 Pts 1957 Pat Boone hit: “_____ love is for the very young. Every star’s a wishing star that shines for you.”
- 40 Pts 1945 number from *Carousel*: “_____ is bustin’ out all over. All over the meadow and the hill!”
- 10 Pts 1955 standard by Count Basie (and many others). “_____ in Paris. This is a feeling. No one can ever reprise.”
- 50 Pts 1965 Simon & Garfunkel lyrics: In “April, Come She Will,” this month “will stay” and this month will “change her tune.”

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

- 10 Pts Much of Springsteen's music tells the story of the working-class American life that he experienced growing up in this US state.
- 20 Pts Springsteen acquired this nickname, by which he is still known, in the early 1970s because he took on the task of collecting his band's nightly pay and distributing it to his bandmates.
- 30 Pts In 1976, at the age of twenty-seven, Bruce Springsteen climbed the walls of this rock icon's home in Memphis ... and was quickly discovered by a security guard.
- 40 Pts Springsteen's 2006 album entitled *We Shall Overcome* is a tribute to this co-founder of the Weavers and then 87-year-old folk legend.
- 50 Pts Springsteen won an Academy Award in 1994 for his song "Streets of Philadelphia," which appeared on the soundtrack to the film *Philadelphia*, which was one of the first mainstream Hollywood films to focus on this disease.

SPRING FLOWERS

- 10 Pts It's likely that this spring flower was first imported to Holland from Turkey in the 1500s.
- 20 Pts This spring flower, sometimes called a jonquil, looks a bit like a cup and saucer.
- 30 Pts This yellow blooming shrub was named after Scottish botanist William Forsyth.
- 40 Pts This is one of the earliest spring flowers. It is also the source of saffron, which is among the most expensive spices in the world.
- 50 Pts 'When lilacs last in the door-yard bloom'd,' was poet Walt Whitman's elegy to this fallen US president.

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ANSWERS

SPRING POTPOURRI

- 10 Pts Springfield
- 20 Pts Spring Break
- 30 Pts Spring Rolls
- 40 Pts Springer Spaniel (English Springer Spaniel or Welsh Springer Spaniel is also correct.)
- 50 Pts Springboard

SPRING ON THE MAP

- 10 Pts Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 20 Pts Bob Hope
- 30 Pts Silver Spring
- 40 Pts Saratoga Springs
- 50 Pts Australia

SINGING OF SPRING

- 20 Pts May
- 30 Pts April
- 40 Pts June
- 10 Pts April
- 50 Pts "May, she will stay," and "June, she'll change her tune."

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

- 10 Pts Springsteen is a proud son of New Jersey.
- 20 Pts Springsteen's nickname is "The Boss."
- 30 Pts Elvis Presley
- 40 Pts Pete Seeger
- 50 Pts HIV/AIDS

SPRING FLOWERS

- 10 Pts Tulip
- 20 Pts Daffodil
- 30 Pts Forsythia
- 40 Pts Crocus
- 50 Pts Abraham Lincoln