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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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CRIME STORIES

- 10 Pts He served nine years in prison – but not for murder. He was convicted in 2008 of armed robbery for stealing sports memorabilia at gunpoint in a Las Vegas hotel.
- 20 Pts After a life of crime in Chicago, this mob boss was finally imprisoned for income tax evasion in 1932.
- 30 Pts George Zimmerman was a 29-year-old neighborhood watch coordinator when he shot and killed this 17-year-old African American high school student, who was visiting family in a Sanford, Florida gated community.
- 40 Pts In the months before these two brothers were arrested for the 1989 murders of their parents in Beverly Hills, they spent nearly three-quarters of a million dollars on expensive trips and luxury items.
- 50 Pts This infamous white collar criminal founded a Wall Street firm that was behind the single largest financial fraud scandal in US history. The entire operation was a Ponzi scheme that scammed thousands of people out of billions of dollars until he was arrested in 2008.

FUNNY PAGES

- 10 Pts His first book, called *Sein Language* (1983), covered a wide range of topics, from Raisinettes to relationships and everything in between.
- 20 Pts This funny man's 1996 autobiography was entitled *Leading With My Chin*.
- 30 Pts It's no surprise that his autobiography was called *It's Not Easy Bein' Me: A Lifetime of No Respect but Plenty of Sex and Drugs*. It was published in 2004 – the same year he died at age 82.
- 40 Pts This influential comedian's semi-fictional autobiography, titled *How to Talk Dirty and Influence People*, was published in 1965 – the year after he was convicted of obscenity charges and the year before he died of a drug overdose at age 40.
- 50 Pts His biography, published two years before his death in 1987, was entitled *How Sweet It Is*.

FUELS

- 10 Pts These are the two most popular home heating fuels used in the United States. (Hint: together they heat roughly 83% of all US homes.)
- 20 Pts In the 1300s, the Hopi Indians found this fuel better than wood for cooking and heating, and also for baking their clay pottery. The first commercial mining of this resource in the US began in Virginia in 1701.
- 30 Pts This fuel, sometimes called lamp oil, was widely adopted for use in indoor lamps because it burned brighter than other fuels while emitting very low smoke.
- 40 Pts This method of extracting gas and oil trapped in underground rock has been blamed for an increase in earthquake activity in Oklahoma, Texas, and other locations.
- 50 Pts This decayed plant matter makes a low-grade fuel; but the bogs where it is found make it a much better place to store excess carbon, which is the key contributor to climate change.

“NEW” ON THE MAP

- 10 Pts The US region where Maine and Connecticut are found.
- 20 Pts This Rhode Island city is famous for its historic castle-like mansions and its rich sailing history. It’s also where John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Bouvier were married in 1953.
- 30 Pts While hundreds of well-known people claim this Westchester County city in New York state as home, its most famous residents just might be the Petrie family from *The Dick Van Dyke Show* in the 1960s.
- 40 Pts Until 1911, Calcutta, on the east coast of India, was its capital. But anti-colonial sentiment forced the British to change the capital to this city located in the center of Northern India.
- 50 Pts Jane Austen lived most of her life in this southern English county, which gave its name to a “New” US state.

CLASSIC ...

- 10 Pts Classic Game Show: Its tag line is “Come on down!”
- 20 Pts Classic Movie: “There’s no place like home” is the last line of this 1939 film.
- 30 Pts Classic Cocktail: Orange juice and vodka.
- 40 Pts Classic TV: “The Ministry of Silly Walks” was a sketch on this British troupe’s comedy show.
- 50 Pts Classic Children’s Literature: He owned the chocolate factory in Roald Dahl’s *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

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ANSWERS

CRIME STORIES

- 10 Pts O. J. Simpson
- 20 Pts Al Capone. Most of his jail time was spent in federal prison at Alcatraz.
- 30 Pts Trayvon Martin
- 40 Pts Erik and Lyle Menendez
- 50 Pts Bernie Madoff. In addition to the many organizations that were scammed by Madoff, many famous individuals, including Larry King, John Malkovich, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Kevin Bacon, Ellie Wiesel, and Steven Spielberg, were also victims of Madoff's scheme.

FUNNY PAGES

- 10 Pts Jerry Seinfeld
- 20 Pts Jay Leno
- 30 Pts Rodney Dangerfield
- 40 Pts Lenny Bruce
- 50 Pts Jackie Gleason

FUELS

- 10 Pts Natural gas and electricity
- 20 Pts Coal
- 30 Pts Kerosene
- 40 Pts Fracking (hydraulic fracturing)
- 50 Pts Peat

"NEW" ON THE MAP

- 10 Pts New England
- 20 Pts Newport
- 30 Pts New Rochelle
- 40 Pts New Delhi
- 50 Pts Hampshire

CLASSIC ...

- 10 Pts *The Price is Right*
- 20 Pts *The Wizard of Oz*
- 30 Pts Screwdriver
- 40 Pts *Monty Python's Flying Circus (or just Monty Python)*
- 50 Pts Willy Wonka