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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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SITCOM MOMS

- 10 Pts Who played Ritchie's mom, Laura Petrie, on what 1960's series?
- 20 Pts Who played Carol Brady on *The Brady Bunch*?
- 30 Pts She played mom to Becky, Darlene, D.J., and much later, Jerry Garcia Conner.
- 40 Pts This country singer played mom to Cheyenne, Kyra, and Jake from 2001 to 2007 on the WB network.
- 50 Pts Doris Roberts played this character, Ray's mom, on *Everybody Loves Raymond*.

WHERE'S THE LANDMARK?

- 10 Pts In what country is Machu Picchu?
- 20 Pts In what country is Stonehenge?
- 30 Pts In what city is the Trevi Fountain?
- 40 Pts In what country is Mount Kilimanjaro?
- 50 Pts In what city is Tivoli Gardens (and amusement park)?

WOMEN

- 10 Pts Ira Gershwin said he never knew "how good our songs were until I heard" this jazz singer and scat queen "sing them."
- 20 Pts She helped to found the Rancho Mirage, California drug and alcohol treatment center that is named for her.
- 30 Pts She married Adolf Hitler in a Berlin air raid shelter in April, 1945 and killed herself the next day.
- 40 Pts This witty writer's lunch with humorist Robert Benchley at a circular table at the Algonquin Hotel in 1918 inspired the creation of a famous literary group.
- 50 Pts Before the format was changed in 2020 to include multiple keynote speeches, only three women had ever delivered the keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention – the first two from Texas and the third from Massachusetts. Can you name any two of them?

IT'S ELEMENTAL

- 10 Pts To decrease air pollution, this element, whose symbol is Pb, was removed from gasoline in the 1970s.
- 20 Pts Marie Curie, whose maiden name was Skłodowska, named this rare radioactive element for the country where she was born. (You can name either the element or the country.)
- 30 Pts Inhaling this gas makes your voice higher because sound travels nearly three times faster in it (the gas) than in air.
- 40 Pts This second-most abundant element on earth (oxygen being the first) occurs naturally in sand, quartz, rock crystal, and in other rocks and minerals.
- 50 Pts Neptunium is one of the three radioactive elements named for a planet. Can you name either of the other two?

ON THE MONEY

- 10 Pts In mid-2024, the Bank of England will make this major change to British banknotes.
- 20 Pts This country's 100-rupee note has its amount written in 17 languages, representing some of its many ethnic groups.
- 30 Pts He is the only Civil War general depicted on US money.
- 40 Pts From 1993 to 2003, a portrait of this author, whose father was sentenced to debtor's prison, was put on the British ten-pound note.
- 50 Pts "The Ugly Duckling" was one of five of his stories featured on Danish ten kroner coins from 2005 to 2007.

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ANSWERS

SITCOM MOMS

- 10 Pts Mary Tyler Moore played Laura Petrie on *The Dick Van Dyke Show*.
- 20 Pts Florence Henderson
- 30 Pts Roseanne Barr
- 40 Pts Reba McEntire
- 50 Pts Marie Barone

WHERE'S THE LANDMARK?

- 10 Pts Peru (Andes Mountains)
- 20 Pts England (Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire)
- 30 Pts Rome, Italy
- 40 Pts Tanzania (Africa)
- 50 Pts Copenhagen, Denmark

WOMEN

- 10 Pts Ella Fitzgerald
- 20 Pts Betty Ford
- 30 Pts Eva Braun
- 40 Pts Dorothy Parker (the Algonquin Round Table)
- 50 Pts Barbara Jordan (1976), Ann Richards (1988), and Elizabeth Warren (2016)

IT'S ELEMENTAL

- 10 Pts Lead
- 20 Pts Polonium. Curie was born in Warsaw, Poland.
- 30 Pts Helium
- 40 Pts Silicon
- 50 Pts Uranium and Plutonium

ON THE MONEY

- 10 Pts The banknotes will feature a portrait of King Charles III.
- 20 Pts India
- 30 Pts Ulysses S. Grant, who is on the \$50 bill
- 40 Pts Charles Dickens
- 50 Pts Hans Christian Andersen