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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

### ENDS IN **–GATE** *(But no scandals here!)*

- 10 Pts To take a dispute to a court of law.
- 20 Pts To give the different forms of a verb, such as *I win, I won, I will win*, etc.
- 30 Pts To apply a chemical vapor to disinfect a location or get rid of vermin.
- 40 Pts To form a group or cluster by bringing together a variety of elements.
- 50 Pts To severely scold or reprimand.

### ASTRONOMY

- 10 Pts The Sea of Tranquility is not a sea, but a large basalt plain formed by ancient volcanic eruptions on this astronomical body.
- 20 Pts This is the term for the astronomical event that heralds the summer in June and the winter in December.
- 30 Pts This theory holds that our universe was created by a sudden explosion of dark, dense matter that is still expanding.
- 40 Pts It was long thought that this was the only planet with rings. Now we know that all the giant planets in our solar system have them.
- 50 Pts If you know your Greek myths, you'll probably know the name of the asteroid that passes closest to the sun.

### MIXED BAG

- 10 Pts Two cities that share the same name are the most populous cities in Maine and Oregon.
- 20 Pts In 1992, James Stockdale was the vice presidential running mate of this business magnate.
- 30 Pts Five US states were admitted to the union in the 20th century. Name three of them.
- 40 Pts Two of the popular songs from this musical that debuted on Broadway in 1965 are "Climb Every Mountain" and "My Favorite Things."
- 50 Pts If you think about it, it's not really surprising that this country welcomes the most American visitors each year.

### A POTPOURRI OF MUSICAL THANKS

- 10 Pts Bob Hope's theme song.
- 20 Pts In 1958, Maurice Chevalier (she•VAHL•yay) sang this "thanks" song that opened and closed the film *Gigi*.
- 30 Pts "Thank You For Being A Friend" was first released in 1978, but didn't become a big hit until it was used as the theme song for this TV series that ran from 1985 to 1992.
- 40 Pts Wayne Newton had a #1 hit in 1970 with this song. The title means "Thank you very much" in German.
- 50 Pts In his 1974 hit, John Denver expressed his gratitude by singing, "Thank God, I'm a ... " What?

### SOME MORE THANK YOUS

- 10 Pts When he notified the public that he was "one of the millions of Americans who will be afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease," he thanked the American people "for giving me the great honor of allowing me to serve" as their president.
- 20 Pts What is the meaning of the acronym TGIF?
- 30 Pts When he won a Golden Globe Award for directing *Bugsy* in 1992, he thanked Annette Bening, the mother of his new baby.
- 40 Pts In *Twelfth Night*, he wrote, "I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks."
- 50 Pts When he won a Golden Globe Award for his role in *The Prince of Tides*, he thanked his director, Barbra Streisand. (She was also his co-star.)

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## ANSWERS

### ENDS IN –GATE

- 10 Pts Litigate
- 20 Pts Conjugate
- 30 Pts Fumigate
- 40 Pts Aggregate
- 50 Pts Castigate

### ASTRONOMY

- 10 Pts Earth's Moon
- 20 Pts Solstice
- 30 Pts The Big Bang Theory
- 40 Pts Saturn. Saturn's rings are bright, wide, and the most colorful, which makes them easily seen from Earth.
- 50 Pts Icarus

### MIXED BAG

- 10 Pts Portland
- 20 Pts Ross Perot
- 30 Pts Oklahoma (1907); New Mexico (1912); Arizona (1912); Alaska (1959); Hawaii (1959)
- 40 Pts *The Sound of Music*
- 50 Pts Canada. Mexico is in second place.

### A POTPOURRI OF MUSICAL THANKS

- 10 Pts "Thanks for the Memory"
- 20 Pts "Thank Heaven For Little Girls"
- 30 Pts *The Golden Girls*
- 40 Pts "Danke Shoen" (DAHN•ka SHANE)
- 50 Pts "... country boy."

### SOME MORE THANK YOUS

- 10 Pts Ronald Reagan
- 20 Pts Thank God (or Goodness) It's Friday
- 30 Pts Warren Beatty
- 40 Pts William Shakespeare
- 50 Pts Nick Nolte