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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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CHILDREN'S GAMES

- 10 Pts This is the colorful game that "ties you up in knots."
- 20 Pts In this game, you can put your hands on your head only when "he" says you can.
- 30 Pts You need two jump ropes for this jump rope game.
- 40 Pts Different types of this game piece are Aggies, Glassies, or Catseyes.
- 50 Pts How much money did you collect when you pass GO in classic Monopoly?

EXPLORERS

- 10 Pts Legend has it that Ponce de Leon was looking for this when he traveled to what is now Florida in 1513.
- 20 Pts Lewis and Clark explored the western United States from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean. Who was the Native American woman who served as their guide and translator?
- 30 Pts This Frenchman explored life under the sea and was often filmed for public television.
- 40 Pts In 1961, Russian Yuri Gagarin was the first human to travel here.
- 50 Pts This New Zealand mountaineer was the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1953.

EUROPEAN CAPITALS

- 10 Pts Warsaw is the capital of ...
- 20 Pts Lisbon is the capital of ...
- 30 Pts Brussels is the capital of ...
- 40 Pts Helsinki is the capital of ...
- 50 Pts Budapest is the capital of ...

AMERICAN AUTHORS

- 10 Pts This author, who was born in Boston in 1809 and died in Baltimore in 1849, wrote the famous line: "Quoth the Raven 'Nevermore.'"
- 20 Pts Although this author died in Connecticut, he grew up in Hannibal, Missouri, a city on the Mississippi River that would inspire the characters and the settings of his novels.
- 30 Pts The author's first novel was *This Side of Paradise*. His fifth (and last) novel, *The Last Tycoon*, was published posthumously in 1941. He died at age 44 of a heart attack, but the underlying cause was likely to have been two decades of heavy drinking.
- 40 Pts This author's years (from age 20 to 25) as a ship's hand on a merchant vessel and a whaling ship, and as a US Navy seaman, served him well as a writer of seafaring adventures, including the classic *Moby-Dick*.
- 50 Pts Many people describe *On the Road* (published in 1957) as a beat generation tale of companions crisscrossing America looking for kicks. But this author claims he was writing about "two Catholic friends roaming the country in search of God."

WORLD WONDERS

- 10 Pts Located in the heart of the city of Rome, this largest amphitheater in the world was built by 60,000 Jewish slaves beginning in AD 70.
- 20 Pts During China's Cultural Revolution (1966-1976), bricks were taken from this 2300-year-old world wonder and used in building homes and other structures.
- 30 Pts Shah Jahan, the fifth Mogul Emperor, built this "jewel of Muslim art in India" to house the tomb of his favorite wife, who died during childbirth.
- 40 Pts In 1911, Yale Professor Hiram Bingham discovered this 15th-century Incan "City in the Clouds" atop a mountain in Peru.
- 50 Pts This city is where would you find Christ the Redeemer, a statue of Jesus that stands 98 feet tall atop a 2,300 foot-high mountain.

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ANSWERS

CHILDREN'S GAMES

- 10 Pts Twister
- 20 Pts Simon
- 30 Pts Double Dutch
- 40 Pts Marbles
- 50 Pts \$200

EXPLORERS

- 10 Pts The Fountain of Youth. Most historians today believe that this legend is untrue.
- 20 Pts Sacagawea (commonly pronounced as sack•ah•ja•WE•ah)
- 30 Pts Jacques Cousteau
- 40 Pts Outer Space. Yuri Gagarin was in space for nearly two hours and orbited the earth once. Seven years after his historic flight, Gagarin died in a plane crash.
- 50 Pts Sir Edmund Hillary, who summited Everest with Nepalese Sherpa mountaineer Tensing Norgay

EUROPEAN CAPITALS

- 10 Pts Poland
- 20 Pts Portugal
- 30 Pts Belgium
- 40 Pts Finland
- 50 Pts Hungary

AMERICAN AUTHORS

- 10 Pts Edgar Allan Poe
- 20 Pts Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens)
- 30 Pts F. Scott Fitzgerald
- 40 Pts Herman Melville
- 50 Pts Jack Kerouac

WORLD WONDERS

- 10 Pts The Coliseum
- 20 Pts The Great Wall of China
- 30 Pts The Taj Mahal
- 40 Pts Machu Picchu
- 50 Pts Rio de Janeiro, Brazil