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# Weekly Trivia Quiz 1

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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

### TOM HANKS

- 10 Pts In this 1998 blockbuster film, Tom Hanks played the WWII army captain who was trying to find and rescue a lowly private.
- 20 Pts One of Tom Hanks' most memorable lines: "Are you crying? There's no crying! There's no crying in baseball!" came from this 1992 film.
- 30 Pts This 1993 film, Hollywood's first attempt to deal with AIDS and the stigma associated with it, starred Tom Hanks as a lawyer who concealed his homosexuality and his struggle as an AIDS patient.
- 40 Pts Three classic romantic comedies starred Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. *Joe Versus the Volcano* is one of them; can you name the other two?
- 50 Pts In this one-word titled film, Tom Hanks played Josh Baskin, a 12-year-old boy with a wish that came true. (Be careful what you wish for!)

### SPRING FLOWERS

- 10 Pts This name of this flower (which is often mistaken for its relative the jonquil) allegedly means "welcome" – which is appropriate, since it welcomes spring early in the season with bursts of bright yellow blossoms.
- 20 Pts New Hampshire must like the color purple. Its state bird is the purple finch, and its state flower is this fragrant beauty that blossoms on bush-like trees in late April/early May.
- 30 Pts This late-spring bloomer is native to northern Turkey and northern Iran. One species, called *papaver somniferum*, is the source of the narcotic drug opium.
- 40 Pts This early spring flower is a hybrid of the violet. Its petals are larger, and its contrasting central color occasioned its nickname as "the flower with a face."
- 50 Pts This earliest of all spring flowers often emerges in the melting snow ... hence its name.

## CHEMICAL ELEMENTS

- 10 Pts There are five elements on the periodic table that have only four letters. Can you name two of them?
- 20 Pts This element, which is a gas under standard conditions, has been designated with the symbol H, and is the first element on the Periodic Table of Elements – and the most abundant element on earth.
- 30 Pts Carol Channing might have sung “carbon” is a girl’s best friend, instead of this precious mineral that is composed of pure carbon.
- 40 Pts When you think about it, it makes sense that the chemical symbol for this dense, heavy metal (which is also soft and malleable) is Pb, which is Latin for *plumbum*. The metal was used in plumbing for centuries, but was phased out after the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when it was discovered to be extremely toxic.
- 50 Pts Alphabetically speaking, the last four chemical symbols of the Periodic Table of Elements are Xe, Yb, Zn, and Zr. Can you name two of them?

## TIME MAGAZINE’S PERSON OF THE YEAR

- 10 Pts In 1999, this 20<sup>th</sup> century physicist became the Person of the Century.
- 20 Pts In 1936, she became the first Woman of the Year because of the role she played in the abdication of King Edward VIII of Great Britain.
- 30 Pts He got the nod for Person of the Year in 1932 (for winning the general election), 1934 (for his presidency), and 1941 (for his response to the bombing of Pearl Harbor).
- 40 Pts Sixteen-year-old Swedish Greta Thunberg won for her commitment to what issue?
- 50 Pts In 2022, this 44-year-old president, who was first elected to office in 2019, shared the billing with “The Spirit of ...” – his nation and its people for their strength and their resistance.

## ANIMAL PHRASES

- 10 Pts To reveal a secret is to let this animal “out of the bag.”
- 20 Pts Description of a turned-down corner of the page of a book.
- 30 Pts This is the typical response to “See you later, alligator.”
- 40 Pts To look guilty but smug is to look like the cat that did this.
- 50 Pts These two animals are the symbols of a declining, and a rising, stock market.

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## ANSWERS

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- 10 Pts *Saving Private Ryan*
- 20 Pts *A League of Their Own*
- 30 Pts *Philadelphia*
- 40 Pts *Sleepless in Seattle* and *You've Got Mail*
- 50 Pts *Big*

### SPRING FLOWERS

- 10 Pts Daffodil
- 20 Pts Lilac
- 30 Pts Poppy/Oriental Poppy
- 40 Pts Pansy
- 50 Pts Snowdrop

### CHEMICAL ELEMENTS

- 10 Pts Gold, Iron, Lead, Neon, Zinc
- 20 Pts Hydrogen
- 30 Pts Diamond
- 40 Pts Lead
- 50 Pts Xenon, Yttrium, Zinc, and Zirconium

### TIME MAGAZINE'S PERSON OF THE YEAR

- 10 Pts Albert Einstein
- 20 Pts Wallis Simpson
- 30 Pts Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 40 Pts Global Climate Change
- 50 Pts Volodymyr Zelensky, President of Ukraine

### ANIMAL POTPOURRI

- 10 Pts Cat
- 20 Pts Dog-eared
- 30 Pts "In a while, crocodile."
- 40 Pts "... ate the canary."
- 50 Pts A declining market is a bear market; a rising market is a bull market.