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How Much Do You Know About...

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Tokens (for scorekeeping); Prizes (small) for winner(s)

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

In this game, we look at one subject in depth – it could be a person, place, event, or thing. This week, let's see how much you know about ... **THE NUMBER THIRTEEN.**

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give one answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Just answer the questions to find out how much you know about this week's subject ... **THE NUMBER THIRTEEN.**

1. Thirteen of these can be found on the current American flag. What do they represent?
2. Can you name the thirteen original colonies?
3. How do you write thirteen in Roman numerals?
4. How do you say thirteen in Spanish? (And give yourself extra kudos if you can say the number thirteen in other languages in addition to English and Spanish.)
5. What is triskaidekaphobia, a word coined in 1912?
6. For the mathematicians: the number thirteen is the sixth prime number (not including the number one). What are the first five?
7. What is the significance of the number thirteen to a Jewish child?
8. Jason Voorhees is the scary villain in this movie franchise.
9. *The Last Supper*, one of Leonardo Da Vinci's most famous paintings, depicts thirteen people – Jesus and his twelve apostles. How many of "The Twelve" can you name?
10. This 7'1" legendary basketball player, who played for the University of Kansas and the Harlem Globetrotters before joining the NBA, wore the number 13 for his entire career. Although he died in 1999 at the age of 63, he is still remembered for scoring 100 points in one game in 1962.
11. This film, starring Tom Hanks as astronaut Jim Lovell, tells the story of this ill-fated NASA mission in which a near total power failure turned the mission in a life-and-death struggle simply to return home to Earth.
12. Thirteen provinces and territories make up the country of Canada. Can you name them?

13. If you were asked to count by three from three to 100, your answer would be 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, and so on. But we are asking you now to count by thirteens, from 13 to 130 ... without making a mistake.
14. The book *13 Days in October* by Howard Brinkley chronicled this tense historic event in 1962.
15. What is the title of the last installment in the crime/comedy movie trilogy that featured George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia, Julia Roberts, and other A-list stars?
16. Can you name the spooky 1960's TV family who lived at 1313 Mockingbird Lane?
17. There are thirteen letters in the Latin version of the motto of the United States (but only 12 letters in its most common English translation). Can you give us that motto in both Latin and English?

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ANSWERS

1. The thirteen stripes on the US flag represent the thirteen original colonies.
2. Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia
3. XIII
4. Trece
5. Fear of the number thirteen
6. 2, 3, 5, 7, 11
7. It's the age of maturity, traditionally recognized with the celebration of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah for the 13-year-old boy or girl.
8. *Friday the Thirteenth*
9. Simon Peter (more generally known as Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (the son of Zebedee), Thaddaeus (also known as Judas, the brother of James or Judas, not Iscariot), Simon the Zealot, Judas Iscariot. (Some lists do not recognize Judas Iscariot, but include Matthias instead.)
10. Wilt Chamberlain
11. *Apollo 13*
12. Provinces: Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan. Territories: Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon
13. 13, 26, 39, 52, 65, 78, 91, 104, 117, 130
14. The Cuban Missile Crisis
15. *Ocean's 13*
16. *The Munsters*
17. *E Pluribus Unum* (Out of many, one; or One out of many.)