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Last Week's News

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

This quiz explores some of the news and current events that occurred last week.

Instructions:

- 1. This game can be played by individuals or in 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 player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
- 4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.



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QUESTIONS

- 1. The lowa caucuses are over and former president Trump won with 51% of the vote. Who came in second and third?
- 2. Who said that he "looks forward to debating two empty podiums" in New Hampshire next week?
- 3. Donald Trump spent part of his week in a New York courtroom to attend a trial to determine the financial penalty he will pay for defaming this writer.
- 4. What iconic musician achieved EGOT status when he won an Emmy Award last week for a made-for-television concert film? (EGOT is the acronym for those who have won an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony Award.)
 - 5. Can you name the television series, loosely inspired by powerful media families such as the Murdochs, Redstones, and Maxwells, that won the most Emmy Awards last week?
 - 6. Can you also name the dark comedy, set in a Chicago restaurant, that won several Emmy awards, including one for Outstanding Comedy Series?
- 7. Two members of the British royal family were hospitalized last week. Can you identify either one of them and explain what he/she was being treated for?
- 8. The Sundance Film Festival celebrated its 40th anniversary last week. Who founded that influential festival?
- 9. The US and Britain launched strikes last week on military sites in this country, where the Houthi militia has been attacking commercial ships in the Red Sea.
- 10. Joyce Randolph died last week at the age of 99. She was the last surviving cast member of this 1950's classic comedy series.



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ANSWERS

- 1. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis came in second, and former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley was third.
- 2. Ron DeSantis ... although he won't get the chance since CNN and ABC cancelled the debates after the other two candidates, Trump and Haley, declined the invitations.
- 3. E. Jean Carroll. Trump's guilt was determined in a previous trial.
- 4. Elton John, who won the Grammy for his film *Elton John Live: Farewell from Dodger Stadium*.
- 5. Succession
- 6. The Bear
- 7. King Charles III was treated for an enlarged prostate. The Princess of Wales (Kate Middleton), wife of Prince William, had a planned abdominal surgery and may stay hospitalized in recovery for up to two weeks.
- 8. Robert Redford
- 9. Yemen
- 10. *The Honeymooners*. Joyce Randolph played Trixie, the wife of Art Carney's character, Ed Norton.