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# Last Week's News

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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. Last week, a far-right conspiracy theory, promoted by former presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy, held that the upcoming Super Bowl game has been rigged so that this celebrity has a better forum to endorse Joe Biden.
2. Where will the Super Bowl be held? What is the price of an average ticket? And what teams will be vying for the coveted championship?
3. At the Louvre in Paris, protestors threw soup at this priceless painting.
4. A deep-sea exploration team captured grainy images from the bottom of the Pacific Ocean that they think may be a picture of .... what?
5. Last week, Russian figure skater Kamila Valieva was finally disqualified for doping during the 2022 Olympic games; therefore, the Russian team's 2022 Olympic gold medal was withdrawn. To what team has that gold medal now been awarded?
6. To what high tech CEO did Senator Lindsey Graham say, "you have blood on your hands."
7. Which US Cabinet official is facing impeachment proceedings in the House of Representatives?
8. What country brought a case to the International Court of Justice in The Hague, accusing Israel of perpetrating genocide in Gaza?
9. The Pentagon blamed a militia affiliated with what country for a drone attack in Jordan that killed three American soldiers?
10. Last week, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin said he didn't handle this well and apologized to the Biden administration and the American people.

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## ANSWERS

1. Taylor Swift. According to most reporting, there are many outrageous conspiracy theories about Swift generated mostly by the right wing media – everything from claims that Swift has played a part in Pentagon psychological operations to the idea that she and her two-time Super Bowl champion boyfriend Travis Kelce are key assets in a secret plot to help President Biden get reelected in 2024.
2. Super Bowl LVIII (58) will be played at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas. The average ticket price is roughly \$9,800 (the most expensive in Super Bowl history). And the teams are the Kansas City Chiefs vs. the San Francisco 49ers.
3. The *Mona Lisa*. Luckily, the *Mona Lisa* is hung behind a glass barrier.
4. Amelia Earhart's airplane
5. The United States
6. Graham accused Meta (Facebook) CEO Mark Zuckerberg of having blood on his hands because of the children and teens who have been hurt using the social media platform.
7. Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. House Republicans claim that Mayorkas has not properly handled the US southern border crisis, which according to them, can be categorized as a high crime and misdemeanor (the only criteria that can be used to impeach an official).
8. South Africa. The International Court of Justice found that it was "plausible that Israel was perpetrating genocide."
9. Iran. As the week came to an end, the United States responded to Iran's aggression in strikes against Iran's forces and proxy forces in Iraq and Syria, hitting 85 targets at seven different sites.
10. Austin, who had been hospitalized for prostate surgery and some resulting complications, did not tell anyone about his health problems.