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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. What new product did former President Donald Trump launch last week, one day after he was ordered to pay \$355 million in his New York civil fraud trial?
2. This British movie award show, the equivalent of the US Academy Awards, aired last week, with *Oppenheimer* taking the most awards.
3. In an unprecedented decision, which state's Supreme Court this week ruled that frozen embryos are children?
4. Last week on the witness stand, she said "A man is not a plan. A man is a companion. I don't need any man to foot my bills."
5. Why did President Biden impose new harsh economic sanctions again Russia?
6. Why did Russian officials originally refuse to release Navalny's body to his mother?
7. Where did a US space vehicle touch down last week for the first time since 1972?
8. This WikiLeaks founder began his final legal challenge in the UK to avoid extradition to the US to face charges of spying.
9. Governor Tony Evers of this "swing" state approved new legislative maps after its Supreme Court found that previous maps were unconstitutional and unfairly favored Republicans.
10. England is experiencing its worst outbreak of this disease in more than a decade, with two-thirds of the cases affecting children.
11. Flaco, who was this species of animal, died last week at the age of 13. He had captivated New York City in early 2023 after a vandal freed him from the Central Park Zoo and he lived on the loose in the city for a year.
12. Wayne LaPierre, the former chief of this organization, was found liable for years of financial misconduct in a New York courtroom.

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ANSWERS

1. Trump launched a line of golden high top sneakers that are selling for \$399 a pair.
2. The BAFTA Film Awards. BAFTA stands for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.
3. Alabama. As a result, many *in vitro* fertilization clinics in Alabama suspended their activities, leaving hundreds of Alabama residents unable to pursue their dream of having a family.
4. Fulton County Georgia District Attorney Fani Willis. Republicans are trying to remove her from the state's case against Donald Trump because of her (now former) relationship with the Special Prosecutor.
5. President Biden is sanctioning Russia for the assassination of Alexei Navalny, the popular anti-Putin opposition leader, who was killed while serving 19 years in prison on trumped up charges that included fraud, embezzlement, and money laundering.
6. They wanted Navalny's mother to agree to a secret funeral, which she refused to do. Ultimately, they relented and released the body.
7. The moon
8. Julian Assange
9. Wisconsin
10. Measles. Roughly 10 percent of children under age five in England have not been vaccinated for measles, mumps, or rubella, setting the stage for these deadly diseases to come roaring back.
11. Flaco was a Eurasian eagle-owl. He apparently died after striking a building on the Upper West Side.
12. The National Rifle Association. The jury decided that LaPierre must repay the organization the \$4.35 million dollars that he misspent to fund his lavish lifestyle.