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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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- 1. At this writing, a branch of ISIS (the Islamic State terrorist group) called ISIS-K, has taken responsibility for the attack on a multilevel concert hall in this capital city, killing an estimated 140 people.
- 2. Which fruit topped the Environmental Working Group's annual list of the "Dirty Dozen" fruits and vegetables tested by the US government and proven to contain significant detectable levels of pesticides?
- 3. Which world leader secured a fifth 6-year term in office last week?
- 4. The world Happiness Report was released last week. Which Nordic country was ranked the world's #1 happiest country; and which Central/South Asian country was ranked dead last?
- 5. The Japanese-English interpreter for Shohei Ohtani, this Major League Baseball team's star pitcher, was fired last week for allegedly stealing millions of dollars from the pitcher to gamble on sports.
- 6. Kate Middleton, the Princess of Wales, finally taped a statement about this health problem she's been dealing with since the beginning of 2024.
- 7. Which breed of dog won the American Kennel Club Award for the most popular in the US for the second year in a row?
- 8. Donald Trump faces a deadline on Monday to ... do what?
- 9. Bernie Moreno, a MAGA Republican, won the Republican primary for a US Senate seat for this state. In November, he will be facing the Democratic incumbent, Senior Senator Sherrod Brown.
- 10. In his effort to reduce America's reliance on foreign silicon chips, President Biden announced that he would help bolster America's semiconductor production by providing an \$8.5 billion grant to this west coast chip maker.
- 11. This economist and former trade adviser to Donald Trump became the first senior Trump aide to go to prison because of his involvement with efforts to overturn the 2020 election.



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ANSWERS

- 1. Moscow
- 2. Strawberries. Also included in the list were leafy greens such as kale, collard and mustard greens, grapes, peaches, pears, nectarines, apples, peppers, cherries, blueberries, and green beans.
- 3. Russian President Vladimir Putin, who received 87% of the vote. Of course, he had no credible opposition.
- 4. Finland is the happiest country, and Afghanistan was ranked as the unhappiest county. The United States dropped out of the top twenty, falling to number 23 overall.
- 5. The Los Angeles Dodgers
- 6. The Princess of Wales has cancer. She underwent abdominal surgery in January, and is beginning a course of preventative chemotherapy.
- 7. The French Bulldog
- 8. Trump must come up with the money to pay a \$454 million bond before he can appeal the court's finding that he is guilty of defrauding the state of New York by overstating the value of his assets.
- 9. Ohio
- 10. Intel
- 11. Peter Navarro, who will be serving four months in federal prison