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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 controversial issue did the Supreme Court hear arguments about last week?
2. After a 7.0 earthquake on the west coast last week, what city was faced with tsunami warnings?
3. What country was plunged into political chaos last week after its president declared martial law and the legislature subsequently vetoed it.
4. Who went on FOX television last week to defend President Trump's nominee for Secretary of Defense, Pete Hegseth?
5. Which African country did President Biden visit last week, a first for an American president?
6. Billboard magazine named all women as the top three greatest pop stars of the 21st century. Whom did they honor with the number one spot?
7. After insisting that he would not pardon his son, President Biden did just that last week. What was his key reason for pardoning Hunter Biden?
8. Brian Thompson, the chief executive of this insurance company, was fatally shot in Manhattan last week.
9. Who did president-elect Trump announce he planned to nominate last week to lead the FBI?
10. Three movie debuts set a new box office record last week on Thanksgiving weekend. Can you name one of the three top-grossing films?
11. What phrase did Oxford University Press name the "Word or Phrase of 2024"?

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ANSWERS

1. Transgender rights. The Court heard a case that could determine whether states can restrict gender-affirming care for minors. The decision, however, is not expected until July of 2025.
2. The warnings encompassed San Francisco and included part of the Northern California and Oregon coastlines. Luckily, no tsunamis formed and the warnings were cancelled.
3. South Korea
4. His mother. Penelope Hegseth had sent her son an email in 2018 in which she called him "an abuser of women." She tried to walk back that email, which she said was written during a very emotional time.
5. Angola
6. Beyoncé. Taylor Swift was at number two and Rihanna came in at number three.
7. Biden said he made the decision because he believed the charges against Hunter were politically motivated.
8. UnitedHealthcare
9. Kash Patel. One of Trump's most loyal followers, Patel has called for purging FBI officials, staffing the bureau with Trump loyalists, and prosecuting leakers and journalists.
10. *Wicked*, *Gladiator II*, and *Moana 2*.
11. Brain rot