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Weekly Trivia Quiz

Estimated play time: Approximately 20 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

You already know how to play trivia quizzes. Here are a few additional ideas to consider if you want a more, or less, competitive game.

Instructions

1. Create a tournament format in which permanent teams compete in playoffs and a final champion team is crowned.
2. Collect a small amount of money from each player (for example, 50 cents or a dollar) and put it into a kitty. The winning team splits the kitty.
3. Buy some lottery tickets to use as prizes for the winners (and runners up).
4. To create a less competitive game, just give one point for every question answered.

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BY THE NUMBERS

- 10 Pts The number of sides on a pair of standard dice.
- 20 Pts This average body temperature for humans was calculated in the mid 1800's.
- 30 Pts The first thing Old King Cole called for was his pipe. What was last thing he called for?
- 40 Pts Joseph Heller's WWII novel that follows the war story of antihero Captain John Yossarian.
- 50 Pts In a song from *The Music Man*, the number of trombones and these other horns total 186.

FAMOUS FATHERS OF ...

- 10 Pts He has been dubbed "The Father of Frozen Foods. "
- 20 Pts Every new doctor takes an oath based on the writings of this ancient Greek "Father of Medicine."
- 30 Pts For his cutting edge (and controversial) ideas on the origins of man, he is called "The Father of Evolution."
- 40 Pts James Naismith, the "Father" of this sport, invented it in 1890 in order to give the boys at the Springfield, MA YMCA a vigorous game to play indoors during the winter.
- 50 Pts With the publication of *Don Quixote* in 1605, he became "The Father of Western Literature."

WHAT'S THE SPECIES?

- 10 Pts Black, Brown, Polar, Kodiak
- 20 Pts Garter, Mamba, Anaconda, Viper
- 30 Pts Capuchin, Mandrill, Marmoset, Macaque
- 40 Pts Amberjack, Gar, Char, Tang
- 50 Pts Adelie, Emperor, King, Gentoo

JIMMYS

- 10 Pts He's the first US president born in a hospital.
- 20 Pts This labor leader disappeared from a Detroit suburb in 1975. His body was never found.
- 30 Pts These two Jimmys currently host late night talk shows.
- 40 Pts This laid-back singer-songwriter's devoted fans are known as "Parrotheads" who dream of "wastin' away in Margaritaville."
- 50 Pts In 1988, after being caught in a prostitution scandal, this Pentecostal minister cried and confessed his sins to his congregation. In 1991, after he was caught in his second prostitution scandal, he told his congregation "The Lord told me it's flat none of your business."

HORSE-Y HODGEPODGE

- 10 Pts The long flowing hair below the knee and hock of this large Scottish breed is called “feathers.”
- 20 Pts Most people know that the horseless carriage was an early name for the automobile; but what was the iron horse?
- 30 Pts This small, sturdy Scottish horse was brought to America in the 1800s, perhaps to haul coal out of the mines, or possibly as a child’s pet.
- 40 Pts The name for this horse with a golden coat and a white or silver mane and tail comes from the Spanish.
- 50 Pts Name one of the two types of gaits used in harness racing.

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ANSWERS

BY THE NUMBERS

- 10 Pts 12. There are 6 sides on one standard die and therefore 12 sides on two dice.
- 20 Pts 98.6. Today, for several reasons, the average body temperature has lowered about one degree, and doctors now consider any temperature between 97 and 99 to be normal.
- 30 Pts His fiddlers three ("He called for his pipe, and he called for his bowl, and he called for his fiddlers three.")
- 40 Pts *Catch-22*
- 50 Pts Cornets ("Seventy-six trombones led the big parade, with a hundred and ten cornets close at hand.")

FAMOUS FATHERS OF ...

- 10 Pts Clarence Birdseye
- 20 Pts Hippocrates
- 30 Pts Charles Darwin
- 40 Pts Basketball
- 50 Pts Cervantes (Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra)

WHAT'S THE SPECIES?

- 10 Pts Bear
- 20 Pts Snake
- 30 Pts Monkey
- 40 Pts Fish
- 50 Pts Penguin

JIMMYS

- 10 Pts Jimmy Carter
- 20 Pts Jimmy Hoffa
- 30 Pts Jimmy Fallon or Jimmy Kimmel
- 40 Pts Jimmy Buffett
- 50 Pts Jimmy Swaggart

HORSE-Y HODGEPODGE

- 10 Pts Clydesdale
- 20 Pts A train
- 30 Pts Shetland pony
- 40 Pts Palomino
- 50 Pts Pacing and trotting