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# Weekly Trivia Quiz

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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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## QUESTIONS

### SITCOM MOMS *(We provide the character's name, you provide the sitcom title.)*

- 10 Pts Laura Petrie
- 20 Pts Sophia Petrillo
- 30 Pts Debra Barone
- 40 Pts Marion Cunningham
- 50 Pts Estelle Costanza

### LITERARY MOMS

- 10 Pts In this 1868 classic, Margaret "Marmee" March looks after her four daughters in Concord, Massachusetts while her husband is away, serving as a Union Army chaplain in the Civil War. NOT fighting – famously a pacifist!
- 20 Pts In this 1989 novel, Jing-mei Woo takes the place of her dead mother at the weekly Mah-jongg games.
- 30 Pts In this 1925 novel, immediately after being told she's given birth to a daughter, Daisy Buchanan says, "I hope she'll be a fool – that's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool."
- 30 Pts This 1983 film was adapted from a 1975 novel by Larry McMurtry, featuring the unforgettable Aurora Greenway and her daughter Emma, played in the movie by Shirley MacLaine and Debra Winger.
- 40 Pts In this Shakespeare play, the title character exhibits a strained relationship with his mother – in part because she married her husband's brother (his uncle) after he (the uncle) murdered her husband (the title character's father). (Still with us?)
- 50 Pts In this 1850 novel set in Puritan Massachusetts, Hester Prynne gives birth out of wedlock to daughter Pearl.

### WHOSE MOM IS SHE?

- 10 Pts Who is Hillary Rodham's daughter?
- 20 Pts Who is Ingrid Bergman's daughter?
- 30 Pts Who was the daughter of Frances Spencer, Viscountess Althorp?
- 40 Pts Who is Ann Dunham's son?
- 50 Pts Who is CNN anchor Anderson Cooper's mother?

## WORKING MOMS

- 10 Pts This 28-year-old actress was a new mom when she left for Vienna to play Maria in the film of *The Sound of Music*, a role she says made her career.
- 20 Pts In 1904, this scientist was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize ... and she was the mother of a Nobel Prize winner as well.
- 30 Pts Her father was Prime Minister of India from 1947 to 1962; her son became Prime Minister of India in 1984; and she was Prime Minister for all but four years between 1966 and 1984, when she was assassinated.
- 40 Pts When her daughter was a teenager, Patricia Bath (1942-2019) became the first African American female doctor to receive a patent for a medical purpose – a laser that safely destroys the cloudiness of the eye’s lens that typifies this condition.
- 50 Pts In 1804, this Shoshone woman helped to lead the Lewis and Clark expedition thousands of miles, from North Dakota to the Pacific Ocean, with a newborn baby strapped to her back.

## “MOTHER” POTPOURRI

- 10 Pts In other words, one’s native language.
- 20 Pts According to the proverb, necessity is its mother.
- 30 Pts This bad mother from a traditional English nursery rhyme fed her many children “some broth without any bread,” then “whipped them all soundly and put them to bed.”
- 40 Pts Title given to a woman who looks after a group of cub scouts.
- 50 Pts This term for a strict Asian mother was brought to public attention in a 2011 memoir by Yale professor Amy Chua.

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## ANSWERS

### SITCOM MOMS

- 10 Pts *The Dick Van Dyke Show*
- 20 Pts *The Golden Girls*
- 30 Pts *Everybody Loves Raymond*
- 40 Pts *Happy Days*
- 50 Pts *Seinfeld*

### LITERARY MOMS

- 10 Pts *Little Women*
- 20 Pts *The Joy Luck Club*
- 30 Pts *The Great Gatsby*
- 30 Pts *Terms of Endearment*
- 40 Pts *Hamlet*
- 50 Pts *The Scarlet Letter*

### WHOSE MOM IS SHE?

- 10 Pts Chelsea Clinton
- 20 Pts Isabella Rossellini
- 30 Pts Diana, Princess of Wales
- 40 Pts Barack Obama
- 50 Pts Gloria Vanderbilt

### WORKING MOMS

- 10 Pts Julie Andrews
- 20 Pts Marie Curie
- 30 Pts Indira Gandhi
- 40 Pts Cataracts
- 50 Pts Sacagawea

### "MOTHER" POTPOURRI

- 10 Pts Mother tongue
- 20 Pts Invention
- 30 Pts The little old woman who lived in a shoe
- 40 Pts Den mother
- 50 Pts Tiger mother (or tiger mom)