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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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QUESTIONS

1. President Trump escalated the tariff wars with Canada last week, just as Canada inaugurated its first new Prime Minister in more than nine years. Can you name him?
2. More on tariffs: President Trump has threatened to impose a 200% tariff on European products in this popular category.
3. In what country did Ukraine and the United States conduct peace talks last week?
4. The results of an election in Greenland indicates that not only does Greenland NOT want to be a part of the United States, it also wants independence from this, its mother country, which established Greenland as a colony in the early 18th century.
5. What did President Trump buy from Elon Musk last week?
6. The former president of this Southeast Asian country was arrested last week on charges of crimes against humanity.
7. As the Trump Administration moves to fire 1,300 workers from the Department of Education (essentially gutting the agency), a federal judge has ruled on what must happen to thousands of other employees recently let go from the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Homeland Security and over a dozen more government agencies. What was that ruling?
8. The Justice Department's pardon attorney was fired after she refused to recommend restoring gun rights to this prominent actor and Trump supporter.
9. Which US Senator did Elon Musk label a "traitor" because he said, after a recent trip to Ukraine, that it is "important we stand with Ukraine"?
10. Which US Senator did President Trump call a Palestinian? "He used to be a Jew," said Trump, "but now he's a Palestinian."

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ANSWERS

1. Mark Carney, who reiterated in his first speech as Prime Minister that Canada will not, as Mr. Trump has suggested, ever become the 51st US state. "America is not Canada," he said.
2. Alcohol. Trump said on Truth Social that if the EU doesn't back off from its planned 50% tariff on whiskey, "the U.S. will shortly place a 200% Tariff on all WINES, CHAMPAGNES, & ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS COMING OUT OF FRANCE AND OTHER E.U. REPRESENTED COUNTRIES." It is worth noting that the EU tariff on US whiskey was imposed in answer to the recent US tariff on steel and aluminum.
3. Saudi Arabia. Ukraine agreed to a 30-day cease fire, although Russia has yet to respond to the plan.
4. Denmark
5. Trump bought a Tesla. In an effort to improve sagging Tesla sales and a slumping stock price, Trump and Musk set up a kind of "infomercial" for Tesla cars at the White House. Such commercial activity at the White House is certainly ethically questionable, and is most likely outright illegal.
6. The Philippines. Rodrigo Duterte's violent anti-drug campaign is believed to have led to roughly 30,000 deaths over the years between 2016 to 2022.
7. US District Court Judge William Alsup has determined that the workers must be reinstated because they were not fired in accordance with the law.
8. Mel Gibson, who lost his right to own a gun in 2011 after a domestic violence conviction
9. Senator Mark Kelly of Arizona, a veteran of the US Navy and a retired astronaut
10. Senator Chuck Schumer of New York