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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. Last week, this country became the first one to accept an ambassador from the Taliban government of Afghanistan.
2. Last week, the right-wing media (and most MAGA followers) were angered when the Justice Department debunked conspiracy theories surrounding this late convicted criminal.
3. Who announced last week that he is launching a new political party called "America Party"?
4. Why did President Trump impose new 50% tariff on all goods being imported into the US by Brazil?
5. At this writing, at least 120 people were killed and roughly 170 people are still missing in this state, where heavy rains caused the Guadalupe River to rise more than 35 feet in in four hours.
6. The number of cases of this highly contagious disease hit a thirty-year high last week.
7. Who visited the White House last week and announced to President Trump that he had nominated him for a Nobel Peace Prize?
8. Last week, a scammer used artificial intelligence to impersonate what Trump Cabinet member?
9. Whom was President Trump talking about when he said this last week: "We get a lot of bullshit thrown at us by him. You want to know the truth? He is very nice all the time. But it turns out to be meaningless."

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ANSWERS

1. Russia
2. Jeffrey Epstein. The Justice Department said there was no evidence that disgraced financier and accused sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein kept a “client list” or that he was murdered, two things that MAGA followers fiercely believe, despite the lack of evidence.
3. Elon Musk
4. The tariff is mostly in retaliation for what Trump sees as a “witch hunt” against Brazil’s former president Jair Bolsonaro, who is facing trial for attempting a coup. The current president of Brazil, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, has pledged to reciprocate against the tariffs, saying that the case against Mr. Bolsonaro is solely the responsibility of the Brazilian Judiciary.
5. Texas
6. Measles, which was declared eliminated in the US 25 years ago. The vast majority of the nearly 1,300 cases have occurred in unvaccinated people.
7. Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu
8. Marco Rubio. Three foreign ministers, a US Senator, and a governor were all contacted by the imposter.
9. Russian President Vladimir Putin