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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, Pope Leo called for world governments to tackle what global problem?
2. Why did the US government shut down last week?
3. What is unique about the new Archbishop of Canterbury (the leader of the Anglican Church)?
4. Conservationist Jane Goodall died last week at age 91. Throughout her life, she revolutionized our understanding of which African animal?
5. Last week, hundreds of American military generals traveled from posts around the world per orders of this Secretary of Defense to attend a meeting in Virginia.
6. Can you name the Puerto Rican music superstar who will headline the Super Bowl halftime entertainment?
7. To what two cities did President Trump send troops last week?
8. Who is "32 Chunk" and what contest did he win last week?
9. Of Atlanta, Chicago, and Boston, which city's busy airport has forfeited at least \$37.5 million because local leaders will not give up diversity, equity, and inclusion?
10. What is a medbed – the subject of an artificial intelligence-made video shared on social media by President Trump.

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ANSWERS

1. Climate change. He said damaging the natural world is incompatible with the Christian faith.
2. Lawmakers were unable to reach a federal budget deal. The key issues include rolling back Medicaid cuts and extending Obamacare subsidies.
3. She's a woman, 63-year-old Sarah Mulally is the first woman leader in the Church of England's nearly 500-year history.
4. Chimpanzees
5. Pete Hegseth, who prefers to call himself the Secretary of War, outlined his plans to remake the US military in his preferred image – for example, beards are frowned upon as are “fat” generals.
6. Bad Bunny, the reggaeton artist who has won three Grammy Awards and brought Spanish-language music to the top of the charts.
7. Portland, OR (which the president described as “war ravaged”) and Memphis, TN
8. 32 Chunk is a 1,200 pound Brown Bear that won Alaska's Fat Bear contest. Bears like Chunk gorge on Salmon in preparation for their hibernation. Chunk probably won't eat again for about six months.
9. Atlanta
10. The medbed is a fictional medical device, that is part of a conspiracy myth that originated within QAnon circles. Some of the deceptive claims call the medbed “magical” and say it is capable of diagnosing and curing any ailment including cancer and chronic pain, regenerating missing limbs, reversing the aging process, and other false and misleading claims. The video remained on President Trump's social media account for twelve hours before it was removed.