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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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1. Which part of the White House was demolished last week?
2. What is the name of the tropical storm that formed in the Caribbean last week and threatens to intensify into a hurricane, threatening Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and points north.
3. The Trump administration is using the US military to target boats in the Caribbean and the Pacific Ocean. More than 20 people have been killed by these attacks ... for what reason.
4. In a social media post, Donald Trump referred to this country's president a "an illegal drug leader" who is "low rated and very unpopular."
5. According to a book by Jeffrey Epstein-accuser Virginia Giuffre, why did Epstein have surveillance cameras installed throughout his houses in New York, Palm Beach, and in the Caribbean?
6. It took less than eight minutes for thieves to take \$100 million worth of jewelry from this European museum last week.
7. Which Asian country elected its first female prime minister last week?
8. President Trump wants the safety label on this over-the-counter medication changed to include a possible link to autism or ADHD in children.
9. Why does President Trump want American taxpayers to pay him around \$230 million?
10. What two teams will be facing off in this year's World Series?
11. Last week, federal authorities indicted more than thirty individuals in a major scandal involving this sport.
12. A new study from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, showed that food allergies in children dropped sharply since 2017 when parents were encouraged to slowly introduce this food to their kids' diets.
13. Last week, Kenny Loggins, who wrote the song "Danger Zone," demanded that President Trump remove his music from a video Trump posted that depicted the president as a fighter jet pilot who was dumping this on a large gathering of No Kings protestors.
14. Which Democratic senator gave a marathon 22-hour speech on the Senate floor to protest the Trump presidency?
15. Last week, this state's Attorney General filed a lawsuit that seeks to get Adelita Grijava, who was duly elected four weeks ago, sworn in as a member of Congress because House Speaker Mike Johnson has refused to do so.

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ANSWERS

1. The East Wing, which was previously used by the First Lady and her staff and other White House support personnel, was demolished to make room for a ballroom that is nearly twice as large as the White House itself.
2. Melissa
3. The administration claims the boats were being used by drug smugglers, though no evidence has been offered and no trial held.
4. Colombia. Trump and Gustavo Petro, president of Colombia, are at odds over the American strikes on boats in the Caribbean. According to Petro, one attack killed an innocent Colombian fisherman last week.
5. Epstein would blackmail the rich, powerful men who were depicted in the surveillance videos abusing young girls.
6. The Louve in Paris. The items stolen were crown jewels that dated back to the reign of Napoleon.
7. Japan elected 64-year-old Sanae Takaichi.
8. Tylenol. The medicine's make is pushing back against the label change since it is not based in legitimate science.
9. The president wants to be compensated for the Department of Justice investigations into Russia's interference in the 2016 elections and into Trump's mishandling of classified documents when he left the White House in 2020.
10. The Los Angeles Dodgers and the Toronto Blue Jays
11. Basketball.
12. Peanuts. Before 2017, parents were told to avoid consumption and even exposure to peanuts.
13. Feces
14. Senator Jeff Merkley of Oregon
15. Arizona