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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 country was the hardest hit when Hurricane Melissa tore through the Caribbean last week?
2. As the week came to a close, two federal judges ruled that the Trump Administration must fund this food assistance program during the government shutdown.
3. Everyone should know the name of Nvidia, which became the first publicly traded company to surpass \$5 trillion in market value. And we'll even tell you that Nvidia make computer chips ... but specifically, what kind of chips do they make?
4. According to a report released last week, both the US and this neighboring country are poised to lose their "measles-free" status.
5. Adding insult to injury, which group of federal workers, who are required to stay on the job during the government shutdown, received paychecks for \$0 last week?
6. A newly found manuscript written by this famous children's book author, who died more than 30 years ago, was found among his papers at the University of California San Diego Geisel Library.
7. According to an online survey, what is American's top Halloween candy choice this year?
8. What did Doug Ford, the premier of Ontario, Canada, do to outrage President Trump last week?
9. Last week, at the age of eighty, Betty Kellenberger of Michigan became the oldest person to hike this 2,197-mile trail from Maine to Georgia.
10. President Trump visited four Asian countries last week – China, South Korea, Kuala Lumpur, and Japan, where he met the new woman prime minister, Sanae Takaichi. What sports-related gift did Takaichi give Trump?
11. The third game in the World Series between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Toronto Blue Jays last week was one for the record books. How many innings did it take for the Dodgers to win that game with a walk-off home run?
12. Who won the baseball World Series last week?
13. June Lockhart died last week at age 100. Can you name of the three popular television shows she starred in (as a regular cast member) from the 1950s to the 1980s?

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ANSWERS

1. Jamaica. The storm also caused severe damage in Cuba, Haiti, and the Bahamas.
2. The SNAP program, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program
3. Nvidia makes chips used in AI (Artificial Intelligence). It's also correct to say that Nvidia makes graphic processing units (GPUs), which are essential for modern artificial intelligence and other high performing computing tasks.
4. Canada. A country is no longer considered to be measles-free if the virus returns and transmission is sustained continuously for more than a year. Many people point to vaccination skepticism for the rise in the recurrence of measles.
5. Air-traffic controllers
6. Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel). The book, which will help young children learn the name of the 50 US states and their capital cities, will be published early next year.
7. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. Gummy candies continue to climb in popularity.
8. Ford ran an ad in which Ronald Reagan, in his own voice from a 1987 radio address, warned against tariffs, saying "tariffs hurt every American." Ford pulled the ad after Trump added an additional tariff onto Canadian imports and threatened to call off trade talks with Canada.
9. The Appalachian Trail
10. A gold golf ball
11. 18 innings
12. At this writing, the series is tied up 3-3. You'll need to look up the correct answer if you don't already know. 😊
13. *Lassie, Lost in Space, and Petticoat Junction*