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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. What long-awaited movie sequel opened last week?
2. In the first chapter of this US Senator's new memoir, he states, "I am six-foot-eight, which makes me the second-tallest senator in history."
3. Why did President Trump call US Rep. Marjorie Taylor Green a "ranting lunatic," "wacky," and "far left"?
4. Can you name the former president of Harvard University and former Secretary of the Treasury in the Clinton Administration who stepped back from multiple roles after a group of recently released emails showed him seeking relationship advice from Jeffrey Epstein?
5. Why did President Trump call for the execution of several Democratic lawmakers, including Senator Mark Kelly, Representative Jason Crow, and Senator Elissa Slotkin?
6. Which illness could be more severe in the US this year due to a new virus variant and low rates of vaccination?
7. What controversial world leader was honored with a lavish state visit last week, including a welcome with military bands, a flyover of fighter jets and a line of mounted horses?
8. A federal court has stopped this state from using its new congressional map that would have helped the Republican Party in the 2026 midterm elections.
9. The Centers for Disease Control has posted incorrect and unscientific information on its website about the relationship between vaccines and this condition.
10. Neither President Trump nor Vice President Vance were invited to the funeral of former Vice President Dick Cheney. However, all five of the living former vice presidents did attend. Can you name them?

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ANSWERS

1. Part two of *Wicked* – entitled *Wicked: For Good*
2. John Fetterman (D) of Pennsylvania. At six-foot-nine, Luther Strange (R) Alabama, who served from February 2017 to January 2028, was the tallest senator in US history.
3. Trump is displeased with his former ally because she supported and voted for the release of the Jeffrey Epstein files. Note: Moments before we completed this quiz, Marjorie Taylor Greene resigned her seat. She will leave on January 5, 2026.
4. Larry Summers
5. They posted a video on the internet that strongly reminded people serving in the military or national security positions that it is their obligation to not follow illegal orders. All of the lawmakers who participated in the video served with distinction prior to entering politics.
6. The flu. Early surges in the flu have already been seen in the UK, Canada, and Japan.
7. The Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who is accused by many of ordering the 2018 murder of *Washington Post* journalist Jamal Khashoggi.
8. Texas. The federal judge said that the new Texas map was racially gerrymandered and illegal.
9. Autism. No legitimate scientific research has shown a connection between vaccines and autism.
10. Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Al Gore, Dan Quayle, and Mike Pence