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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 were the names of the two turkeys pardoned by President Trump at a White House ceremony last week? (We're looking for both names.)
2. Appropriate to last week's holiday, where did Pope Leo XIV spend his first Thanksgiving as Pontiff?
3. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth announced last week that the Pentagon has opened a formal review into the conduct of Senator Mark Kelly of Arizona, who participated in a video telling service members that they are required to refuse illegal orders. The Pentagon also said it may even call Kelly back to active duty for what reason?
4. Two National Guard soldiers were ambushed and shot by a man from this country. At this writing, one has died and the other remains in critical condition.
5. At this writing, at least 128 people were killed and 200 more are still missing in a fire that engulfed an eight-tower high-rise residential complex in this city last week.
6. Last week, US District judge Cameron McGowen Currie dismissed the criminal cases against two Trump foes – this former FBI head and this current Attorney General of New York – because the government's prosecutor, Lindsey Halligan, had been unlawfully appointed. (We're looking for both names.)
7. Jimmy Cliff died last week at age 81. Can you name the genre of Jamaican music in which he was a leading figure since the 1960s?
8. On the same day that this US Representative from Georgia said she would be quitting in early January, President Trump had a cordial, even friendly meeting with this newly elected politician whom Trump calls "a communist." (We're looking for both names.)
9. This legendary British playwright, who penned *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, *The Real Thing*, and the screenplays *Empire of the Sun* and *Shakespeare in Love*, died last week at the age of 88.

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ANSWERS

1. Gobble and Waddle
2. Turkey
3. If Senator Kelly is on active duty, he can be court martialed.
4. Afghanistan. The shooter was granted asylum to live in the US in April of this year.
5. Hong Kong. Seven towers were affected by the blaze, and each of them is 31 or 32 stories high.
6. James Comey and Letitia James
7. Reggae. Some of Cliff's best known songs are "Many Rivers to Cross," "You Can Get It If You Really Want," "The Harder They Come," and "I Can See Clearly Now."
8. Marjorie Taylor Greene is stepping down from the House of Representatives. President Trump had a cordial meeting with Mayor-elect of New York City, Zohran Mamdani.
9. Sir Tom Stoppard