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Weekly Trivia Quiz

Estimated play time: Approximately 20 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

You already know how to play trivia quizzes. Here are a few additional ideas to consider if you want a more, or less, competitive game.

Instructions

1. Create a tournament format in which permanent teams compete in playoffs and a final champion team is crowned.
2. Collect a small amount of money from each player (for example, 50 cents or a dollar) and put it into a kitty. The winning team splits the kitty.
3. Buy some lottery tickets to use as prizes for the winners (and runners up).
4. To create a less competitive game, just give one point for every question answered.

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DAN, DANNY, or DANIEL

- 10 Pts This Canadian American actor and comedian is known for his appearances on *Saturday Night Live*, as one of the Blues Brothers (with John Belushi), and for his roles in movies such as *Ghostbusters*.
- 20 Pts He won an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for playing Louis DePalma in the TV sitcom *Taxi*.
- 30 Pts Born in 1724, this frontiersman was one of the first explorers and settlers of present-day Kentucky.
- 40 Pts He starred in *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* and *White Christmas*, and was the first Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund.
- 50 Pts This British actor first played James Bond in 2006 and reprised the role in four subsequent films, most recently *No Time To Die* in 2021.

WHOSE BIOGRAPHY?

- 10 Pts *Seabiscuit: An American Legend*, was a 2001 book by Laura Hillenbrand about this sporting legend.
- 20 Pts *The Agony and the Ecstasy* by Irving Stone is a 1961 biography of this 16th-century Italian artist.
- 30 Pts *Dutch*, by Edmund Morris, is the title of a 1999 biography of this US president.
- 40 Pts Author William Manchester died before completing *The Last Lion*, a three-volume biography of this legendary WWII leader.
- 50 Pts The third volume of this biography by Robert Caro is called *Master of the Senate*, focusing on this (then) senator's early civil rights battles of the late 1950s.

TOY & GAME HALL OF FAME

- 10 Pts Morris Michton created this children's classic after seeing a picture of President Theodore Roosevelt and a bear cub in *The Washington Post* in 1902.
- 20 Pts This toy, packaged in an egg-shaped container, came from a WWII effort to make synthetic rubber, as natural rubber production was hampered by the Japanese during the war.
- 30 Pts In 1943, engineer Richard James invented this toy by accident. He was developing a spring that could keep sensitive ship equipment steady at sea, when one prototype fell off the table ... and then proceeded down the stairs.
- 40 Pts This wooden construction toy was invented in 1916 by John Lloyd Wright, son of architect Frank Lloyd Wright. It originally came with instructions to build Uncle Tom's Cabin and Honest Abe's birthplace.
- 50 Pts This game, introduced in the US in 1959 by Parker Brothers, was the first popular game that involved global strategy, diplomacy, conflict and conquest.

SEA CREATURES

- 10 Pts At 37.4 pounds and 2.1 feet long, this record-breaking crustacean was caught off Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1974.
- 20 Pts Chinook, Coho, and Sockeye are all types of this highly valued food fish.
- 30 Pts The male (not the female) of this equine-named marine creature carries the eggs until they mature.
- 40 Pts This bivalve was the source of wampum, the sacred beads sometimes used as currency by Native Americans in the northeast.
- 50 Pts The humpback and the gray are two types of whales that don't have teeth. Instead, they filter their food through plates of this material that is similar to hair or fingernails.

FICTIONAL HOMETOWNS

- 10 Pts Where Lois Lane and Superman live.
- 20 Pts Where Fred and Wilma Flintstone live
- 30 Pts Home of Peter Pan, Tinker Bell, and the Lost Boys.
- 40 Pts Hometown of George Bailey in the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*.
- 50 Pts A graveyard in this New Hampshire hometown is the setting for Thornton Wilder's play *Our Town*.

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ANSWERS

DAN, DANNY, or DANIEL

- 10 Pts Dan Ackroyd
- 20 Pts Danny DeVito
- 30 Pts Daniel Boone
- 40 Pts Danny Kaye
- 50 Pts Daniel Craig

WHOSE BIOGRAPHY?

- 10 Pts Seabiscuit was a champion thoroughbred racehorse.
- 20 Pts Michelangelo
- 30 Pts Ronald Reagan
- 40 Pts Winston Churchill
- 50 Pts Lyndon Johnson

TOY & GAME HALL OF FAME

- 10 Pts Teddy Bear
- 20 Pts Silly Putty
- 30 Pts Slinky
- 40 Pts Lincoln Logs
- 50 Pts Risk

SEA CREATURES

- 10 Pts Lobster
- 20 Pts Salmon
- 30 Pts Seahorse
- 40 Pts Clam (or quahog or whelk)
- 50 Pts Baleen

FICTIONAL HOMETOWNS

- 10 Pts Metropolis
- 20 Pts Bedrock
- 30 Pts Neverland
- 40 Pts Bedford Falls
- 50 Pts Grover's Corners