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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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FIRST NAMES, PLEASE

- 10 Pts Flintstone and Rubble
- 20 Pts Bergen and McCarthy
- 30 Pts Fey and Pohler
- 40 Pts Kerrigan and Harding
- 50 Pts Howard, Howard, and Fine

INTERNATIONAL "K" FOODS *(Each answer starts with a K.)*

- 10 Pts This small fruit has the same name as a flightless bird – but nobody eats the bird; it's the national symbol of New Zealand.
- 20 Pts This word for meat grilled on a skewer likely came to English from Persia or Turkey.
- 30 Pts The Polish word for this sausage means "sausage," and it's often served with fried onions.
- 40 Pts This side dish, consisting of salted and fermented vegetables, is eaten with almost every meal in Korean cuisine.
- 50 Pts This Eastern European Jewish food, similar to the Polish pierogi, the South American empanada, and the samosa of India, consists of a bread-like pastry stuffed with potato, meat, and other savory fillings.

HOW MANY ... ?

- 10 Pts ... years in a bicentennial?
- 20 Pts ... days in March?
- 30 Pts ... minutes in 2.5 hours?
- 40 Pts ... weeks in a fortnight?
- 50 Pts ... years in a score?

FISH

- 10 Pts The name of this small fish, which is used mostly for bait, is also the name of the boat on TV's *Gilligan's Island*.
- 20 Pts In 2006, wildlife expert Steve Irwin died in the waters off Australia when he was pierced in the chest by a foot-long barb from the tail of this large flat fish.
- 30 Pts The name of this fish comes from the Latin *salire*, "to leap," which describes its habit of leaping over mini-falls and other obstacles to get to its breeding grounds.
- 40 Pts Because this popular food fish has no scales and is a bottom-feeding food scavenger, it is not eaten by observant Jews and Muslims.
- 50 Pts Goldfish are members of this species of fish; the word also means to complain a lot about a minor issue.

IN WHICH DECADE?

- 10 Pts Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech; the Woodstock Music Festival.
- 20 Pts The Soviet Union dissolved; Nelson Mandela elected President of South Africa; mass shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado.
- 30 Pts Birth of the first "Baby Boom" kids; completion of the first digital computer (named ENIAC).
- 40 Pts Mass suicide of the People's Temple cult in Guyana; Margaret Thatcher elected Britain's first woman Prime Minister.
- 50 Pts The first talking movie, *The Jazz Singer*; Lindbergh's solo, non-stop, transatlantic flight.

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ANSWERS

FIRST NAMES, PLEASE

- 10 Pts Fred and Barney
- 20 Pts Edgar and Charlie
- 30 Pts Tina and Amy
- 40 Pts Nancy and Tonya
- 50 Pts Curly, Moe, and Larry (The Three Stooges)

INTERNATIONAL "K" FOODS

- 10 Pts Kiwi
- 20 Pts Kebab
- 30 Pts Kielbasa
- 40 Pts Kimchi
- 50 Pts Knish

HOW MANY ... ?

- 10 Pts 200
- 20 Pts 31
- 30 Pts 150
- 40 Pts 2
- 50 Pts 20

FISH

- 10 Pts Minnow
- 20 Pts Stingray
- 30 Pts Salmon
- 40 Pts Catfish
- 50 Pts Carp

IN WHICH DECADE?

- 10 Pts 1960s
- 20 Pts 1990s
- 30 Pts 1940s
- 40 Pts 1970s
- 50 Pts 1920s