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# Weekly Trivia Quiz

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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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## BORDERS

- 10 Pts Which three continents border the Mediterranean Sea?
- 20 Pts These two countries share a 5000-mile-long border, and together they form the southern third of South America.
- 30 Pts These two countries are tied for having the most borders with other countries, with 14 each.
- 40 Pts This is the only country that borders Portugal.
- 50 Pts This US state has the longest border with Canada — roughly 1500 miles.

## 1948

- 10 Pts On January 30, 1948, this leader of Indian nationalism, who inspired non-violent civil rights movements around the world, was assassinated in New Delhi.
- 20 Pts In April 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed this initiative appropriating an astounding \$5 billion for post WWII economic recovery in Europe.
- 30 Pts In June 1948, D.F. Malan was elected Prime Minister of South Africa, ushering in the implementation of this system of racial separation.
- 40 Pts In 1948, the same year that Israel officially became a sovereign nation, this Jewish-sponsored secular university, named after the first Jewish Supreme Court Justice, was founded just outside Boston, Massachusetts.
- 50 Pts In 1948, in *McCullum v. Board of Education* (Illinois), the US Supreme Court ruled that this kind of instruction in public schools violates the US Constitution.

## WORK SONGS

- 10 Pts According to Tennessee Ernie Ford, “You load 16 tons and what do you get?” So ... what do you get?
- 20 Pts Johnny Paycheck sang about the day he told his boss to “take this job and ...” What?
- 30 Pts Jobs lost during the Depression is the theme of this song with the following lyrics: “Once I built a railroad, I made it run, made it race against time. Once I built a railroad; now it’s done ...”
- 40 Pts Willie Nelson warned Mamas not to let their “babies grow up to be ...” What?
- 50 Pts Who wrote and recorded the 1980 song “9 to 5”?

## BRITISH TV

- 10 Pts Based on the 1960's British TV show *Till Death Us Do Part*, this US classic starring Carroll O'Connor premiered in 1971.
- 20 Pts In the BBC series *Man About the House*, student chef Robin Tripp pretends to be gay so he can move in with two female roommates. What was the US title of this show?
- 30 Pts This show about father and son junk dealers was called *Steptoe and Son* in Britain, *Albert and Herbert* in Sweden, *Stiefbeen en Zoon* in the Netherlands, and this in the United States.
- 40 Pts In Britain, Ricky Gervais starred as an office manager at the Wernham Hogg paper company. In the US, the paper company was Dunder Mifflin, and Steve Carell was the manager. What was the name of this show on both sides of the Atlantic?
- 50 Pts An American pilot of this British sitcom, about a female vicar in a small British town, was made starring Kirstie Alley of *Cheers* fame ... but it was never picked up for production.

## CANADA POTPOURRI

- 10 Pts It's probably no surprise that the cream in the middle of this popular sandwich cookie, called "Canada True," only comes in this flavor.
- 20 Pts Pick your pick: Name either the alphabetically first, or last, of the ten Canadian provinces.
- 30 Pts Canada's national police force. (We're looking for the full name – not just initials or nickname, please!)
- 40 Pts The proper term in the US for indigenous people is Native Americans. In Canada, this is the preferred term.
- 50 Pts Draining an area the size of Mexico, the Mackenzie River system, Canada's longest, flows 2,635 miles north into this body of water.

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## ANSWERS

### BORDERS

- 10 Pts Europe, Africa, and Asia (*Note: A total of 21 countries have borders on the Mediterranean.*)
- 20 Pts Chile and Argentina
- 30 Pts Russia and China
- 40 Pts Spain
- 50 Pts Alaska

### 1948

- 10 Pts Mahatma Gandhi
- 20 Pts The Marshall Plan
- 30 Pts Apartheid
- 40 Pts Brandeis University
- 50 Pts Religious instruction

### WORK SONGS

- 10 Pts “.. another day older and deeper in debt.”
- 20 Pts “ ... shove it.”
- 30 Pts “Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?”
- 40 Pts Cowboys
- 50 Pts Dolly Parton, who also had a starring role in the movie with the same title

### BRITISH TV

- 10 Pts *All in the Family*
- 20 Pts *Three's Company*
- 30 Pts *Sanford and Son*
- 40 Pts *The Office*
- 50 Pts *The Vicar of Dibley*

### CANADA POTPOURRI

- 10 Pts Maple. The cookie is also in the shape of a maple leaf.
- 20 Pts The first is Alberta; the last is Saskatchewan.
- 30 Pts The Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- 40 Pts First Nations
- 50 Pts The Arctic Ocean (The Beaufort Sea, which is part of the Arctic Ocean, is also a correct answer.)