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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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## IT'S COLD!

- 10 Pts This word can describe a chilly day ... or, a little dog that likes to bite.
- 20 Pts The official definition of this kind of weather includes cold temperatures, winds at 35-plus miles per hour, and snow that reduces visibility for at least three hours.
- 30 Pts Just about every police department has a filing cabinet of these – crimes that have never been solved.
- 40 Pts Author George Orwell came up with this term for a hypothetical nuclear stalemate between “monstrous super-states.”
- 50 Pts Which Great Plains state ranks as the second coldest – beat only by Alaska, of course – in the US?

## IS THIS A PERSON, PLACE, OR THING?

- 10 Pts Bialy
- 20 Pts Raffi
- 30 Pts Beersheba
- 40 Pts Pravda
- 50 Pts Banksy

## INITIALLY SPEAKING

- 10 Pts In the 1980's Larry Hagman played a Texas oil man known by these initials.
- 20 Pts What do the initials AA mean to a William Faulkner fan? And what do the same letters mean to a person who is addicted to liquor?
- 30 Pts He is the only US president with the middle initial M.
- 40 Pts In 2005, this movie, with the initials G.N.A.G.L, focused on Ed Murrow and Senator Joseph McCarthy.
- 50 Pts What do the letters ERA mean to a baseball player? And what do the same letters mean to a feminist?

## THE PULITZER PRIZE

- 10 Pts In 1977, Alex Haley won a special Pulitzer for this novel, which would go on to win nine Emmy Awards and a Peabody Award for its TV adaptation.
- 20 Pts In 2002, the Spotlight team of investigative journalists at this newspaper won a Pulitzer Prize for uncovering years of sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priests.
- 30 Pts He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1975 for film criticism.
- 40 Pts The Pulitzer Prize was established in 1917 by Joseph Pulitzer, who made his fortune in this field.
- 50 Pts In 1975, Garry Trudeau won a Pulitzer Prize for this cartoon strip.

## ASIAN FOOD

- 10 Pts In which Asian country are you likely to be served Udon Noodles, Tempura, and Ramen?
- 20 Pts Kimchi, which is basically brined and fermented vegetables, is the national dish of this country.
- 30 Pts In which Asian country are you likely to be served papadam and chutney as a starter and chicken korma with raita as your main course?
- 40 Pts This tradition of serving bite-sized portions of food on small plates for breakfast or brunch started in the Cantonese region of China.
- 50 Pts The cuisine from this southwestern province of China is known for its bold flavors and pungent spiciness thanks to the liberal use of hot peppers.

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## ANSWERS

### IT'S COLD!

- 10 Pts Nippy
- 20 Pts Blizzard
- 30 Pts Cold Cases
- 40 Pts Cold War
- 50 Pts North Dakota. Maine and Minnesota follow

### IS THIS A PERSON, PLACE, OR THING?

- 10 Pts Thing. A Bialy is a roll that is similar to a bagel, but has no hole.
- 20 Pts Person. Raffi, who is well known to people under age five, sings children's songs.
- 30 Pts Beersheba is city in Israel.
- 40 Pts Pravda is a Russian newspaper and was formerly the official newspaper of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.
- 50 Pts Person. Banksy is a street artist and political activist whose real identity is unknown.

### INITIALLY SPEAKING

- 10 Pts J. R. (Ewing) from the TV show Dallas
- 20 Pts *Absalom! Absalom!* (Faulkner); Alcoholics Anonymous (Liquor)
- 30 Pts Richard Milhous Nixon
- 40 Pts *Good Night and Good Luck*
- 50 Pts Earned Run Average (Baseball); Equal Rights Amendment (Feminist)

### THE PULITZER PRIZE

- 10 Pts *Roots*
- 20 Pts *The Boston Globe*
- 30 Pts Roger Ebert
- 40 Pts Pulitzer was a newspaper publisher
- 50 Pts Doonesbury

### ASIAN FOOD

- 10 Pts Japan
- 20 Pts Korea
- 30 Pts India
- 40 Pts Dim Sum
- 50 Pts Sichuan (also spelled Szechuan or Szechwan)