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Weekly Trivia Quiz 1

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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ANIMALS

- 10 Pts The ancient Romans called this African mammal a “tiger horse.”
- 20 Pts This is the only mammal that can fly.
- 30 Pts The paws of these Arctic denizens are 12-inches wide, which helps them grip the ice.
- 40 Pts Newborn calves of this largest animal on earth can measure nearly 30 feet long and weigh around three tons.
- 50 Pts Kangaroos, koalas, and opossum are members of this group of mammals.

A WORLD OF COLOR

- 10 Pts Kentucky gets this state nickname from its lush groundcover.
- 20 Pts The Bible tells us that God parted this body of water to let the children of Israel flee Egypt; He then sent the waters crashing over the approaching Egyptians.
- 30 Pts Dense fir tree cover gave this area of southwest Germany its name.
- 40 Pts The name of this Texas city means *yellow* in English.
- 50 Pts This Ivy League university in Providence, Rhode Island started out as a Baptist college in 1764.

ANIMATED TELEVISION

- 10 Pts What is the name of Fred and Wilma Flintstone’s daughter?
- 20 Pts Bart, Lisa, and Maggie are the three children in this animated family.
- 30 Pts Who is Yogi Bear’s constant companion?
- 40 Pts What kind of animals were Rocky and Bullwinkle?
- 50 Pts This flat green character and his sidekick, an orange horse named Pokey, were an early example of claymation.

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNERS

- 10 Pts Of her nearly 20 cookbooks written between 1961 and 2000, the one published in 1979 won her a National Book Award.
- 20 Pts This book by Alice Walker won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award in 1983. It was made into a film two years later, and received 11 Oscar nominations.
- 30 Pts This Civil War drama by Charles Frazier won the Fiction Award in 1997. Six years later, the film based on the book won an Oscar and a Golden Globe Award for co-star Renee Zellweger.
- 40 Pts This post-WWII drama by William Styron won the 1980 National Book Award, and, in 1982 gave Meryl Streep her second Oscar statuette.
- 50 Pts Philip Roth won in 1960 for this novella about a doomed romance between a girl from a wealthy Jewish family and a working class Jewish boy. The couple was played by Ali MacGraw and Richard Benjamin in the 1969 film.

TOM OR THOMAS

- 10 Pts He was the first US Secretary of State, the second US Vice President, and the third US President.
- 20 Pts This Scottish-born Thomas, who starred in seven James Bond films, was best known by his middle name.
- 30 Pts Most of His first key television role was spent disguised as a woman on *Bosom Buddies*. For his first key movie role, he fell in love with a mermaid in *Splash*.
- 40 Pts This Thomas was known as "The Wizard of Menlo Park."
- 50 Pts This Tom was featured on *The Bob Newhart Show*, along with Suzanne Pleshette. The couple married in real life twenty-five years later, when he was aged 80 and she was 64.

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ANSWERS

ANIMALS

- 10 Pts The zebra
- 20 Pts The bat
- 30 Pts Polar bears
- 40 Pts The blue whale
- 50 Pts Marsupials

A WORLD OF COLOR

- 10 Pts The Bluegrass State
- 20 Pts The Red Sea
- 30 Pts The Black Forest
- 40 Pts Amarillo
- 50 Pts Brown University

ANIMATED TELEVISION

- 10 Pts Pebbles
- 20 Pts The Simpsons
- 30 Pts Boo-Boo Bear
- 40 Pts Rocky was a (flying) squirrel and Bullwinkle was a moose.
- 50 Pts Gumby

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNERS

- 10 Pts Julia Child (for *Julia Child and More Company*)
- 20 Pts *The Color Purple*
- 30 Pts *Cold Mountain*
- 40 Pts *Sophie's Choice*
- 50 Pts *Goodbye, Columbus*

TOM OR THOMAS

- 10 Pts Thomas Jefferson
- 20 Pts (Thomas) Sean Connery
- 30 Pts Tom Hanks
- 40 Pts Thomas Edison
- 50 Pts Tom Poston