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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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CURRENCY

- 10 Pts Of the seven bills in common circulation (1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100), only two do not have US presidents pictured on the front. Can you name the two non-presidents that grace our money?
- 20 Pts This country's two-dollar coin features King Charles III on one side and a polar bear on the other.
- 30 Pts The name of Peru's currency is also the Spanish word for sun.
- 40 Pts Russia's currency is the ruble. What is the similar sounding currency for Pakistan, Nepal, and India?
- 50 Pts In 1961, the rand became legal tender in this country.

COLORS

- 10 Pts The colorful nickname for Ireland.
- 20 Pts What retail chain store introduced the Big Brown Bag in 1973?
- 30 Pts The "color" of prose that is too elaborate or ornate.
- 40 Pts What shade of color is cyan and azure?
- 50 Pts On the color wheel, all colors have opposites. The opposite of blue is orange, the opposite of red is green. What is the opposite of violet?

FAMOUS PAIRS

- 10 Pts Encyclopedia publishers: Funk & _____
- 20 Pts Coffee merchants: Chase & _____
- 30 Pts Fashion: Dolce (pronounced dole•CHAY) & _____
- 40 Pts Firearms: Smith & _____
- 50 Pts TV's *The X-Files*: Mulder & _____

THE IVY LEAGUE

- 10 Pts Nobody really "pahks their cahs" in this college's "yahd" – mostly because there are no streets or parking spaces there.
- 20 Pts Most of the money that established this Connecticut college was donated in the early 18th century by Jeremiah Dummer. But because the school's trustees did not want it known as Dummer College, they named it after a much less generous donor.
- 30 Pts This upstate New York Ivy League college was co-founded and named after the founder of Western Union.
- 40 Pts Barnard College, a private women's school, traditionally has been affiliated with this university, one of the two Ivy League colleges found in New York.
- 50 Pts This smallest of the Ivy League colleges grew from a single log cabin in the New Hampshire wilderness. It was originally founded to train Native Americans to become Christian missionaries.

JUNIORS

- 10 Pts We'll never know if this junior would have followed in his father's footsteps. He died at age 39 when his private plane crashed in the ocean off Nantucket Island.
- 20 Pts This junior was born in the Harlem section of Manhattan in 1925. At the age of three, he went on tour with his father, a vaudeville song and dance man.
- 30 Pts This junior was introduced to movies by his actor/filmmaker father. His father also introduced him to marijuana when he was six, which led to a decades-long problem with addiction that nearly ruined his acting career.
- 40 Pts This junior, whose father was a coach with the Baltimore Orioles, knew he wanted to be a baseball player from the age of three.
- 50 Pts This junior's father was an abstract expressionist painter and sculptor, but he (the son) dropped out of high school at age 16 to pursue acting. Fifteen years later he won his first Oscar for playing a young Vito Corleone in *The Godfather Part II*.

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ANSWERS

CURRENCY

- 10 Pts Alexander Hamilton is on the \$10 bill, and Benjamin Franklin is on the \$100 bill.
- 20 Pts Canada
- 30 Pts Sol
- 40 Pts The rupee
- 50 Pts South Africa

COLORS

- 10 Pts The Emerald Isle
- 20 Pts Bloomingdale's
- 30 Pts Purple
- 40 Pts Blue
- 50 Pts Yellow

FAMOUS PAIRS

- 10 Pts Wagnalls
- 20 Pts Sanborn
- 30 Pts Gabbana
- 40 Pts Wesson
- 50 Pts Scully

THE IVY LEAGUE

- 10 Pts Harvard
- 20 Pts Yale. It's interesting to note that Princeton had a similar early story. The trustees wanted to name the college after the colonial governor of New Jersey, Jonathan Belcher, until Belcher himself remarked, "Belcher College – what a hell of a name that would be!"
- 30 Pts Cornell (named after Eza Cornell)
- 40 Pts Columbia
- 50 Pts Dartmouth

JUNIORS

- 10 Pts John F. Kennedy, Jr.
- 20 Pts Sammy Davis, Jr.
- 30 Pts Robert Downey, Jr.
- 40 Pts Cal Ripken, Jr.
- 50 Pts Robert De Niro, Jr.