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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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WHO?

- 10 Pts Who hosted *You Bet Your Life* on NBC from 1950 to 1961?
- 20 Pts Who was known as the Wizard of Menlo Park?
- 30 Pts Who are the two Beatles that are still living?
- 40 Pts Who is the New Hampshire-based author of *The World According to Garp*, published in 1978?
- 50 Pts Whom did the British press label “Bush’s poodle” in 2002?

WHAT?

- 10 Pts What word precedes both “blood” and “streak” to make two colorful idioms?
- 20 Pts What week-long December holiday, created in 1966, celebrates Black heritage, unity, and culture?
- 30 Pts What is the name of the multi-branched candelabra that is used on Hanukkah?
- 40 Pts What 2000 movie told the story of a single mom who led the legal fight against Pacific Gas & Electric, the company that was accused of contaminating the water in Hinkley, California?
- 50 Pts What 164-foot-tall Paris landmark, standing at the western end of the Champs-Élysées, was commissioned by Napoleon to celebrate his military victories?

WHERE?

- 10 Pts In what city is England’s prestigious Oxford University located?
- 20 Pts In what US state would you find the Berkshire Mountains?
- 30 Pts Where is the Baseball Hall of Fame?
- 40 Pts Where would you find Three Mile Island, the site of a 1979 nuclear power plant accident?
- 50 Pts Where would you find the ranch home of Nancy and Ronald Reagan?

WHEN?

- 10 Pts When the Library of Congress was rebuilt (after the British burned down the first one), it was stocked with nearly 6,500 books from this Founding Father’s library.
- 20 Pts When the 21st century began, many people expected a “Y2K crisis.” What did Y2K stand for?
- 30 Pts When this game, initially called Pretzel, was played on TV by Eva Gabor and Johnny Carson, sales soared.
- 40 Pts When this film, starring Omar Sharif and Julie Christie, came out in 1965, Russian-inspired fashion became all the rage, and the Maxicoat was introduced.
- 50 Pts When Dr. Ben Carson failed in his bid for the presidency, he threw his support to Donald Trump and was rewarded with this cabinet position.

“Y” *(All the answers begin with the letter Y.)*

- 10 Pts Originally, only people from New England had this nickname, but now it refers pretty much worldwide to any American.
- 20 Pts The word that pairs with Yin in Chinese philosophy.
- 30 Pts You’ll find Old Faithful in this National Park.
- 40 Pts Which 1968 Beatles animated film (and album) features the song “All You Need Is Love” and is set in a paradise called Pepperland, which falls under attack by the music-hating Blue Meanies?
- 50 Pts This westernmost territory is Canada’s smallest (in land area) and shares a 1,538 mile-long border with Alaska.

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ANSWERS

WHO?

- 10 Pts Groucho Marx
- 20 Pts Thomas Edison
- 30 Pts Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr
- 40 Pts John Irving
- 50 Pts Prime Minister Tony Blair was given that moniker to suggest that he was overly supportive of US President George W. Bush, especially regarding the Iraq War.

WHAT?

- 10 Pts Blue
- 20 Pts Kwanzaa
- 30 Pts Menorah
- 40 Pts *Erin Brokovich*
- 50 Pts The Arc de Triomphe

WHERE?

- 10 Pts Oxford
- 20 Pts Massachusetts
- 30 Pts Cooperstown, NY
- 40 Pts In central Pennsylvania, near Harrisburg
- 50 Pts Near Santa Barbara, California

WHEN?

- 10 Pts Thomas Jefferson
- 20 Pts Year 2000. Many people feared that computers couldn't handle a calendar date of 2000 and would revert back to 1900. However, the crisis never materialized, and there were only a few minor problems.
- 30 Pts Twister
- 40 Pts *Doctor Zhivago*
- 50 Pts Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

"Y"

- 10 Pts Yankee
- 20 Pts Yang
- 30 Pts Yellowstone
- 40 Pts *Yellow Submarine*
- 50 Pts Yukon