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Weekly Trivia Quiz 2

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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QUITTERS

- 10 Pts He quit in a nationally televised speech in August 1974.
- 20 Pts This state governor quit because she was “spending too much time defending herself against frivolous ethics complaints.”
- 30 Pts He entered Harvard in 1973 and quit at the age of 20 to start his own tech company.
- 40 Pts This former vice-president of the United States left Wyoming in 1959 for Yale, but quit a year and a half later, just before he would have flunked out.
- 50 Pts This athlete quit the Los Angeles Lakers in 1991 after announcing he was HIV-positive.

BUILDING BIG

- 10 Pts From 1884 to 1889, the Washington Monument held the title as the tallest structure in the world. It was replaced by this famous French edifice.
- 20 Pts Built around 1550 BC, this is still the largest tomb on earth.
- 30 Pts From 1930 to 1931, the Chrysler Building held the title as the tallest building in the world. It was replaced by this building, also in NYC, that held the title for 36 years.
- 40 Pts Contrary to popular belief, this 13,171-mile long structure cannot be seen by the naked eye from the moon.
- 50 Pts Thirty-two of the forty tallest buildings in the world can be found in only four countries. Can you name two of them?

ANIMAL NAMES

- 10 Pts He’s not a long-necked bird, but a character on *Cheers* and later on his own show.
- 20 Pts He’s not a wild canine, but a CNN anchorman.
- 30 Pts He’s not a crustacean, but an Olympic swimmer who played Tarzan in movies, mostly in the 1930s.
- 40 Pts He’s not a robin, but a champion basketball player in the 1980s.
- 50 Pts She’s not a male deer, but the 1932 Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Good Earth*.

Q ON THE MENU

- 10 Pts The Lorraine version of this French dish contains egg, cream, cheese and bacon.
- 20 Pts This McDonald’s staple, introduced in 1991, was so-named because it offered a higher ratio of meat to bun.
- 30 Pts The classic version of this Mexican dish is simply cheese melted between two tortillas.
- 40 Pts This small, plump bird, a member of the pheasant family, is popular in French cooking. And its eggs are a delicacy.
- 50 Pts This fruit, which looks like a cross between an apple and a pear, is nearly inedible when raw, but sweet enough when cooked to be made into jams and jellies.

BASIC BIOLOGY

- 10 Pts Fish breathe by filtering water through these organs and extracting the oxygen.
- 20 Pts What is the name of the green pigment in plants?
- 30 Pts Quinine, which comes from the bark of the cinchona tree, was the first effective treatment for what disease?
- 40 Pts Mycology is the branch of biology that studies mushrooms, yeasts, molds, and other types of these.
- 50 Pts This fast-growing plant is the largest member of the grass family and the main food of the giant panda.

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ANSWERS

QUITTERS

- 10 Pts Richard Nixon
- 20 Pts Sarah Palin, who quit as governor of Alaska after serving 2.5 years.
- 30 Pts Bill Gates. Gates finally got a college degree when Harvard presented him with a diploma in 2007.
- 40 Pts Dick Cheney
- 50 Pts Magic Johnson

BUILDING BIG

- 10 Pts The Eiffel Tower
- 20 Pts The Great Pyramid at Giza in Egypt
- 30 Pts The Empire State Building
- 40 Pts The Great Wall of China
- 50 Pts USA (11), China (8), Dubai, United Arab Emirates (7), and Hong Kong (6)

ANIMAL NAMES

- 10 Pts Frasier Crane
- 20 Pts Wolf Blitzer
- 30 Pts Buster Crabbe
- 40 Pts Larry Bird
- 50 Pts Pearl Buck. She also won a Nobel Prize for Literature in 1938.

Q ON THE MENU

- 10 Pts Quiche
- 20 Pts Quarter-Pounder
- 30 Pts Quesadilla
- 40 Pts Quail
- 50 Pts Quince

BASIC BIOLOGY

- 10 Pts Gills
- 20 Pts Chlorophyll
- 30 Pts Malaria
- 40 Pts Fungi
- 50 Pts Bamboo