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How Much Is?

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes.

Number of players: Unlimited.

Supplies needed: Pencil and paper for each player/team; Scoring board/pad; noisemakers.

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

This game involves simple addition – but you have to figure out which numbers to add up by answering trivia questions correctly. For example:

Q: How much is ... the number of Dalmatians in the children's book plus the number of items in a half-dozen?

A: 107 (101 + 6).

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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QUESTIONS

1. How much is ... the number of days in February during a leap year plus the number of days of the week that end with the letter “Y”?
2. How much is ... the number of sides on a stop sign plus the number of sides on a yield sign?
3. How much is ... the number of letters in the English alphabet plus the number of true vowels in English?
4. How much is ... the number of baseball players on the field during a game plus the number of rings on the Olympic flag?
5. How much is ... the number of oceans plus the number of Great Lakes?
6. How much is ... the number of US states starting with the letter “C” plus the number of New York City boroughs?
7. How much is ... the number of cards in a standard deck (excluding jokers) plus the number of face cards?
8. How much is ... the number of teaspoons in a tablespoon plus the number of quarts in a gallon?
9. How much is ... the number of piano keys on a standard piano plus the number of notes in an octave?
10. How much is ... the number of stripes on the US flag plus the number of maple leaves on the Canadian flag plus the number of colored vertical stripes on the Mexican Flag?
11. How much is ... the number of seconds in five minutes plus the number of minutes in five hours plus the number of hours in five days?
12. How much is ... the number of planets in the solar system plus the number of colors in the rainbow plus the number of continents?

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ANSWERS

1. 36 ($29 + 7$)
2. 11 ($8 + 3$)
3. 31 ($26 + 5$)
4. 14 ($9 + 5$)
5. 10 ($5 + 5$)
6. 8 ($3 + 5$). The states that start with C are California, Colorado, and Connecticut; and the New York City boroughs are the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island.
7. 64 ($52 + 12$). The face cards are 4 jacks, 4 queens, and 4 kings.
8. 7 ($3 + 4$)
9. 96 ($88 + 8$)
10. 17 ($13 + 1 + 3$). The colors of the Mexican flag are green, white, and red.
11. 720 ($300 + 300 + 120$)
12. 22 ($8 + 7 + 7$). Think of ROY G BIV, the mnemonic acronym for the colors of the rainbow: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, and Violet.