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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 Barack Obama's presidency plus the number of Abraham Lincoln's presidency?
2. How much is ... the number of the police car that 1960's TV officers Toody and Muldoon rode in plus the number of "angry men" in the 1950's jury-based movie?
3. How much is ... the number of legs that all true insects (ants, bees, beetles, etc.) have plus the number of arms on a starfish?
4. How much is ... the number of US states that begin with the letter "K" plus the number of Canadian provinces that begin with the letter Q?
5. How much is ... the number of squares on a chessboard plus the number of squares on a checkers board?
6. How much is ... the number of days in a leap year plus the number of signs of the zodiac?
7. How much is ... the number of inches in two yards plus the number of ounces in one cup?
8. How much is ... the Roman numeral LXXVII plus the Roman numeral XCIX?
9. How much is the number of hours from 5PM to midnight plus the number of minutes from 11:43PM to 12:21AM?
10. How much is ... the number of continents on earth plus the number of oceans on earth?

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ANSWERS

1. 60 44 (Obama) + 16 (Lincoln)
2. 66 54 (police car) + 12 (angry men)
3. 11 6 (insect legs) + 5 (starfish arms)
4. 4 3 (Kansas and Kentucky) + 1 (Quebec)
5. 128 64 (chess) + 64 (checkers)
6. 378 366 (days in a leap year) + 12 (signs of the zodiac)
7. 80 72 (inches in two yards) + 8 (ounces in a cup)
8. 176 77 + 99
9. 45 7 (number of hours) + 38 (number of minutes)
10. 12 7 (continents) + 5 (oceans)