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Last Week's News

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes
Number of players: Unlimited
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers
Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

This quiz explores some of the news and current events that occurred last week.

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. The 2026 Oscar nominations were announced this week. Which film – a horror film starring Michael B. Jordan in the dual role of twin criminal brothers – set a new record for the most nominations for a single feature?
2. While US Immigration and Customs Enforcement troops remain in Minnesota, to which northeast state did ICE launch a new immigration crackdown?
3. What announcement did Vice President JD Vance and his wife make last week?
4. Last week, two deadly train crashes rocked this European country.
5. Where did the World Economic Forum take place last week?
6. One of the major topics at Davos was the US intention to take the territory of Greenland. What tactic did President Trump use in an effort to ensure that our European allies back the US intentions in Greenland?
7. The leader of this country, a historically strong US ally, told his Davos audience last week that “The old order is not coming back. We should not mourn it. Nostalgia is not a strategy.”
8. In another effort to get support, President Trump threatened a 200% tariff on which French products if President Emmanuel Macron refused to join Trump’s “Board of Peace”?
9. Greenlanders started sporting red baseball caps last week with the acronym MAGA on them. But what does MAGA mean in this case?
10. This internationally renowned Italian fashion designer, whose signature color was bright red, died last week at age 93.
11. Elon Musk reentered politics last week by putting \$10 million into a Kentucky Senate race that will determine who replaces this incumbent senator, who is retiring after four decades in office.

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ANSWERS

1. *Sinners*, which was nominated for 16 Oscars
2. Maine. In a misguided attempt at humor, the Department of Homeland Security dubbed the crackdown in Maine as “Operation Catch of the Day,” which refers to fishing, one of Maine’s critical economic sectors.
3. They will be expecting a baby boy this summer – their fourth child.
4. Spain
5. Davos, Switzerland
6. Trump threatened tariffs on any country that doesn’t support the US. He has since backed away from that threat, claiming that there was already a framework in development for the US acquisition of Greenland.
7. Canada
8. Wine and champagne. By the end of the week, Trump rescinded his invitation to France to join his Board of Peace – after France declined the invitation.
9. Make America Go Away
10. Valentino (whose full name was Valentino Clemente Ludovico Garavani)
11. Mitch McConnell