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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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1. Who won the Super Bowl last week?
2. Speaking of the Superbowl: this American performer from Puerto Rico headlined the half-time extravaganza, and garnered the second-highest number of viewers in Super Bowl TV history.
3. And the final Super Bowl question: whom did Bad Bunny invite on stage as his two guest performers?
4. Okay ... one more Super Bowl related question: Who was featured eating an apple and discussing his own battle with weight in an ad made to air during the Super Bowl to promote the US Health and Human Services initiative against eating processed foods?
5. Last week, the FAA closed the airspace over El Paso for several hours. The reason was because US Customs and Border Protection officials fired a high-powered, anti-drone laser without properly informing the FAA. As it turned out, the target was not a drone, but ... what?
6. A group of nineteen Buddhist monks completed a three-and-a-half month, 2,300 mile walk for peace last week from Fort Worth, Texas to this city.
7. "I will not allow this bridge to be opened until the United States is fully compensated for everything we have given them (Canada) and also, importantly, Canada treats the United States with the fairness and respect we deserve." President Trump said this about a much-needed bridge that will connect Windsor, Ontario and this US city.
8. Dr. Mehmet Oz, Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, is urging Americans to get which vaccine?
9. Why was Ukrainian skeleton racer Vladyslav Heraskevych disqualified from the winter games?

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ANSWERS

1. The Seattle Seahawks beat the New England Patriots 29 – 13. It was a drubbing!
2. Bad Bunny, who drew 128.2 million viewers, second only to Kendrick Lamar's performance last year, which drew 133.5 million viewers.
3. Lady Gaga and fellow Puerto Rican Ricky Martin
4. Former boxer Mike Tyson
5. A party balloon. The El Paso airport has been reopened.
6. Washington, DC. Along the way, the monks were joined by locals for part of their journey, and nearly 3,500 people packed American University's Bender Arena for their first public stop in DC.
7. Detroit, Michigan. There is significant bipartisan criticism of Trump's threat not to open the bridge. Some see it as revenge against Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, who spoke out against Trump at last month's World Economic Forum in Davos, while others believe that Trump has been influenced by a Canadian billionaire who owns a competing bridge. Trump has stated that he wants half ownership of the \$4.6 billion bridge, which was almost entirely paid for by Canada.
8. Measles
9. Heraskevych wore a helmet with images of Ukrainian athletes who were killed in the on-going war with Russia, violating the Games' ban on political speech.