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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. President Trump announced last week that the US war with Iran has ended, and a new military operation to guide ships through the Strait of Hormuz was launched. The official name of the war with Iran was Epic Fury. What is the name of the Strait of Hormuz operation?
2. Health officials reported last week that an outbreak of this virus began aboard a cruise ship in the Atlantic Ocean.
3. Media pioneer Ted Turner died last week at the age of 87. Can you name both the 24-hour news organization he founded and the Major League baseball team he owned for two decades?
4. Ohio held its primary election for governor last week. Can you name the candidate, a billionaire who ran for president in 2024, who won the Republican nomination?
5. Which pioneering discount airline cancelled its flights and ceased operations last week due to deep financial problems?
6. A suicide note, allegedly hand-written seven years ago by Jeffrey Epstein, was finally unsealed last week. Where was the note reportedly found?
7. Which member of the Trump administration visited the Vatican last week as the president escalated his attacks on Pope Leo XIV?
8. In addition to building a ballroom at the White House, what new renovation project, on the Washington Mall, was President Trump touting last week?
9. After a contentious debate, this Florida city's airport is being renamed to honor President Trump.
10. Last week, this incumbent senator from Maine revealed that she has developed a "benign tremor."

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ANSWERS

1. Project Freedom. Unfortunately, the cease fire with Iran has been broken, and Project Freedom was paused only two days after it began.
2. Hantavirus, which is carried by rodents. Hantavirus is relatively uncommon, and it does not spread easily, but it has no cure. Three passengers who were aboard the ship have died, and five others have become sick.
3. Turner founded CNN in 1980, and he owned the Atlanta Braves from 1976 to 1996.
4. Vivek Ramaswamy
5. Spirit Airlines. Spirit was the first victim of rising jet fuel costs caused by the Iran war.
6. Epstein's jail cellmate Nicholas Tartaglione claims to have found the note in a book in their cell back in 2019.
7. Secretary of State Marco Rubio
8. Trump is planning a "beautification" project that includes painting the floor of the reflecting pool a bright blue.
9. Palm Beach
10. Susan Collins. Although the tremor is at times noticeable in her hands and her head, the senator says that she has had the condition for years, and that it does not affect how she is feeling or how she does her job.