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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. Can you name the United Kingdom prime minister who survived a no-confidence vote last week, triggered by internal party disputes over economic and migration policy?
2. More than a dozen American passengers who might have been exposed to hantavirus aboard the *MV Hondius* cruise ship were sent to the US's only federally funded quarantine facility, in which state?
3. Inflation has accelerated since the start of the war with Iran. What produce product has increased by 40% because of higher fuel prices, tariffs, and bad weather in Mexico and Florida?
4. China hosted President Trump last week for a lavish state visit. At the banquet in Beijing, a Chinese military band played this 1970's disco hit by the Village People, a particular favorite of Mr. Trump.
5. Can you name the new Chair of the Federal Reserve, who replaced Jerome Powell last week?
6. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, who starred in a few TV reality shows including *The Real World: Boston* in 1997, has made a new reality show. Who else is in it?
7. Last week, NBC announced that this word puzzle will soon be a prime-time game show.
8. President Trump announced that he was considering dropping his \$10 billion lawsuit against the IRS in favor of creating a fund to compensate MAGA loyalists who were investigated under President Biden. How much does Trump want for this slush fund?

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ANSWERS

1. Prime Minister Keir Starmer
2. Nebraska
3. Tomatoes
4. "Y.M.C.A."
5. Kevin Warsh
6. Duffy's wife and nine kids are in the show. Paid for by the US government, the Duffys drove around the US for parts of seven months in an effort to encourage Americans to take to the road this summer to celebrate America's 250th birthday. (Given the price of gas, that might be a lot to ask!)
7. Wordle. The show will be produced by Jimmy Fallon's company and will be hosted by Savannah Guthrie.
8. \$1.7 billion, much of which is expected to be given to the individuals convicted of violent crimes during the January 6, 2021 insurrection.