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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. Citing the 14th Amendment, the Supreme Court struck down President Trump's executive order limiting what right?
2. Despite laws intended to protect the jobs of independent federal regulators from political whim, the Supreme Court ruled last week that the president could fire them. What was the one government institution they carved out an exception for?
3. According to his mandatory financial disclosure, how much money did President Trump make during his first year back in the White House? And for extra kudos, what source accounted for roughly half of his profits?
4. Representative Tom Kean, Jr. (R) from New Jersey returned to Washington last week after a four-month disappearance. How did Kean explain his absence?
5. President Trump took his first flight aboard the new Air Force One, a Boeing jet that was given as a gift from what country?
6. Where did singer Taylor Swift and NFL player Tavis Kelce celebrate their wedding at the end of the week?
7. This NBA player announced that next year, in his record-breaking 24th season playing professional basketball, he will be leaving the Los Angeles Lakers and will become a free agent.
8. At the newly re-named John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, television host and comedian Bill Maher was awarded this prestigious award.
9. Last week, two a couple made their way to the top of the Empire State Building, scaled the antenna, unfurled a banner, and did this.

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ANSWERS

1. Birthright citizenship. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., writing for the majority, explained that Trump's executive order violated a constitutional right. Children born in the United States to undocumented parents or to parents temporarily in the country, he wrote, are citizens at birth.
2. The Federal Reserve
3. Trump raked in \$2.2 billion. \$1.4 billion came from crypto currency ventures.
4. Kean broke his silence with a short speech on the House floor. "Several months ago, due to health concerns, I entered the hospital for some testing. I was given the diagnosis of depression."
5. Qatar. Modification of the plane, which was first used in 2012 by the ruling family of Qatar, was completed on June 19, 2026.
6. Madison Square Garden
7. LeBron James. Even at the age of 41, James is expected to attract at least a half dozen teams bidding for his services.
8. The Mark Twain Prize for American Humor
9. Kissed. Written on the banner: When the power of love beats the love of power, the world knows peace.