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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. In a Fox News interview last week, President Trump threatened to “bomb the sh*t out of [this country], if it “gets in the way.” Oddly, the Middle Eastern country he threatened is an ally that has facilitated talks between the US and Iran for years and maintains that it is a neutral mediator.
2. Can you name the black, female, Democratic Socialist candidate who defeated Democrat Alex Vindman in the primary for US Senate from Florida?
3. Speaking of Florida: can you name the former Republican congressman, who became an official Democrat last year, and won his bid last week to replace current Governor Ron DeSantis?
4. The US gross national debt reached a new (unthinkable) high last week. Do you know how much debt the US carries? (*Unhelpful hint: if every single American paid \$90,000, the debt could be paid off.*)
5. While Hurricane Lala did not make landfall, where did it cause extensive damage?
6. Who is the 35-year old White House aide who came under public scrutiny after Senator Jon Osoff (D-GA) mentioned her during a campaign speech?
7. Opening statements began last week in a federal trial that accuses this company of designing its online products to “addict children, harm their mental health, and violate their privacy.”
8. Prince Harry and Meghan announced last week that they will be leaving the United States to live ... where?
9. Perhaps in an attempt to “poke the bear,” who did Jimmy Kimmel have host his late night show while he was on vacation last week?
10. This major league player, known equally well for his groundbreaking ligament replacement surgery in the early 1970s as for his pitching abilities, died of cancer last week at age 83.

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ANSWERS

1. Oman
2. Angie Nixon
3. David Jolly. DeSantis is unable to run because of term limits.
4. The debt is \$40 trillion.
5. Hawaii
6. Natalie Harp. According to a recent book, Harp never takes a day off, has a regular seat on Marine One, texts with world leaders on the president's behalf, and stays up late with him drafting social media posts. Trump has told people that Harp is the only one who loves him as much as his wife and children do.
7. Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, run by Mark Zuckerberg
8. They are moving back to the United Kingdom. However, they will keep their California home and do not plan to resume their roles as working members of the royal family.
9. Rosie O'Donnell. Donald Trump has a longstanding feud with Rosie O'Donnell, which forced her to move to Ireland after Trump was elected president.
10. Tommy John