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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. Last week, a passenger and a crew member subdued a co-pilot who stabbed the plane's captain in midair. The FlyDubai flight was traveling from Dubai to this destination.
2. Taylor Swift became the most-awarded artist in MTV's Video Music Awards last week. In whose memory did she dedicate her Video of the Year trophy?
3. What country did the US Military leave after a 12-year mission?
4. What name has President decided to use to rebrand AI (Artificial Intelligence)?
5. Can you name the Missouri senator who committed what many call a spectacular error when he publicly accused former Special Counsel Jack Smith of attending a basketball game he rightfully said he never attended?
6. Against any previously established decorum, what verbal insult did Eric Schmitt hurl at Jack Smith after he erroneously accused him of perjury?
7. Private information, including social security numbers, home addresses, secret job assignments and much more, were collected in a massive computer hack of current and former employees of this federal agency.
8. Local prosecutors recently reopened a 2024 gang rape investigation at this New York university.
9. Two veteran FBI agents overseeing counterterrorism operations in Washington, DC were removed from their jobs last week over the handling of an investigation involving the wife of this Trump adviser.
10. Which Supreme Court Justice recused himself last week from a major climate-change case after facing calls to step aside due to his holding stock in oil companies?
11. A woman who has been on death row for more than a three decades in this state underwent two failed lethal injections. At this writing, she is still alive, but in critical condition.
12. According to an announcement by Vice President J. C. Vance last week, how many people were ejected from Obamacare, allegedly due to fraud?

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ANSWERS

1. Tel Aviv, Israel. Luckily, two off-duty pilots were able to land the plane safely. The injured pilot is currently in stable condition, and the attacker is in custody. His motive is not yet known.
2. Dolly Parton
3. Iraq
4. According to Trump, it should be known as SI, for Super Intelligence.
5. Senator Eric Schmitt
6. Schmitt called Jack Smith a "dirtbag."
7. The FBI
8. Cornell
9. Stephen Miller's wife, Katie
10. Samuel Alito
11. Tennessee
12. 750,000