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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. What restaurant chain became the subject of a quarrel between Donald Trump and Barack Obama last week?
2. What team won the World Series last week?
3. A high-stakes election in this country last week ended without either candidate, the incumbent or his opposition, getting enough votes to reach a governing majority. Now one of them needs to form a coalition government to reach that majority.
4. According to President Trump, the Senate race in Alaska is rigged because there are two candidates with the same name, and the voters don't know who to vote for because they don't know the meaning of this word.
5. Which country was rocked by a deadly high-speed train collision last week?
6. This rapper and entrepreneur announced that he will be headlining the 2027 Super Bowl halftime show.
7. Three days after losing his bid for the presidency of Brazil, Flávio Bolsonaro (who is facing multiple investigations in Brazil) fled with his family to this location.
8. Can you name the longtime labor leader who died last week at age 96? She cofounded the United Farm Workers in the 1970's with Cesar Chavez, whom she later accused of rape and sexual abuse.
9. This acclaimed Shakespearian actor, whose role as *Star Trek*'s Captain Jean-Luc Picard brought him his greatest fame, died last week at age 86.
10. Which Democratic senate candidate received $1 million each from the campaign funds of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Bernie Sanders?
11. Whom, along with Ohio Senator Jon Husted, did President Trump describe as having "one hell of a beautiful ass" at a rally in Michigan?

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ANSWERS

1. The Cheesecake Factory. Former President Barack Obama joked that Trump's White House décor, especially the gold medallions and other gold decorations, has "the White House looking like Saddam Hussein opened a Cheesecake Factory." Trump defended the changes and fired back, calling Obama a "lousy president."
2. The Milwaukee Brewers won their first World Series title in franchise history, defeating the Tampa Bay Rays four games to one.
3. Israel
4. Incumbent
5. Spain. According to authorities, human error and a computer system failure were the causes of this terrible accident in which dozens of people were killed.
6. Jay-Z
7. Florida
8. Dolores Huerta, who was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012
9. Patrick Stewart
10. Abdul El-Sayed of Michigan. If elected, he would be the first Muslim senator in US history.
11. Rapper Nicki Minaj

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