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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, the United States lost this World Heath Organization-determined health status that it had maintained since 2000.
2. Last week, Eon Films announced that British actor Robert Pattinson has been cast in this coveted movie role.
3. President Trump joined a meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Group last week that included Chinese leader Xi Jinping and Russian Vladimir Putin. In what country was the meeting held?
4. Fiona, a hippopotamus at the Cincinnati Zoo, went under veterinary care after she ate this object that was inadvertently dropped into the hippo enclosure.
5. Can you name two of the four tech outages that made many Americans uneasy (and inconvenienced many others) last week?
6. What did Secretary of Homeland Security Markwayne Mullin do amid the chaos of a countrywide airplane ground stop last week?
7. Finally, last week, all the mid-term races have been counted and certified. Who will be Alaska's new senator in January?
8. What Democratic lawmaker won his party's nomination for Speaker of the House last week by a wide margin?
9. Amid the global debate about Artificial Intelligence last week, have you heard which word the Cambridge Dictionary selected as Word of the Year for 2026?
10. Can you name the Artificial Intelligence company that made economic history as the largest IPO (initial public offering) on record, raising more than $81 billion at an opening price of $83 per share?
11. For a certain (very large) sector of the population, the release of this long-awaited video game was a national holiday. Many people took the day of just to play the game!

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ANSWERS

1. The US lost its status as a measles-free country. According to experts, the key cause is under-vaccinated communities and declining vaccine rates, putting many Americans, especially children, at risk.
2. Pattinson will play James Bond in the 26th Bond film, expected to be released in 2028.
3. China, specifically the city of Shenzhen
4. A knitted hat. Sadly, nine-year-old Fiona died last Thursday when the hat got stuck and created a block in her intestinal track. Surgery was deemed too impractical and risky.
5. First, Microsoft Outlook emails went down; next, all planes flying over the US were grounded by the Federal Aviation Administration; then, a major bank system (at Chase Bank) experienced disruptions; and finally, the National Security Agency (the premier spy agency of the US) had computer problems.
6. Mullin and his niece flew to a college football game.
7. Democrat Mary Peltola, who will become the first Native American woman ever elected to the senate, won 50.13% of the vote, beating Republican Daniel S. Sullivan by 12,521 votes.
8. Rep. Hakeen Jeffries of New York
9. Human
10. Anthropic
11. Grand Theft Auto (the sixth installment in the blockbuster action-adventure series)

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