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Number FOUR Potpourri

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Tokens (for scorekeeping); Prizes (small) for winner(s)

Overview:

We're celebrating the 4th of July this week; so here's a quiz with lots of questions related to the Number Four. Have a great holiday!

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or 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 team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give one answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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1. A four-sided geometric shape is called a quadrilateral. Can you name two quadrilaterals?
2. What letters of the alphabet are found on the #4 button of a standard telephone?
3. Name the three US states that have four-letter names.
4. How many of the ten countries with four-letter names can you come up with?
5. What symbol is above the number four on a standard computer (or typewriter) keyboard?
6. How do you express the number four in Roman numerals?
7. Which planet is fourth from the sun? (*Hint: It also has a four-letter name.*)
8. What is "The Fourth Estate"?
9. For the mathematicians: what are all the divisors of the number four?
10. For the constitutional lawyers: what does the Fourth Amendment to the US Constitution guarantee?
11. According to the song, what is the gift given on the fourth day of Christmas?
12. What four US states meet at "The Four Corners"?
13. What are the ... ?
 - a. Four cardinal directions?
 - b. Four suits in playing cards?
 - c. Four seasons?
 - d. Four members of the Beatles?
 - e. Four states of matter?
 - f. Four countries that make up the United Kingdom?
 - g. Four blood types?
 - h. Four classical elements?
 - i. Four Gospels?
 - j. Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse?

14. What is a four-bagger?
15. How much is four bits?
16. How many years is “four score and seven”? And for extra credit, what made the phrase “four score and seven” so famous?
17. What is a four-letter word?
18. What is a four-poster?
19. What is the fourth wall?
20. What is a two-by-four?

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ANSWERS

1. Parallelogram, square, rectangle, rhombus, trapezoid, or kite *(Any two answers are correct.)*
2. GHI
3. Iowa, Ohio, Utah
4. Chad, Cuba, Fiji, Iran, Iraq, Laos, Mali, Oman, Peru, Togo
5. \$ (dollar sign)
6. IV
7. Mars
8. The press
9. 1, 2, and 4
10. Freedom from illegal searches and seizures.
11. Four calling birds
12. Utah, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico
13. What are the ...?
 - a. North, South, East, and West
 - b. Clubs, Diamonds, Hearts, and Spades
 - c. Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter
 - d. John, Paul, George, and Ringo
 - e. Liquid, Solid, Gas, and Plasma
 - f. England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland
 - g. A, B, AB, and O
 - h. Earth, Air, Fire, Water
 - i. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
 - j. War, Famine, Pestilence (or Conquest, in some versions), and Death
14. A home run in baseball
15. Fifty cents
16. 87 (A score is twenty years.) "Four score and seven years" was used by Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address to describe the time that had elapsed since the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
17. A swear or curse word
18. A bed with vertical columns, one in each corner, that often support a canopy.
19. The imaginary space at the front of a stage that creates a conceptual barrier between the play and its viewers.
20. A commonly used piece of lumber that is two inches in depth and four inches in width.