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Weekly Trivia Quiz

Estimated play time: Approximately 20 minutes
Number of players: Unlimited
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers
Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

You already know how to play trivia quizzes. Here are a few additional ideas to consider if you want a more, or less, competitive game.

Instructions

1. Create a tournament format in which permanent teams compete in playoffs and a final champion team is crowned.
2. Collect a small amount of money from each player (for example, 50 cents or a dollar) and put it into a kitty. The winning team splits the kitty.
3. Buy some lottery tickets to use as prizes for the winners (and runners up).
4. To create a less competitive game, just give one point for every question answered.

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MARTINS

- 10 Pts This New Yorker ran for president three times, but only won the first time – in 1836.
- 20 Pts These two funny friends star together in the Hulu series *Only Murders in the Building*.
- 30 Pts This island, located about 200 miles east of Puerto Rico, has been split 60:40 between France and the Netherlands.
- 40 Pts James Bond's favorite car – it's British-made, of course.
- 50 Pts His first film nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award was *Taxi Driver* in 1976. His most recent film nominated for Best Picture was *Killers of the Flower Moon* in 2023.

KINGS

- 10 Pts According to legend, he proved himself to be the rightful heir to Britain's throne by pulling the mythical sword named Excalibur from a stone.
- 20 Pts Two of his most memorable roles were bookkeeper Itzhak Stern in 1993's *Schindler's List* and the title role in 1982's *Gandhi*.
- 30 Pts After this musician and her husband wrote "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow," a Billboard #1 hit in 1960, they were able to give up their day jobs and concentrate on songwriting.
- 40 Pts Cordelia was this fictional king's youngest daughter – virtuous, honest, and loyal, in contrast to her two older sisters.
- 50 Pts In this 1994 animated film, Mufasa represents wisdom and strength, and his guidance shapes young Simba into a compassionate leader.

JUNIORS

- 10 Pts He was the only member of "The Rat Pack" to use "Jr." in his name.
- 20 Pts If you were a fan of *Seinfeld*, you're likely to know the name of the candy that Kramer was eating while observing a live surgery. (He accidentally dropped a piece of the candy in the open abdominal cavity of the patient.)
- 30 Pts This son of the founder of Standard Oil became famous for his philanthropy at the end of his life, including donating all the land on which the United Nations headquarters was built in New York City and reconstructing Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia.
- 40 Pts In 1951, this budding conservative thinker wrote *God and Man at Yale*, not long after his junior year there.
- 50 Pts This now retired Baltimore Oriole shortstop, known for his record-breaking streak of consecutive games played, made it into baseball's Hall of Fame in 2007.

HOLIDAY POTPOURRI

- 10 Pts In the 1952 Jimmy Boyd song, what did the little child see mommy doing with Santa Claus?
- 20 Pts Shrove Tuesday, the day before the start of Lent, is called this in New Orleans.
- 30 Pts The original purpose of this holiday, celebrated in Britain on the day after Christmas, was to give gifts to people in need or in service positions.
- 40 Pts The origin of this holiday, first celebrated in 1882 in New York City, is often credited to Peter J. McGuire, the secretary of a carpenters and joiners union.
- 50 Pts Ironically, Joan Crawford died on May 10, the date of this holiday in many countries (other than the US).

LOVE & MARRIAGE

- 10 Pts Elizabeth Taylor converted to Judaism before her marriage to this singer in 1959.
- 20 Pts When Frank Sinatra married this wife (#3), Dean Martin joked, "I've got scotch that's older than her."
- 30 Pts This actor met Phoebe Cates, his future wife, in 1983 when she auditioned for a role in *The Big Chill*. The part went to Meg Tilly, but forty-three years later, they are still together.
- 40 Pts She was married to Bruce Willis from 1987 to 2000, and to Ashton Kucher from 2005 to 2013.
- 50 Pts Portia de Rossi married this comedian and daytime talk show host in 2008 at a ceremony held in their Los Angeles home.

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ANSWERS

MARTINS

- 10 Pts Martin van Buren
- 20 Pts Steve Martin and Martin Short
- 30 Pts Saint Martin
- 40 Pts Aston Martin
- 50 Pts Martin Scorsese

KINGS

- 10 Pts King Arthur
- 20 Pts Ben Kingsley
- 30 Pts Carole King
- 40 Pts King Lear
- 50 Pts *The Lion King*

JUNIORS

- 10 Pts Sammy Davis, Jr.
- 20 Pts Junior Mints
- 30 Pts John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
- 40 Pts William F. Buckley, Jr.
- 50 Pts Cal Ripken, Jr.

HOLIDAY POTPOURRI

- 10 Pts He saw mommy kissing Santa Claus.
- 20 Pts Mardi Gras
- 30 Pts Boxing Day
- 40 Pts Labor Day
- 50 Pts Mother's Day

LOVE & MARRIAGE

- 10 Pts Eddie Fisher
- 20 Pts Mia Farrow
- 30 Pts Kevin Kline
- 40 Pts Demi Moore
- 50 Pts Ellen DeGeneres