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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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COLORFUL GEOGRAPHY

- 10 Pts Moses parted this sea to let the children of Israel flee Egypt.
- 20 Pts Wyoming's largest lake is in the middle of this national park with the same name.
- 30 Pts John Denver sang of these West Virginia mountains in the song "Take Me Home, Country Roads."
- 40 Pts The famous White Cliffs of Dover overlook what body of water?
- 50 Pts Whitehorse is the capital of this cold, northwestern Canadian territory that forms most of the easternmost border of Alaska.

MISSING MOVIE NAMES

- 10 Pts (1993) _____ *List*
- 20 Pts (1959) *The Diary of* _____
- 30 Pts (1989) _____ *and the Last Crusade*
- 40 Pts (1947) *The Secret Life of* _____
- 50 Pts (1999) *The Talented* _____

MULTILINGUAL

- 10 Pts Roughly 58% of Canadians speak English, and 22% speak French. In which Canadian province is French spoken most?
- 20 Pts Can you name the other independent nation in the Americas (besides Canada) that designates French as its official language?
- 30 Pts Can you name one of the two most commonly spoken languages in India?
- 40 Pts Although 56 different ethnic groups are recognized in China, what dialect is the country's official national language?
- 50 Pts Famous for its longstanding political neutrality, and because of its central European location, Switzerland has four official languages. Name three of them.

BIRDS

- 10 Pts This bird, which averages about 3 to 4 inches in length, is the only species that can fly backwards.
- 20 Pts If Benjamin Franklin had had his way, this bird would have been selected as the national symbol of the United States; instead, the eagle was chosen.
- 30 Pts Hatchlings of this bird have grey feathers. The vibrant color of mature birds comes from the pigments called carotenoids found in the algae, plankton, and the brine shrimp they eat.
- 40 Pts True to its name, this bird is a natural mimic, able to duplicate the sounds of other bird species and even the sounds of insects and amphibians.
- 50 Pts A migrating flock of this waterfowl caused US Airways Flight 1549 to "splash" land in the Hudson River in January 2009.

THREE OUT OF FOUR

- 10 Pts Name three of the last names of the four Beatles.
- 20 Pts Name three of the first names of the four main characters in the TV series *The Golden Girls*.
- 30 Pts Name three of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom.
- 40 Pts Name three of the last four vice presidents of the United States, not including the current vice president.
- 50 Pts Name three of the four human blood groups (not including: + (positive) or – (negative)).

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ANSWERS

COLORFUL GEOGRAPHY

- 10 Pts The Red Sea
- 20 Pts Yellowstone
- 30 Pts The Blue Ridge Mountains
- 40 Pts The English Channel
- 50 Pts Yukon

MISSING MOVIE NAMES

- 10 Pts *Schindler's*
- 20 Pts *Anne Frank*
- 30 Pts *Indiana Jones*
- 40 Pts *Walter Mitty*
- 50 Pts *Mr. Ripley*

MULTILINGUAL

- 10 Pts Quebec
- 20 Pts Haiti
- 30 Pts English and Hindi
- 40 Pts Mandarin
- 50 Pts German (the largest group), French, Italian, and Romansh, which is an ancient language with deep Latin roots, still spoken by a small minority of the population.

BIRDS

- 10 Pts The hummingbird
- 20 Pts The turkey
- 30 Pts Flamingos
- 40 Pts The mockingbird
- 50 Pts Canada geese

THREE OUT OF FOUR

- 10 Pts Harrison (George), Lennon (John), McCartney (Paul), Starr (Ringo)
- 20 Pts Blanche, Dorothy, Rose, and Sophia
- 30 Pts England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland
- 40 Pts Kamala Harris, Mike Pence, Joe Biden, Dick Cheney
- 50 Pts A, B, O, and AB