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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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THE MAIN INGREDIENT

- 10 Pts This is the main ingredient in borscht.
- 20 Pts This is the main ingredient in guacamole.
- 30 Pts This is the main ingredient in fried calamari.
- 40 Pts This is the main ingredient in hummus.
- 50 Pts This is the main ingredient in a frittata.

WHICH US STATE ... ?

- 10 Pts ... is home to the original Liberty Bell?
- 20 Pts ... has the highest mountain?
- 30 Pts ... has the only royal palace in the United States?
- 40 Pts ... borders the largest number of Great Lakes?
- 50 Pts ... had the largest population in 1790 (the first US census)?

FROZEN

- 10 Pts Swanson introduced its TV dinner in 1957, but there was only one choice of entrée. What was it?
- 20 Pts Name one of the two companies, still leaders in the soft serve ice cream business, that claim to have invented that frozen dessert in the 1930s.
- 30 Pts C. D. Atkins revolutionized the Florida citrus industry when he created a tastier version of this.
- 40 Pts During WWII, the rationing of this metal helped to fuel the sales of frozen foods.
- 50 Pts Many historians believe that this 14th century explorer introduced ice cream to Europe after he returned from his travels in China.

NAME THE TV SHOW (from its theme song)

- 10 Pts "Boy, the way Glenn Miller played! Songs that made the Hit Parade. Guys like us we had it made ..."
- 20 Pts "Come and listen to the story of a man named Jed. A poor mountaineer, barely kept his family fed. Then one day he was shootin' at some food ..."
- 30 Pts "You wanna' be where you can see, our troubles are all the same. You wanna' be where everybody knows your name."
- 40 Pts "Baby, if you've ever wondered, wondered whatever became of me ..."
- 50 Pts "Meet Cathy, who's lived most everywhere, from Zanzibar to Barclay Square. But Patty's only seen the sights a girl can see from Brooklyn Heights ..."

FLOWERS

- 10 Pts The Puritan ship that landed in Plymouth, MA.
- 20 Pts Betty White's character on The Golden Girls.
- 30 Pts Morgan Freeman played a chauffeur in this 1989 movie.
- 40 Pts A song from The Sound of Music is dedicated to this small white flower that is a symbol of the Alps, especially in Austria and Switzerland.
- 50 Pts The state flower of Texas ... or a brand of margarine.

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ANSWERS

THE MAIN INGREDIENT

- 10 Pts Beets
- 20 Pts Avocado
- 30 Pts Squid
- 40 Pts Chickpeas (Garbanzo beans)
- 50 Pts Eggs

WHICH US STATE ... ?

- 10 Pts Pennsylvania
- 20 Pts Alaska (Denali, also known as Mt. McKinley)
- 30 Pts Hawaii
- 40 Pts Michigan, which borders Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, and Lake Superior
- 50 Pts Virginia, which had nearly 750,000 citizens. (*Pennsylvania was 2nd with 435,000; North Carolina was 3rd with 394,000; then Massachusetts (4th) and New York (5th).*)

FROZEN

- 10 Pts Turkey dinner (with peas, sweet potatoes, and cornbread stuffing)
- 20 Pts Carvel and Dairy Queen
- 30 Pts Frozen concentrated orange juice. Atkins completely revitalized the Florida citrus industry.
- 40 Pts Tin. (Tin rationing made canned food hard to get, while frozen foods were sold in cardboard packages.)
- 50 Pts Marco Polo

NAME THE TV SHOW (from its theme song)

- 10 Pts *All in the Family*
- 20 Pts *The Beverly Hillbillies*
- 30 Pts *Cheers*
- 40 Pts *WKRP in Cincinnati*
- 50 Pts *The Patty Duke Show*

FLOWERS

- 10 Pts The *Mayflower*
- 20 Pts Rose (Nyland)
- 30 Pts *Driving Miss Daisy*
- 40 Pts Edelweiss
- 50 Pts Bluebonnet