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Weekly Trivia Quiz

Estimated play time: Approximately 20 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

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.

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 (i.e., 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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QUESTIONS

MEMOIRS & AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

- 20 Pts The title of her autobiography, *Knock Wood*, may refer to luck; but it also might refer to her father's famous dummy.
- 30 Pts The subtitle of his memoir, *Dreams from My Father*, is *A Story of Race and Inheritance*.
- 40 Pts *A Moveable Feast* is his classic memoir of Paris in the 1920s.
- 10 Pts *Night* is the title of his memoir, a horrific account of his survival as a teenager in the Nazi death camps.
- 50 Pts The subtitle of her memoir is *The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*.

T-TEN (All answers are ten-letter words that start with the letter T.)

- 10 Pts Clementines and this citrus fruit are both members of the mandarin family.
- 20 Pts Agatha Christie used a Remington Portable No. 2; Isaac Asimov favored the IBM Selectric.
- 30 Pts Although these arachnids, members of the spider family, have a dangerous reputation, they are really not that harmful to humans.
- 40 Pts The metal discs that surround this percussion instrument are called jingles.
- 50 Pts One leader of this anti-alcohol movement of the late 19th century was Carry Nation.

DESSERTS

- 10 Pts This is the top layer of lemon pie and baked Alaska.
- 20 Pts It's probably no surprise that this is the official dessert of Florida.
- 30 Pts *Tarte aux pommes* is French for this typical American dessert.
- 40 Pts In *The Godfather*, Clemenza says, "Leave the gun, take the ..." this Italian pastry.
- 50 Pts Cornmeal and molasses are the main ingredients in this Colonial American dessert.

AMERICAN FOLK SONGS (*What's the next line?*)

10 Pts "This land is your land, this land is my land, from the California to the New York island ..."

20 Pts "Did you ever hear tell of sweet Betsy from Pike ..."

30 Pts "If you miss the train I'm on, you will know that I am gone ..."

40 Pts "Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere ..."

50 Pts "Lemon tree, very pretty, and the lemon flower is sweet ..."

FAMOUS PAIRS' CLAIM TO FAME

10 Pts Dean & DeLuca

20 Pts Stearns & Foster

30 Pts Leopold and Loeb

40 Pts Goodman and Todman

50 Pts Torvil and Dean

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ANSWERS

MEMOIRS & AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

- 20 Pts Candice Bergen
- 30 Pts Barack Obama
- 40 Pts Ernest Hemingway
- 10 Pts Elie Wiesel
- 50 Pts Malala Yousafzai. Malala wrote her memoir when she was sixteen years old.

T-TEN

- 10 Pts Tangerines
- 20 Pts Typewriter
- 30 Pts Tarantulas. Their bite might cause irritation to the eyes, nose, skin, and the lungs and airways, if inhaled, but no human has ever been known to have died from a tarantula bite.
- 40 Pts Tambourine
- 50 Pts Temperance

DESSERTS

- 10 Pts Meringue
- 20 Pts Key lime pie
- 30 Pts Apple pie
- 40 Pts Cannolis
- 50 Pts Indian pudding

AMERICAN FOLK SONGS (What's the next line?)

- 10 Pts "From the redwood forest, to the gulf stream waters, this land was made for you and me."
- 20 Pts "... who crossed the wide prairie with her husband Ike ."
- 30 Pts "You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles."
- 40 Pts "Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born."
- 50 Pts "... but the fruit of the poor lemon is impossible to eat."

FAMOUS PAIRS' CLAIM TO FAME

- 10 Pts Groceries
- 20 Pts Mattresses
- 30 Pts Criminals
- 40 Pts TV game show producers
- 50 Pts Olympic pairs ice skaters