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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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QUESTIONS

FAMOUS BUILDINGS

- 10 Pts The name of this Indian mausoleum means “crown of the palace.”
- 20 Pts Located at 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, this D.C. headquarters is named after the director who led the crime-fighting agency for almost 50 years.
- 30 Pts Isaac Newton, Charles Dickens and Rudyard Kipling are all buried in this nearly 800-year-old London church.
- 40 Pts Spanning nearly 100 acres, this Everett, Washington airplane factory is the largest building (by volume) in the world.
- 50 Pts These are the only two major league baseball stadiums built in the first half of the 20th century that are still in use.

1959

- 10 Pts February 3, 1959 is known as “The Day the Music Died” after a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa took the lives of three early rock stars. Name one of them.
- 20 Pts On August 21, 1959, this was the last US state to be admitted to the union.
- 30 Pts In a model of a typical American home, Vice President Richard Nixon engaged in an impromptu “Kitchen Debate” with this Soviet leader.
- 40 Pts In April 1959, NASA selected the first seven astronauts. Can you name two of them?
- 50 Pts In October 1959, the Guggenheim Museum opened in New York City, four months after the death of this legendary architect who designed it.

SCIENTISTS

- 10 Pts He is more than “relatively” famous for the equation $e=mc^2$.
- 20 Pts He is best remembered for his theories of the unconscious mind and the interpretation of dreams.
- 30 Pts This inventor and oceanographer also won two Academy Awards for his films *The Silent World* and *World Without Sun*.
- 40 Pts Presper Eckert and John Mauchly built the ENIAC in the 1940s. It was the first truly modern version of this technology.
- 50 Pts Born in Lincolnshire, England in 1642, this physicist, astronomer, mathematician, alchemist, and more, is considered the most original and influential thinker in the history of science and the greatest genius that ever lived.

DOGS

- 10 Pts All domesticated dogs are descended from this wild animal.
- 20 Pts The average weight of this breed is 2 to 4 pounds, making it the smallest dog in the world.
- 30 Pts This breed boasts the tallest known dog – nearly four feet high.
- 40 Pts Most of us remember the 1957 movie *Old Yeller*; but do you remember why Yeller died?
- 50 Pts Alphabetically, this little dog is the last breed officially recognized by the American Kennel Club.

ANCIENT ROME

- 10 Pts These huge constructions enabled water to flow 60 miles from the hills down to the baths and fountains of ancient Rome.
- 20 Pts In August 79AD, a massive eruption of this volcano buried the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.
- 30 Pts This most powerful government body of ancient Rome passed decrees and handled foreign policy.
- 40 Pts After the western Roman Empire broke off, the capital moved east to Constantinople, a city in Turkey now known by what name?
- 50 Pts After seven years of war, Julius Caesar conquered Gaul in 58 BC. What do we call Gaul today?

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ANSWERS

FAMOUS BUILDINGS

- 10 Pts Taj Mahal
- 20 Pts J. Edgar Hoover Building (FBI Headquarters)
- 30 Pts Westminster Abbey
- 40 Pts The Boeing factory
- 50 Pts Boston's Fenway Park (1912) and Chicago's Wrigley Field (1914)

1959

- 10 Pts Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and The Big Bopper (J.P. Richardson, Jr.)
- 20 Pts Hawaii
- 30 Pts Nikita Khrushchev
- 40 Pts Alan Shepard, John Glenn, Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, Wally Schirra, and Deke Slayton
- 50 Pts Frank Lloyd Wright

SCIENTISTS

- 10 Pts Albert Einstein
- 20 Pts Sigmund Freud
- 30 Pts Jacques Cousteau
- 40 Pts The computer
- 50 Pts Isaac Newton

DOGS

- 10 Pts The grey wolf
- 20 Pts Chihuahua
- 30 Pts Great Dane
- 40 Pts Yeller had to be shot by his young owner, because he (Yeller) had been bitten by a rabid wolf while defending the boy and his family.
- 50 Pts Yorkshire Terrier

ANCIENT ROME

- 10 Pts Aqueducts
- 20 Pts Mt. Vesuvius
- 30 Pts The Senate
- 40 Pts Istanbul
- 50 Pts France