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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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DOGS

- 10 Pts The American Kennel Club recognizes three official sizes of poodle: Standard (22" to 27" tall), Miniature (10" to 15" tall), and this size, which is less than 10" tall and weighs 4 to 6 pounds.
- 20 Pts These small, wrinkly-faced dogs were bred in China to be companions for the ruling families, where they were kept in luxury and guarded by soldiers.
- 30 Pts This breed is called Alsatian in Britain, although it is commonly known by this other name almost everywhere else.
- 40 Pts The three types of this breed of dog are the Gordon, the Irish, and the English.
- 50 Pts You might guess that the tallest of all dogs is the Great Dane; but can you identify the heaviest of all dogs?

MOVIE MAKES AND REMAKES

- 10 Pts Stephen Spielberg directed the 2021 remake of this 1961 film, which was an adaptation of a 1957 Broadway musical – all of which were inspired by Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.
- 20 Pts In 2019, Greta Gerwig remade this film starring Saoirse (Sher•sha) Ronan as Jo, the role Winona Ryder took in 1994, June Allyson played in 1949, and Katharine Hepburn originated (on film) in 1933.
- 30 Pts This American comedy debuted in 1950, directed by Vincente Minelli and starring Elizabeth Taylor and Spencer Tracy. In 1991, Steve Martin and Kimberly Williams played the dad and the daughter.
- 40 Pts This film debuted in 1937, starring Janet Gaynor and Fredric March. The first remake, in 1954, starred Judy Garland and James Mason. The next version, in 1976, starred Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson. The third (and most recent) remake, in 2018, starred Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper.
- 50 Pts This 1978 film starred Warren Beatty as a football player. It was a remake of the 1941 film which starred Robert Montgomery as a boxer and had a wholly different title: *Here Comes Mr. Jordan*.

IS THIS A PERSON, PLACE, OR THING?

- 10 Pts Bialy
- 20 Pts Raffi
- 30 Pts Pravda
- 40 Pts Beersheba
- 50 Pts Samovar

NAMESAKE INVENTIONS

- 10 Pts This well known portrait painter did not invent the telegraph, but he did invent the system used to communicate via the telegraph.
- 20Pts When Sylvester Graham invented this in 1829, he considered it a health food. Today, it's pretty much considered a cookie.
- 30 Pts Dr. Georgios Papanikolaou has saved millions of lives globally with the invention of this diagnostic test in 1951.
- 40 Pts This invention was initially used as a surgical antiseptic, a treatment for minor cuts and wounds, a household cleaner, and a deodorant before it became one of the most successful oral care products in history.
- 50 Pts Developed by two scientists at Caltech, this invention measures the size and intensity of an earthquake.

TV THEME SONG SNIPPETS

- 10 Pts "They're creepy and they're kooky ..."
- 20 Pts "... you're a pal and a confidant."
- 30 Pts "... Your job's a joke, you're broke, your love life's DOA."
- 40 Pts "Baby, if you've ever wondered, wondered whatever became of me ..."
- 50 Pts "... Math, science, history, unraveling the mystery ..."

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ANSWERS

DOGS

- 10 Pts Toy. The Teacup poodle is even smaller, but it is not yet recognized by the AKC.
- 20 Pts Pugs
- 30 Pts German Shepherd. The term Alsatian became popular during WWI because of anti-German sentiment in Britain.
- 40 Pts The Setter
- 50 Pts The English Mastiff, which averages roughly 125 pounds for males and 105 pounds for females. The largest English Mastiff on record weighed 345 pounds.

MOVIES MAKES AND REMAKES

- 10 Pts *West Wide Story*
- 20 Pts *Little Women*
- 30 Pts *Father of the Bride*
- 40 Pts *A Star Is Born*
- 50 Pts *Heaven Can Wait*

IS THIS A PERSON, PLACE, OR THING?

- 10 Pts Thing. A bialy is a roll that is similar to a bagel, but has no hole.
- 20 Pts Person. Raffi, who is well known to people under age five, sings children's songs.
- 30 Pts Thing. *Pravda* is a Russian newspaper and was formerly the official newspaper of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.
- 40 Pts Place. Beersheba is city in Israel.
- 50 Pts Thing. A samovar is an urn used to heating water and making tea, especially in Russia.

NAMESAKE INVENTIONS

- 10 Pts Samuel B. Morse, who developed Morse Code in 1837
- 20 Pts Graham Cracker. To be precise, Sylvester Graham invented the coarse whole-wheat flour that Graham crackers are made of.
- 30 Pts The Pap smear
- 40 Pts Listerine, which was developed by physician Joseph Lawrence and named for Joseph Lister, the famed Father of Antiseptic Surgery
- 50 Pts The Richter Scale. The scientists were Charles Richter and Beno Gutenberg.

TV THEME SONG SNIPPETS

- 10 Pts *The Addams Family*
- 20 Pts *The Golden Girls*
- 30 Pts *Friends*
- 40 Pts *WKRP in Cincinnati*
- 50 Pts *The Big Bang Theory*