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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

DOUBLE W

- 10 Pts This tree isn't sad; it just looks that way because it is often planted on riverbanks, and its foliage trails downward.
- 20 Pts Lots of important decisions get made in this part of the White House.
- 30 Pts This series of kids' books challenges the reader to find a chap in a red and white striped knitted hat who is hidden somewhere in the cluttered picture.
- 40 Pts One of the holiest sites in the Jewish faith, this ancient limestone structure is in the Old City of Jerusalem.
- 50 Pts This 19th-century American poet's famous collection *Leaves of Grass* included both "O Captain, My Captain!", a poem written on the death of Abraham Lincoln, and "I Hear America Singing," his ode to the common man.

FORBES RICHEST AMERICANS (2026)

- 10 Pts Among the companies founded by this 54-year-old are Tesla and Space X.
- 20 Pts In 2021, this 41-year-old CEO renamed his company Meta.
- 30 Pts This 95-year old Nebraskan only recently stepped down as chairman of Berkshire Hathaway.
- 40 Pts This Boston-born founder of a financial, data services, and media company served as the mayor of New York City from 2002 to 2013.
- 50 Pts This 81-year-old founded the software company Oracle Corporation. He is currently facing controversy for financing a sweeping media takeover and leveraging his ties with the Trump administration to influence editorial direction at certain networks, including CNN and CBS.

THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW

- 10 Pts What was the name of Sherriff Andy Taylor's son, played by Ronny Howard for all eight seasons (1960 to 1968)?
- 20 Pts In what sleepy location (town and state, please) was *The Andy Griffith Show* set?
- 30 Pts What was the name of the town drunk, who regularly slept it off in the sheriff's jail?
- 40 Pts In the show opening, Andy and Opie are walking down a country road. What are they carrying?
- 50 Pts How did gas station attendant Gomer Pyle leave the program?

COLOR ASSOCIATIONS

- 10 Pts Color associated with youth, inexperience, and jealousy.
- 20 Pts Color associated with saffron and cowardice.
- 30 Pts Color associated with sadness and the Democratic party.
- 40 Pts Color associated with royalty and sexuality.
- 50 Pts Color associated with the Netherlands and the Protestants of Northern Ireland.

SENIOR ACHIEVERS

- 10 Pts This late bloomer published her first cookbook around age fifty.
- 20 Pts At age 77, he became the oldest person to travel into space.
- 30 Pts At age 66, this American lexicographer completed his monumental *American Dictionary of the English Language*.
- 40 Pts Her first book in the *Little House on the Prairie* series was published when she was 65 years old.
- 50 Pts He wrote *Don Quixote* when he was in his late fifties.

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ANSWERS

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- 10 Pts Weeping Willow
- 20 Pts West Wing
- 30 Pts *Where's Waldo?*
- 40 Pts Wailing Wall
- 50 Pts Walt Whitman

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- 10 Pts Elon Musk
- 20 Pts Mark Zuckerberg
- 30 Pts Warren Buffet
- 40 Pts Michael Bloomberg
- 50 Pts Larry Ellison

THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW

- 10 Pts Opie Taylor
- 20 Pts Mayberry, North Carolina
- 30 Pts Otis Campbell
- 40 Pts Fishing rods. The show's opening theme is unusual because the music is not performed by instruments, but by whistling and finger snapping.
- 50 Pts Gomer joined the Marines, which led to the spin-off program *Gomer Pyle, USMC*.

COLOR ASSOCIATIONS

- 10 Pts Green
- 20 Pts Yellow
- 30 Pts Blue
- 40 Pts Purple
- 50 Pts Orange

SENIOR ACHIEVERS

- 10 Pts Julia Child
- 20 Pts John Glenn
- 30 Pts Noah Webster
- 40 Pts Laura Ingalls Wilder
- 50 Pts Miguel de Cervantes