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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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ODD WORDS

- 10 Pts Twelve-letter word beginning with GOB that means nonsensical talk or writing.
- 20 Pts Eleven-letter word beginning with THI that means an object whose name you've forgotten.
- 30 Pts Eleven-letter word beginning with PER that means overly fussy about details.
- 40 Pts Ten-letter word beginning with HOO that means a lively social gathering, usually with music and traditional dancing.
- 50 Pts Fourteen-letter word beginning with WHI that means a young, inexperienced person who is considered cheeky.

IT'S ELEMENTAL

- 10 Pts On Thanksgiving, Macy's parade balloons fly high, thanks to this colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas.
- 20 Pts Following the Stone Age and the Bronze Age, this "Age" (roughly 1200 BC to 500 BC) introduced stronger farm implements (plows and axes), cheaper and stronger weapons, and the widespread use of coinage.
- 30 Pts Alphabetically speaking, the "last" chemical element is Zirconium; but this better-known metallic element is second-to-last.
- 40 Pts This is the most common element in the universe and takes up two of the three atoms in a molecule of water.
- 50 Pts At approximately -38 degrees Fahrenheit, this liquid metal becomes a solid.

ISLANDS

- 10 Pts Sarah Palin knows that Alaska's Little Diomed Island is only 2.5 miles away from this country.
- 20 Pts This island nation, about 900 miles east of Australia, has three official languages: English, Maori (may•OR•ee), and sign language.
- 30 Pts This country's Ellesmere Island is only about 40 miles away from the northwest coast of Greenland.
- 40 Pts This remote South Pacific island was discovered two days after Good Friday in 1722.
- 50 Pts What country would you be in if you were on the island of Mindanao? (min-din-OW)

ALPHABET ... OR, A THREE-LETTER WORD

- 10 Pts This word sounds like a letter of the alphabet ... or, a buzzy insect.
- 20 Pts The actress whose highly publicized marriage to Bobby Darin ended in divorce, shares this last name with a letter of the alphabet.
- 30 Pts The late-night talk show host (from 1992 to 2014), shares this first name with a letter of the alphabet.
- 40 Pts This “letter of the alphabet” follows Red, Black, North, and Baltic.
- 50 Pts This letter of the alphabet is, in itself, a question.

FICTIONAL OCCUPATIONS

- 10 Pts What is Bert’s occupation in *Mary Poppins*?
- 20 Pts What business was Willie Wonka in?
- 30 Pts What did Geppetto do for a living in *Pinocchio*?
- 40 Pts What is Eliza Doolittle’s job in *My Fair Lady*?
- 50 Pts In the Harry Potter series of books, what job did Albus Dumbledore hold?

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ANSWERS

ODD WORDS

- 10 Pts Gobbledygook
- 20 Pts Thingamajig or Thingamabob
- 30 Pts Persnickety
- 40 Pts Hootenanny
- 50 Pts Whippersnapper

IT'S ELEMENTAL

- 10 Pts Helium
- 20 Pts Iron
- 30 Pts Zinc
- 40 Pts Hydrogen
- 50 Pts Mercury

ISLANDS

- 10 Pts Russia
- 20 Pts New Zealand
- 30 Pts Canada
- 40 Pts Easter Island
- 50 Pts The Philippines

ALPHABET ... OR, A THREE-LETTER WORD

- 10 Pts Bee
- 20 Pts Dee (Sandra Dee)
- 30 Pts Jay (Jay Leno)
- 40 Pts Sea
- 50 Pts Why

FICTIONAL OCCUPATIONS

- 10 Pts Chimney Sweep
- 20 Pts He owned a candy/chocolate factory.
- 30 Pts Gepetto was a woodcarver who created Pinocchio.
- 40 Pts Eliza sells flowers.
- 50 Pts He was headmaster of Hogwarts School.