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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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BRITISH TELEVISION

10 Pts Most of the action in this British costume drama was filmed at Highclere Castle.

20 Pts In the British sitcom *Keeping Up Appearances,* how does Hyacinth pronounce and spell her last name?

30 Pts Which British period drama follows veterinarian James Herriot and his colleagues in the Yorkshire Dales?

40 Pts In *The Vicar of Dibley*, what is the first name of the female vicar played by Dawn French?

50 Pts Which hit NBC workplace comedy starring Steve Carell was adapted from an original British series created by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant?

FRENCH FOOD & DRINK

10 Pts These colorful meringue cookies are sandwiched with a sweet filling.

20 Pts What is the difference between an apéritif and a digestif?

30 Pts This French mixed vegetable stew, featuring eggplant, zucchini, tomatoes, etc., is also the name of a fictional movie rodent who dreams of becoming a chef.

40 Pts The name of this baked French egg-based dish, which can either be served as a savory main dish or as a sweetened dessert, means “inflated” or “puffed.”

50 Pts This traditional Provençal fish soup, which originated in the port city of Marseille, contains at least three kinds of fish: red rascasse, sea robin, and European conger. It can also include urchins, mussels, crab, octopus and other sea foods, along with vegetables such as leeks, onions, celery, potatoes, and so on.

AMERICAN MOVIES *(These films all feature historical and cultural moments or periods of time.)*

10 Pts The Jazz Age. The Roaring Twenties. A time of affluence and hedonistic youth is featured in this 1974 film starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow.

20 Pts The Great Depression. The Dust Bowl. The relentless search for work, a better life, and human dignity is a key theme in this 1940 film starring Henry Fonda.

30 Pts The investigation and fall of a corrupt America president and the staff who supported him is chronicled in this 1976 film starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman.

40 Pts This film, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of one German industrialist who, after witnessing the cruel inhumanity of the Nazis, attempts to save as many Jews as he can.

50 Pts This 2016 film chronicles the Cold War space race and features a small group of women most people have never heard of whose mathematical contributions were critical to America’s successful journey to the moon.

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CANADIAN PEOPLE POTPOURRI

10 Pts Can you name the classic Canadian novel about the life of 11-year-old orphan-girl who is sent by mistake to two middle-aged siblings who originally want to adopt a boy to help out on the farm?

20 Pts This Canadian from Ontario won the Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Game Show Host eight times.

30 Pts He was the longest-serving prime minister of Canada in the 20th century.

40 Pts Canadians Frederick Banting and Charles Best made up one of the most famous pairs in medical history. However, in 1923, only Banting and another colleague received the Nobel Prize for the discovery of this diabetes drug.

50 Pts On October 13, 2021, this 90-year-old Canadian actor was part of the crew in Blue Origin's second sub-orbital human spaceflight, along with Blue Origin's creator and well-known "Trekkie" (*Star Trek* fan), Jeff Bezos.

SPANISH PHRASES *(Given a clue or two, can you come up with the familiar saying in English?)*

10 Pts *Mi casa es su casa*. Hint: casa = house

20 Pts Más vale tarde que nunca. Hint: tarde = late; nunca = never

30 Pts Cuando se cierra una puerta, se abre una ventana. Hint: cierra = closes; abre = opens

40 Pts *Matar dos pájaros de un tiro*. Hint: matar = kill; pájaros = birds

50 Pts *No todo lo que brilla es oro.* Hint: brilla = shines or glitters; oro = gold

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20 Pts She pronounces her last name “Bouquet,” even though it is spelled “Bucket.”
30 Pts *All Creatures Great and Small*
40 Pts Geraldine
50 Pts *The Office*

FRENCH FOOD & DRINK

10 Pts Macarons
20 Pts They are both alcoholic drinks. The apéritif is served before the meal to stimulate appetite; the digestif is served after the meal and is traditionally believed to aid digestion.
30 Pts Ratatouille
40 Pts Soufflé
50 Pts Bouillabaisse

AMERICAN MOVIES

10 Pts *The Great Gatsby*
20 Pts *The Grapes of Wrath*
30 Pts *All the President’s Men*
40 Pts *Schindler’s List*
50 Pts *Hidden Figures*

CANADIAN PEOPLE POTPOURRI

10 Pts *Anne of Green Gables*
20 Pts Alex Trebek
30 Pts Pierre Trudeau (Note: Pierre is the correct Trudeau here, not his son Justin.)
40 Pts Insulin. Best was not nominated for the Nobel, probably because of his status as a graduate student. The oversight angered Banting, who split his prize money with Best. Nearly fifty years later, the Nobel Committee admitted that omitting Best from the prize was a mistake.
50 Pts William Shatner

SPANISH PHRASES

10 Pts My house is your house.
20 Pts Better late than never.
30 Pts When one door closes, another one opens. (There are often small differences between languages. The literal translation of the Spanish version of this saying is “When a door closes, a window opens.”)
40 Pts Kill two birds with one stone.
50 Pts All that glitters is not gold.

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