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Weekly Trivia Quiz 1

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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COLORFUL BOOKS *(Each answer has a color in the title.)*

- 10 Pts Fannie Flagg's 1987 novel took its title from this dish served at the Whistle Stop Café.
- 20 Pts Billie Holiday's 1956 autobiography: *Lady Sings* _____.
- 30 Pts Oscar Wilde's 1890 novel: *The Picture* _____.
- 40 Pts The narrator of this 1887 "autobiography" is the titular horse who was born on an English farm, but lived a hard life pulling cabs in London.
- 50 Pts Sherlock Holmes first appeared in this 1887 detective novel by Arthur Conan Doyle: *A Study* _____

FIVE SYLLABLE WORDS

- 10 Pts Baby doctor.
- 20 Pts All of the words (or a set of words) contained and used in a language.
- 30 Pts A person who devises dances and/or teaches dancing.
- 40 Pts The energy that powers the modern world, from lighting, heating, machinery and everything in between.
- 50 Pts Urbane; refined; cosmopolitan.

FICTIONAL ANIMALS *(What kind of animal is ... ?)*

- 10 Pts Winnie-the-Pooh
- 20 Pts Bullwinkle
- 30 Pts Curious George
- 40 Pts Stuart Little
- 50 Pts Charlotte (from *Charlotte's Web*)

US GOVERNMENT ACRONYMS *(What does the acronym stand for?)*

- 10 Pts **DOT**'s mission is to "serve the American people and economy through the safe, efficient, sustainable, and equitable movement of people and goods."
- 20 Pts The **FDA** ensures the safety of cosmetics, vaccines, and dietary supplements.
- 30 Pts **DOI** is "responsible for the management and conservation of most federal lands and natural resources."
- 40 Pts **NEA** offers support and funding for projects exhibiting artistic excellence.
- 50 Pts **NOAA** is tasked with forecasting weather, charting the seas, conducting deep-sea exploration, and managing fishing and protection of marine mammals and endangered species.

BAR MITZVAH BOYS

- 10 Pts This future director, who pioneered the concept of the summer “blockbuster” film with *Jaws* (in 1975), celebrated his bar mitzvah in 1960 in Phoenix, Arizona.
- 20 Pts This future actor, who rose to fame playing the Italian-American Arthur Fonzarelli on the sitcom *Happy Days*, celebrated his bar mitzvah in Manhattan in 1958.
- 30 Pts This future Secretary of State had his bar mitzvah in 1936 in his native Germany. His family fled to the United States two years later.
- 40 Pts This future singer-songwriter, a major counter-culture figure over his 69-year career and winner of the Nobel Prize in literature for “having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition,” had his bar mitzvah in Hibbing, Minnesota in 1954.
- 50 Pts This future comedian and host of *Deal or No Deal* had his bar mitzvah in Toronto in 1968.

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ANSWERS

COLORFUL BOOKS

- 10 Pts *Fried Green Tomatoes*
- 20 Pts ... *The Blues*
- 30 Pts ... *of Dorian Gray*
- 40 Pts *Black Beauty*
- 50 Pts ... *in Scarlet*

FIVE SYLLABLE WORDS

- 10 Pts Pediatrician
- 20 Pts Vocabulary
- 30 Pts Choreographer
- 40 Pts Electricity
- 50 Pts Sophisticated

FICTIONAL ANIMALS

- 10 Pts Bear
- 20 Pts Moose
- 30 Pts Monkey
- 40 Pts Mouse
- 50 Pts Spider

US GOVERNMENT ACRONYMS

- 10 Pts Department of Transportation
- 20 Pts Food and Drug Administration
- 30 Pts Department of the Interior
- 40 Pts National Endowment for the Arts
- 50 Pts National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

BAR MITZVAH BOYS

- 10 Pts Steven Spielberg
- 20 Pts Henry Winkler
- 30 Pts Henry Kissinger
- 40 Pts Bob Dylan (born Robert Zimmerman)
- 50 Pts Howie Mandel