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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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FUNNY THINGS

- 10 Pts Before this musical opened on Broadway in 1964, its working title was *The Luckiest People*.
- 20 Pts Rhyming slang term for counterfeit cash.
- 30 Pts Where you would find Garfield and Dilbert.
- 40 Pts This song includes the line: "Your looks are laughable, unphotographable, yet you're my favorite work of art."
- 50 Pts Inspired by the farces of ancient Rome, this 1962 Sondheim musical comedy tells the story of a slave who attempts to win his freedom by helping his master woo the girl next door.

NOT JUST CITIES

- 10 Pts It's a state capital; an omelet made with ham and green peppers; and the singer who died in the 1997 crash of an experimental plane.
- 20 Pts It's state capital; a luxury US made automobile; a tunnel underneath the Hudson River that connects New York and New Jersey; and a child's wooden building logs introduced in 1916.
- 30 Pts It's a state capital; a 1920s dance; and a very "chewy" candy bar.
- 40 Pts It's a state capital; a mythological bird; and a young actor whose first name was River.
- 50 Pts It's a state capital; a variety of grapes; and a condition of peace and harmony.

KARL, CARL, or CARLY

- 10 Pts "Bush's Brain."
- 20 Pts He popularized astronomy with his 1980's book and television series.
- 30 Pts She finally admitted that her song "You're So Vain" was partially about Warren Beatty.
- 40 Pts Number 8 for the Boston Red Sox from 1961 to 1983.
- 50 Pts This Midwestern poet and Lincoln biographer died in 1967 at the age of 89.

TV WOMEN

- 10 Pts She played Sue Ann Nivens in the 1970s/80s, Rose Nylund in the 1980s/90s, and Elka Ostrovsky from 2010-2015.
- 20 Pts She played Elaine Benes in the 1990s, Christine Campbell from 2006-2010, and Vice President Selina Meyer from 2012 to 2019.
- 30 Pts She played Maude Findlay in the 1970s and Dorothy Zbornak in the 1980s/90s.
- 40 Pts She played many characters as a regular on *Saturday Night Live* from 2000-2006, and Liz Lemon on *30 Rock* from 2006 to 2013.
- 50 Pts She played Gidget in the 1960s and Sister Bertille in the 1960s/70s.

RIVERS

- 10 Pts This river is mentioned more often than any other river in the Bible.
- 20 Pts This is the longest river in Alaska and the neighboring Canadian territory with which it shares its name.
- 30 Pts Located entirely in Russia, this is the longest river in Europe. (Yo-oh, heave ho.)
- 40 Pts This 3,000-mile-long river begins in China, runs through Laos and Cambodia, and continues across Vietnam, emptying in the South China Sea.
- 50 Pts Name one of the two states whose capital city is located on the banks of the Mississippi River.

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ANSWERS

FUNNY THINGS

- 10 Pts *Funny Girl*
- 20 Pts Funny money
- 30 Pts In "the funny papers"
- 40 Pts "My Funny Valentine"
- 50 Pts *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*

NOT JUST CITIES

- 10 Pts Denver (CO)
- 20 Pts Lincoln (NE)
- 30 Pts Charleston (WV)
- 40 Pts Phoenix (AZ)
- 50 Pts Concord (NH)

KARL, CARL, or CARLY

- 10 Pts Karl Rove
- 20 Pts Carl Sagan
- 30 Pts Carly Simon
- 40 Pts Carl Yastrzemski
- 50 Pts Carl Sandburg

TV WOMEN

- 10 Pts Betty White
- 20 Pts Julia Louis-Dreyfus
- 30 Pts Bea Arthur
- 40 Pts Tina Fey
- 50 Pts Sally Field

RIVERS

- 10 Pts The Jordan River
- 20 Pts The Yukon River
- 30 Pts The Volga River
- 40 Pts The Mekong River
- 50 Pts Minnesota (St. Paul) and Louisiana (Baton Rouge)