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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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MOVIE BIOGRAPHIES

- 10 Pts In 1969, Paul Newman and Robert Redford teamed up for the first time to play these lawbreakers.
- 20 Pts Robert DeNiro played boxer Jake LaMotta in this Oscar-winning 1980 film.
- 30 Pts In 1993, Liam Neeson played this German factory owner who protected his workforce from the Nazis.
- 40 Pts He played famed baseball player Lou Gehrig in the 1942 film *The Pride of the Yankees*.
- 50 Pts In 1982, he won the Academy Award for Best Actor playing the title role in the film *Gandhi*.

SCOTTS

- 10 Pts This *Today Show* weatherman started to wish happy birthday to centenarians in 1983.
- 20 Pts She was a graduate student at the New England Conservatory of Music when she met Martin Luther King, Jr, a grad student at Boston University.
- 30 Pts Scotty was the fictional Chief Engineer portrayed by actor James Doohan from 1966 to 1994 on this television series.
- 40 Pts This Scott was the fourth American in space, after Shepard, Grissom, and Glenn.
- 50 Pts This Jazz Age author was named after his famous second cousin, three times removed, who wrote the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner."

OLYMPIC HOST CITIES

- 10 Pts The first Olympics of the modern era were held in 1896 in this city, where it all started back in 776 BC.
- 20 Pts Jewish athletes from many countries boycotted the 1936 Olympics held in this city.
- 30 Pts After an eight-year hiatus due to WWII, the Olympic games resumed in 1948 with opening ceremonies at Wembley Stadium in this city.
- 40 Pts In 2008, this host city went through extraordinary measures to clear its polluted air, including strict traffic control and factory and power plant shutdowns.
- 50 Pts Three Olympiads (1976 Summer, 1988 Winter, and 2010 Winter) were held in Canada. Can you name two of the three Canadian host cities?

WOMEN BY THE LETTER

- 10 Pts Her initials: DS. At age 43 she married Mike Nichols, less than a year after she became the first female reporter on *60 Minutes*.
- 20 Pts Her initials: NP. She became second in line to the presidency in 2007.
- 30 Pts Her initials: BS. The first film she directed was *Yentl*, based on a story by Isaac Bashevis Singer.
- 40 Pts Her initials: MO. She graduated Harvard in 2021, is now a working filmmaker, and she shares her initials with her former First Lady mom.
- 50 Pts Her initials: DF. She was played by Sigourney Weaver in the 1988 movie *Gorillas in the Mist*.

MISSING MUSICAL NAMES

- 10 Pts According to Frank Sinatra, "No angel could replace" this girl "with the laughing face."
- 20 Pts If you knew her like Eddie Cantor knew her, "oh-oh-oh what a girl!"
- 30 Pts The unofficial national anthem of Australia is this "waltzing" lady.
- 40 Pts According to Arlo Guthrie in 1967, "you can get anything you want" at her restaurant.
- 50 Pts In 1960, Chuck Berry asked her "Why can't you be true? You've started back doin' the things you used to do."

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ANSWERS

MOVIE BIOGRAPHIES

- 10 Pts *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*
- 20 Pts *Raging Bull*
- 30 Pts Oskar Schindler
- 40 Pts Gary Cooper
- 50 Pts Ben Kingsley

SCOTTS

- 10 Pts Willard Scott
- 20 Pts Coretta Scott (King)
- 30 Pts *Star Trek*
- 40 Pts Scott Carpenter
- 50 Pts F. Scott Fitzgerald (related to Francis Scott Key)

OLYMPIC HOST CITIES

- 10 Pts Athens, Greece
- 20 Pts Berlin, Germany
- 30 Pts London, England
- 40 Pts Beijing, China
- 50 Pts Montreal (1976), Calgary (1988), and Vancouver (2010)

WOMEN BY THE LETTER

- 10 Pts Diane Sawyer
- 20 Pts Nancy Pelosi
- 30 Pts Barbra Streisand
- 40 Pts Malia Obama
- 50 Pts Dian Fossey

MISSING MUSICAL NAMES

- 10 Pts Nancy
- 20 Pts Susie
- 30 Pts Matilda. In Australia, a matilda is actually a backpack. The phrase “waltzing matilda” actually means travelling by foot with all your belongings slung over your back.
- 40 Pts Alice’s
- 50 Pts Maybellene