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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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LARGEST

10 Pts Geographically, the largest island in the world is considered part of North America.
20 Pts This is the largest (in area) of the five Great Lakes.
30 Pts Of the top ten largest islands in the world, this is the only one that is geographically a part of Africa.
40 Pts This largest city in Alabama was named for the second-largest city in the United Kingdom.
50 Pts This is the sixth-largest country in the world and the only one that borders no other country.

SMALLEST *(Given three choices, pick the smallest.)*

10 Pts Smallest in area: Canada, United States, Russia
20 Pts Smallest (i.e., shortest in stature) world leader: Justin Trudeau, John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln
30 Pts Smallest in average weight: African elephant (male), giraffe, orca (killer whale)
40 Pts Smallest in area: Sweden, Norway, Denmark
50 Pts Food with the fewest calories: Vanilla ice cream (one cup), avocado (one medium), banana (one medium)

MOST

10 Pts Which country has the largest population in the world, with more than 1.4 billion people?
20 Pts What is the most common surname in the United States?
30 Pts Which language has the most speakers worldwide, when both native speakers and people who speak it as a second language are counted?
40 Pts Which art museum is the most visited in the world? (*Hint: It's in Europe.*)
50 Pts Which athlete holds the record for the most Olympic gold medals won by an individual? (*Hint: The record holder, with 23 gold medals, is an American.)*

FUNNY BUSINESS

10 Pts This late funny man, one of the original cast members of *Saturday Night Live*, played the memorable fraternity member Bluto in the film *Animal House*.
20 Pts This *Curb Your Enthusiasm* creator also co-created the TV show *Seinfeld.*
30 Pts What was the title of the 1993 hit comedy film featuring Bill Murray reliving the same day over and over?
40 Pts Which 1958 novelty song includes lyrics about a one-eyed, one-horned, flying creature?
50 Pts "The Streak," a 1974 comedy song by Ray Stevens, tells a story involving this unusual fad in the early 1970s.

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FADS & CRAZES

10 Pts This kind of card collecting exploded in the 1930s when the cards were packaged with chewing gum.

20 Pts This craze of the late 1930's was promoted by toy-maker Donald Duncan and became a national sensation.

30 Pts What 1950's TV show inspired the coonskin cap craze?

40 Pts This toy fad began in 1943 when a naval engineer accidently knocked a spring off a shelf. His wife gave the toy its name.

50 Pts Tamagotchi, a worldwide craze in the 1990's that originated in Japan, centered on a virtual … what?

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ANSWERS

LARGEST

10 Pts Greenland
20 Pts True to its name, Lake Superior is the largest of the Great Lakes.
30 Pts Madagascar
40 Pts Birmingham
50 Pts Australia

SMALLEST *(Given three choices, pick the smallest.)*

10 Pts United States
20 Pts John F. Kennedy, who was 6'1" tall. Trudeau is 6'2", and Abraham Lincoln was 6'4".
30 Pts The giraffe, which averages about 3,000 pounds. The orca averages about 9,500 pounds, and the African elephant averages about 11,000 pounds.
40 Pts Denmark is by far the smallest of the three (not including its autonomous territory of Greenland).
50 Pts A medium banana, which has 105 calories. One cup of vanilla ice cream has 140 calories, and one medium avocado has 240 calories.

MOST

10 Pts India, which overtook China as the world's most populous country in 2023
20 Pts Smith
30 Pts English, with approximately 1.5 billion speakers
40 Pts The Louvre
50 Pts Michael Phelps

FUNNY BUSINESS

10 Pts John Belushi
20 Pts Larry David
30 Pts *Groundhog Day*
40 Pts The Purple People Eater
50 Pts The fad was streaking, which featured people running naked through public places.

FADS & CRAZES

10 Pts Baseball cards
20 Pts Yo-yos. Yoyos are much older than the 1930's, but they reached fad status via Duncan's promotion.
30 Pts *Davy Crockett*
40 Pts Slinky
50 Pts Tamagotchi was a virtual pet that required owners to feed and care for it.

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