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Weekly Trivia Quiz 2

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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QUESTIONS

DE, DI, DA ... WHO? *(All of the answers are last names that begin with De, Di, or Da.)*

- 10 Pts He spent all thirteen years of his baseball career with the New York Yankees, leading the team to nine World Series championships. It was his speed that earned him the nickname "The Yankee Clipper."
- 20 Pts When this comedian was honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016, President Obama said, "In 1997, ... she made history when [the character she played on television] revealed she was a lesbian. In her work and in her life, she has been a passionate advocate for equality and fairness."
- 30 Pts This actor's breakthrough role was playing cab dispatcher Louie De Palma on the TV sitcom *Taxi* (1978-1982).
- 40 Pts Perhaps the ultimate "Renaissance Man," this Florence-born artist, scientist, engineer, sculptor, and architect is arguably best known for painting the *Mona Lisa* and *The Last Supper*, which is the most reproduced religious painting of all time.
- 50 Pts The first epic film made by this pioneering film director, born in 1881 in Ashfield, Massachusetts, was *The Ten Commandments*, a 1923 silent film. His last epic film was *The Greatest Show on Earth* in 1952.

O' ... WHO? *(All of the answers are last names that begin with O'.)*

- 10 Pts For more than a decade, he hosted the highest rated cable news show and was described as "the biggest star in the 20-year history of Fox News." However, he was fired in 2017 following the publication of a *New York Times* report that he had settled five lawsuits for sexual misconduct.
- 20 Pts This American artist, who spent 30 years in a complicated relationship with photographer Alfred Stieglitz, is particularly well known for her paintings of natural forms, including flowers, hills, and desert-inspired landscapes.
- 30 Pts A frequent victim of Donald Trump's vitriol, this American actress and comedian moved to Ireland when Trump was elected US president a second time.
- 40 Pts After serving as a legislative aide to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, he left politics to write for and coproduce the political drama series, *The West Wing*. Currently he is a nighttime host for a news show on MSNBC.
- 50 Pts He was awarded the 1936 Nobel Prize in literature for "the power, honesty, and deep-felt emotions of his dramatic works," which include *Desire Under the Elms*, *Mourning Becomes Electra*, and *The Iceman Cometh*.

U ... WHO? (All of the answers are last names that begin with U.)

- 10 Pts This fictional character was played by Art Carney in the 1965 Broadway premiere of *The Odd Couple*. On television, he was played by Tony Randall.
- 20 Pts This author's best known work was *Exodus*, published in 1958. It became a worldwide bestseller, was translated into a dozen languages, and made into a feature film in 1960 starring Paul Newman and directed by Otto Preminger.
- 30 Pts This former staff writer for *The New Yorker* wasn't obsessed with rabbits. Rabbit is the nickname of the key character in his four books: *Rabbit, Run*; *Rabbit Redux*; *Rabbit is Rich*; and *Rabbit at Rest*.
- 40 Pts In 1987, he outraced his son and won his fourth Indianapolis 500.
- 50 Pts This actor starred in a record fifteen television series from the early 1970s to his untimely death in 2002 at age 55. His most well known shows included the lead role of Dan Tanna in *Vega\$*, the title role in *Spenser: For Hire*, and the ship's captain in a 1998 remake of *The Love Boat*.

IN THE

- 10 Pts Although this classic sitcom was cancelled in 1979, Jean Stapleton agreed to appear in five episodes of its "sequel," which was now called *Archie Bunker's Place*.
- 20 Pts Theodore Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, wrote this book using only 236 words to provide beginning readers with a book that was much more interesting than the boring Dick and Jane stories.
- 40 Pts This 1966 song, in which two people meet for the first time, was a worldwide hit for Frank Sinatra: "Love was just a glance away a warm embracing dance away..."
- 50 Pts In this traditional nursery rhyme/song, "The farmer takes a wife, the wife takes the child, the child takes the nurse" and so on until "the cheese stands alone."
- 30 Pts Phrase for a small, unimpressive restaurant that is often a local favorite ... or, the nickname of the remote Wyoming hiding place for Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch and other late 19th- and early 20th- century outlaws.

NEW YORK STATE

- 10 Pts In the mid-20th century, summer resorts in these mountains were a major vacation destination for Jewish New Yorkers.
- 20 Pts This is the city you will have to visit in central New York to see The Baseball Hall of Fame.
- 30 Pts Only these two Great Lakes border New York state.
- 40 Pts After unsuccessfully seeking the Republican presidential nomination in 1960, 1964, and 1968, this longest-serving Republican governor of New York was appointed vice president of the US by President Gerald Ford.
- 50 Pts The village of Lake Placid, which became internationally known after hosting the 1932 and the 1980 Winter Olympics, is located in this New York mountain range.

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ANSWERS

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- 10 Pts Joe DiMaggio
- 20 Pts Ellen DeGeneres
- 30 Pts Danny DeVito
- 40 Pts Leonardo da Vinci
- 50 Pts Cecil B. DeMille

O' ... WHO?

- 10 Pts Bill O'Reilly
- 20 Pts Georgia O'Keefe
- 30 Pts Rosie O'Donnell. Several other celebrities, including Ellen DeGeneres, George Clooney, and Eva Longoria, have all cited America's political climate as the reason they have left the US.
- 40 Pts Lawrence O'Donnell
- 50 Pts Eugene O'Neill

U ... WHO?

- 10 Pts Felix Unger
- 20 Pts Leon Uris
- 30 Pts John Updike
- 40 Pts Al Unser
- 50 Pts Robert Urich

IN THE

- 10 Pts *All In the Family*
- 20 Pts *The Cat in the Hat*
- 30 Pts "Strangers in the Night"
- 40 Pts "(The) Farmer in the Dell"
- 50 Pts Hole in the Wall

NEW YORK STATE

- 10 Pts The Catskills
- 20 Pts Cooperstown
- 30 Pts Erie and Ontario
- 40 Pts Nelson Rockefeller
- 50 Pts The Adirondack Mountains