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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

SHARED LAST NAMES

- 10 Pts Domestic goddess Martha; and the star of *It's A Wonderful Life*.
- 20 Pts The discoverer of penicillin; and the creator of James Bond.
- 30 Pts Actor Alec; and author James, who penned *Go Tell It On The Mountain*.
- 40 Pts Unrelated fashion designers Anne and Calvin.
- 50 Pts Former long-time *60 Minutes* reporter; and the governor of Alabama for most of the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's.

WOMEN AUTHORS

- 10 Pts Born in 1890, she is best known for her 66 mystery novels published from 1920 to 1976, many of which featured Belgian detective Hercule Poirot.
- 20 Pts She clearly had great pride in and prejudice for the English county of Hampshire, where she spent most of her life.
- 30 Pts Amy Tan wrote this book published in 1989. It centers on four Chinese American immigrants who start a mahjong group and tells the stories of their lives while they play mahjong for money.
- 40 Pts Her book, *The Tales of Peter Rabbit*, has, for the most part, been either the #1 or #2 bestselling children's book since it was published in 1901.
- 50 Pts This African American writer won the 1993 Nobel Prize in Literature for her body of work, including *Beloved* and *Song Of Solomon*.

SINATRA SONG TITLES

- 10 Pts "Start spreading the news. I'm leaving today. I want to be a part of it"
- 20 Pts "Ever since that night we've been together. Lovers at first sight, in love forever. It turned out so right for ..."
- 30 Pts "But now the days are short, I'm in the autumn of my years. And I think of my life as vintage wine, from fine old kegs. From the brim to the dregs, it poured sweet and clear..."
- 40 Pts "I've been a puppet, a pauper, a pirate, a poet, a pawn and a king. I've been up and down and over and out and I know one thing."
- 50 Pts "... long before your arms can beg me stay. For one more hour or one more day. After all the years, I can't bear the tears to fall ...".

FLOWERS

- 10 Pts The state flower of Texas — which is not the yellow rose — is also the name of a brand of margarine.
- 20 Pts The official name of this state's flower is *Epigaea repens*; but it's not surprising that its common name is the Mayflower.
- 30 Pts What is the more common name for Helianthus, a large flower that is native to North America and is the state flower of Kansas? (Hint: It can grow more than 13' tall.)
- 40 Pts Ponce de Leon, who spoke Spanish, named this US state after its abundant flowers.
- 50 Pts This "flower" (which actually consists of just leaves and berries) is the state plant of Oklahoma all year 'round (not just at Christmas time).

WEATHER TITLES

- 10 Pts *Inherit the* _____
- 20 Pts *The Perfect* _____
- 30 Pts _____ *Man*
- 40 Pts _____ *Falling on Cedars*
- 50 Pts *The House of Sand and* _____

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ANSWERS

SHARED NAMES

- 10 Pts Stewart
- 20 Pts Fleming
- 30 Pts Baldwin
- 40 Pts Klein
- 50 Pts Wallace

WOMEN AUTHORS

- 10 Pts Agatha Christie
- 20 Pts Jane Austen
- 30 Pts *The Joy Luck Club*
- 40 Pts Beatrix Potter
- 50 Pts Toni Morrison

SINATRA SONG TITLES

- 10 Pts "New York, New York"
- 20 Pts "Strangers in the Night"
- 30 Pts "It Was A Very Good Year"
- 40 Pts "That's Life"
- 50 Pts "Softly, As I Leave You"

FLOWERS

- 10 Pts Bluebonnet
- 20 Pts Massachusetts
- 30 Pts Sunflower
- 40 Pts Florida
- 50 Pts Mistletoe

WEATHER TITLES

- 10 Pts *Wind*
- 20 Pts *Storm*
- 30 Pts *Rain*
- 40 Pts *Snow*
- 50 Pts *Fog*