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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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AUTOBIOGRAPHY

- 10 Pts *Into Thin Air* is Jon Krakauer's account of a 1996 disaster that took the lives of eight climbers stranded on this mountain by a storm.
- 20 Pts Her autobiography begins with the reflection that the year before she was born, "a group called the Taliban ... had taken over the country and was burning girls' schools."
- 30 Pts This late American chef's 2000 memoir, *Kitchen Confidential*, was an unfiltered look at the less glamorous aspects of high-end restaurant kitchens.
- 40 Pts *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* was written in 1965 by Malcolm X and this author, who penned *Roots: The Saga of an American Family* a decade later.
- 50 Pts Living in hiding with a new identity and under a new name, this British-Indian author penned *Joseph Anton: A Memoir* in 2012, a harrowing account of living under a *fatwa* (death warrant) issued by the Ayatollah Khomeini.

BLACK & WHITE

- 10 Pts There are 28 rectangular tiles in a standard set of tiles for this black and white board game.
- 20 Pts This black and white North American mammal was described this way in 1634: "... It is so stinking ... No sewer ever smelled so bad ... Your heart almost fails you when you approach the animal ..."
- 30 Pts This 2015 film was produced almost entirely in black and white, with the exception of the opening and closing scenes in a cemetery and the appearance of a small girl wearing a red coat.
- 40 Pts Zoo enclosures for the King or Emperor species of this black and white animal are kept around 30° Fahrenheit.
- 50 Pts A standard piano has 36 black keys and this many white ones.

FAMOUS QUESTIONS

- 10 Pts In his 1955 anti-war folk anthem, Pete Seeger asked "Where have all 'these' gone?"
- 20 Pts In this 1963 song, Bob Dylan first asked the musical question: "How many roads must a man walk down?"
- 30 Pts In 1844, this inventor's first telegraph was a single question: "What hath God wrought?"
- 40 Pts To whom was Army chief counsel Joseph Welch speaking when he asked this in a 1954 hearing: "Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?"
- 50 Pts According to Shakespeare, "Et tu, Brute?" was this Roman leader's stunned question as he was being stabbed by his good friend Brutus.

BREAKFAST CEREALS

- 10 Pts Since 1958, kids have been “cuckoo” for this breakfast cereal.
- 20 Pts In 1934, Lou Gehrig was the first athlete to appear on a box of this breakfast cereal.
- 30 Pts According to the ads, this breakfast cereal is “magically delicious.”
- 40 Pts If regular Shredded Wheat is too large for you, you can get it in this smaller “size.”
- 50 Pts In 1987, boxes of this cereal featured a picture of Bela Lugosi dressed in costume.

WHAT MONTH IS IT?

- 20 Pts What month is missing from this 1965 hit song lyric from the musical *The Fantasticks*:
“Try to remember the kind of _____ when life was slow and oh so mellow.”
- 10 Pts According to the 1945 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *Carousel*, what month is “bustin’ out all over”?
- 30 Pts Two books about the assassination of President John Kennedy had similar titles: *Four Days in _____* by Vincent Bugliosi and *Five Days in _____* by Clint Hill.
- 40 Pts Paul Simon went through half the months in the 1966 song “_____, Come She Will.”
- 50 Pts The 1976 hit song by The Four Seasons included this month in the lyrics ... “Oh what a night! Late _____ back in ’63. What a very special time for me. As I remember, what a night.”

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ANSWERS

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

- 10 Pts Mt. Everest
- 20 Pts Malala Yousafzai
- 30 Pts Anthony Bourdain
- 40 Pts Alex Haley
- 50 Pts Salman Rushdie

BLACK & WHITE

- 10 Pts Dominoes
- 20 Pts Skunk
- 30 Pts *Schindler's List*
- 40 Pts Penguin
- 50 Pts 52 (There are a total of 88 keys on a standard piano.)

FAMOUS QUESTIONS

- 10 Pts The flowers
- 20 Pts "Blowin' in the Wind"
- 30 Pts Samuel F. B. Morse. The first telegraph was sent from the Supreme Court chamber in the basement of the US Capitol building in Washington, DC to the B&O Railroad's Mount Clare Station in Baltimore.
- 40 Pts Senator Joseph McCarthy
- 50 Pts Julius Caesar

BREAKFAST CEREALS

- 10 Pts Cocoa Puffs
- 20 Pts Wheaties ("The Breakfast of Champions")
- 30 Pts Lucky Charms
- 40 Pts Spoon size
- 50 Pts Count Chocula

WHAT MONTH IS IT?

- 20 Pts September
- 10 Pts June
- 30 Pts November
- 40 Pts April
- 50 Pts December