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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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FOREIGN WORDS

- 10 Pts Both *blonde* and *brunette* came from this romance language.
- 20 Pts This Asian language gave us *typhoon*, *tycoon*, and *ping-pong*.
- 30 Pts The words *chocolate* and *vanilla* came from this European language – as did *cockroach* and *mosquito*.
- 40 Pts This language gave us *klutz*, *nosh*, and *schlep*.
- 50 Pts *Democracy*, *biology*, and *galaxy* all come from this ancient language.

“HER”STORY

- 10 Pts Her book, *Silent Spring*, is credited with launching the US environmental movement.
- 20 Pts She wrote *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* and was allegedly greeted by President Lincoln as “The little woman who ... started this great war.”
- 30 Pts This 1930’s sex symbol was the first woman to earn one million dollars in the movie business.
- 40 Pts Juliette Gordon Low’s name isn’t as well known as the now-worldwide organization she started for young girls in 1912.
- 50 Pts In 1926, Gertrude Ederle, an American Olympic gold medalist, became the first woman to complete this swimming achievement.

COLORFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

- 10 Pts Excessive bureaucracy or procedural delay.
- 20 Pts A highly valued stock.
- 30 Pts A possession that is useless, expensive to maintain, or difficult to dispose of.
- 40 Pts A beginner or novice.
- 50 Pts Cowardly.

FINISH THE LINE OF POETRY

- 10 Pts Elizabeth Barrett Browning's inspiration was her husband when she wrote, "How do I love thee? Let _____."
- 20 Pts Perhaps Robert Browning's inspiration was his wife when he wrote, "Grow old along with me! The _____."
- 30 Pts Maya Angelou wrote of power and resilience with these lines: "You may shoot me with your words, You may cut me with your eyes, You may kill me with your hatefulness, But still, like air, _____"
- 40 Pts John Greenleaf Whittier was writing about unexpressed love with the line, "For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are _____."
- 50 Pts In "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," T. S. Eliot repeats the now famous line, "In the room the women come and go, Talking of _____"

FOOD

- 10 Pts This sauce, which often tops Eggs Benedict, is made of egg yolks, butter, and lemon.
- 20 Pts Originating from Naples, this is an Italian turnover made of pizza dough and stuffed with savory fillings.
- 30 Pts A raw egg yolk often accompanies this raw meat dish.
- 40 Pts America's most popular cheese was first brought to the New World by the English colonists.
- 50 Pts To make Charlotte Russe, also called icebox cake, line your mold with these small cakes.

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ANSWERS

FOREIGN WORDS

- 10 Pts French
- 20 Pts Chinese
- 30 Pts Spanish
- 40 Pts Yiddish
- 50 Pts Greek

"HER"STORY

- 10 Pts Rachel Carson
- 20 Pts Harriet Beecher Stowe
- 30 Pts Mae West
- 40 Pts The Girl Scouts
- 50 Pts She swam across the English Channel.

COLORFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

- 10 Pts Red tape
- 20 Pts Blue chip
- 30 Pts White elephant
- 40 Pts Greenhorn
- 50 Pts Yellow-bellied

FINISH THE LINE OF POETRY

- 10 Pts "... me count the ways."
- 20 Pts "... best is yet to be."
- 30 Pts "... I'll rise."
- 40 Pts "... it might have been."
- 50 Pts "... Michelangelo."

FOOD

- 10 Pts Hollandaise
- 20 Pts Calzone
- 30 Pts Steak Tartare
- 40 Pts Cheddar
- 50 Pts Ladyfingers