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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Overview:

2022 — Yet another remarkable year! Here's a quiz that includes just a few of the events that occurred last year. Let's see how many of them you remember.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a player/team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the others may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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QUESTIONS

1. Which #1 world tennis champion was deported from Australia following a high-profile legal case regarding his COVID-19 vaccination status? The deportation prevented him from participating in the 2022 Australian Open.
2. At the beginning of 2022, this antiviral medication became available for use as a treatment for COVID-19.
3. An attempt by Senate Democrats to pass voting rights laws by altering filibuster rules failed because of opposition from these two Democratic senators.
4. What is the name of the new word game that was all the rage on the internet, and was ultimately licensed by *The New York Times*?
5. For the first time since 1931, General Motors was surpassed in annual auto sales in the US. Which carmaker became the new US sales leader?
6. Amy Schneider became the first woman to surpass one million dollars in winnings ... doing what?
7. The 2022 Winter Olympics opened in this Asian city, making it the first city ever to host both the Summer (2008) and the Winter Olympics.
8. Washington DC's NFL team announced its official name change to this.
9. What is the name of Donald Trump's newly-launched social media app?
10. On February 24, 2022, the war between these two countries began with the invasion of the city of Luhansk.
11. What is the name of the president of Ukraine, a former actor and comedian, who steadfastly rose to the moment for his country?
12. Researchers in the Antarctic announced that they found the *Endurance*, the ship belonging to this British-Irish explorer, which sank in 1915.
13. Employees of this company, the largest private employer in Florida, staged walkouts and demonstrations in March in response to Florida's "Don't Say Gay" bill.
14. Why was Brittney Griner, a high-profile American basketball star, detained in Russia in March?
15. Can you name the two stars who were involved in the shocking "slap heard 'round the world" at the Academy Awards ceremony in March?
16. This high profile celebrity couple got engaged for the second time – and ultimately married – 18 years after their first romance ended.

17. Which two long-neutral countries joined NATO, primarily in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine?
18. Which Supreme Court Justice wrote the controversial decision that overturned the 50-year-old *Roe v. Wade* case that affirmed a woman's right to have an abortion?
19. One week after the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, a ten-year old girl in this state, who was six weeks and three days pregnant as the result of a rape, had to travel two states away for an abortion.
20. Last May, a nationwide shortage left parents scrambling to find this product in the stores.
21. Can you name the Democratic candidate for US Senate in Pennsylvania who suffered a stroke just days before the primary election and still won?
22. This actor, a native of Uvalde, Texas (where in May a gunman killed 21 people and injured 17 more in an elementary school shooting), delivered an emotional plea in the White House press briefing room asking leaders in Washington to address gun violence.
23. In June, the first public hearing of the House January 6th Investigative Committee was held. Who were named the chair and the co-chair of the Committee?
24. Who is the newest Justice on the US Supreme Court? And what retiring Justice did she replace?
25. Beginning in July, Britain had three prime ministers over four months. Can you name them all?
26. In August, this typically conservative US state stunned the nation when an unprecedented number of voters turned out to cast a ballot protecting abortion rights there.
27. This author of *The Satanic Verses*, who spent a decade in hiding after Ayatollah Khomeini put a price on his head in 1989, was stabbed multiple times just before he was scheduled to deliver a lecture outside New York City in August.
28. On September 8th, he became the first British king in 70 years, following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, at age 96.
29. Protests, largely by women, erupted in this Islamic country following the death of Mahsa Amini while she was in the custody of the country's "morality police." Amini had been arrested for not wearing the hijab according to government standards.
30. In a cruel political stunt, which state governor put 50 undocumented immigrants on a plane to the small Massachusetts resort island of Martha's Vineyard?
31. Elon Musk completed his \$44 billion acquisition of this American microblogging and social networking site.
32. As 2022 comes to a close, more than 6.6 million people have died of COVID. What country leads the death toll by a wide margin?

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ANSWERS

1. Novak Djokovic
2. Paxlovid
3. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona
4. Wordle
5. Toyota
6. Playing *Jeopardy!* Schneider is the first woman (and the first trans person) in the history of *Jeopardy!* to win more than a million dollars.
7. Beijing
8. The Commanders. The team was known as simply “the Washington Football Team” for two seasons after retiring its previous name, which many considered a racial slur against Native Americans, in 2020.
9. Truth Social
10. Russia and Ukraine
11. Volodymyr Zelensky
12. Ernest Shackleton
13. Disney
14. Griner, who plays professional basketball in Russia, was carrying a container of cannabis oil through a Russian airport. While legal in most of the United States, her “crime” carries a 15-year sentence in Russia. Griner was ultimately released in a prisoner trade between the US and Russia.
15. Will Smith and Chris Rock
16. Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck
17. Finland and Sweden. Those countries now see alignment with NATO as a strong protection against Russian aggression.
18. Justice Samuel Alito
19. Ohio
20. Baby formula
21. John Fetterman, who also went on to beat Mehmet Oz in the general election
22. Matthew McConaughey
23. Rep. Bennie Thompson (D) of South Carolina was named the chairman of the

- Committee; Rep. Liz Cheney (R) of Wyoming was named the co-chair.
24. Justice Ketanji Brown-Jackson is the newest Justice, and she replaced Justice Stephen Breyer.
 25. Boris Johnson, who was steeped in scandals, stepped down in July. Liz Truss took the oath of office in early September, but resigned six weeks later. Rishi Sunak succeeded her in October.
 26. Kansas
 27. Salman Rushdie
 28. King Charles III
 29. Iran
 30. Governor Ron DeSantis of Florida
 31. Twitter
 32. The United States. More than 1.1 million people have died of COVID in the US. Brazil comes next with 689,000 deaths.