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Last Week's News

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

This quiz explores some of the news and current events that occurred last week.

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 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 other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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QUESTIONS

1. What relatively common virus is spreading rapidly among young children unusually early this year and at very high levels, overwhelming children's hospitals across the United States?
2. Can you name the new prime minister of the United Kingdom?
3. Which late Supreme Court Justice will be featured on a new US postage stamp in 2023?
4. As he doubles down on his antisemitic remarks, this rapper is losing many of his corporate sponsors, including Adidas.
5. Ash Carter, the former defense secretary under this US president, died last week at age 68.
6. What did Elon Musk do in his first week as owner of the social network site Twitter?
7. An intruder with a hammer broke into the San Francisco home of this member of the House of Representatives.
8. Which two teams are competing in the World Series, which began last week?
9. Mid-term debates were in full swing last week. Who debated Ron DeSantis in the Florida governor race? Who debated Mehmet Oz for a US Senate seat from Pennsylvania? Who debated Raphael Warnock for a US Senate seat from Georgia?
10. During the Pennsylvania debate, Mehmet Oz turned heads when he said that abortion decisions should be made among the woman, her doctor, and who else?
11. What rock and roll pioneer, whose signature song was "Great Balls of Fire," died last week at age 87?
12. Last week, a Russian appeals court upheld this US basketball star's nine-year sentence for drug smuggling.
13. According to a new book released last week, to what US Senator did then-Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito give assurances that he (Alito) would respect the *Roe v. Wade* decision?

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ANSWERS

1. RSV, which stands for respiratory syncytial virus
2. Rishi Sunak officially took over as Britain's prime minister last week, becoming the third leader in seven weeks. He also became the first British prime minister of color, the first Hindu prime minister, and, at 42, the youngest prime minister in two centuries.
3. Ruth Bader Ginsburg
4. Kanye West
5. Barack Obama
6. He fired four top executives.
7. Nancy Pelosi. The intruder attacked Pelosi's 82-year-old husband, who later underwent surgery for a fractured skull and serious injuries to his right arm and hand.
8. The Huston Astros and the Philadelphia Phillies
9. DeSantis debated Charlie Crist. Oz debated John Fetterman. Warnock debated Herschel Walker.
10. Political leaders
11. Jerry Lee Lewis
12. Brittany Griner
13. Ted Kennedy ... who still doubted Alito's veracity and voted against elevating him to the Supreme Court