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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. Who are Chocolate and Chip, and why did they make the news at the White House last week?
2. Following her conviction for defrauding investors in Theranos, Inc. (her supposedly breakthrough health technology company), Elizabeth Holmes received what sentence last week?
3. In a huge World Cup upset, which soccer team (led by the legendary Lionel Messi) lost to Saudi Arabia last week?
4. After 30 years of deadlocked debate in the United Nations, nearly 200 countries finally agreed to establish a fund that would help poor countries cope with the disastrous consequences of this phenomenon, made worse by the pollution generated by wealthy nations.
5. For what purpose did Attorney General Merrick Garland hire Jack Smith, a veteran war crimes prosecutor, last week?
6. Which Trump-endorsed Republican candidate did Mary Peltola, a Democrat, beat for Alaska's only House seat?
7. Last week was another violent one in America.
 - a. Five people died and 18 more were wounded in a shooting at Club Q, an LGBTQ nightclub in which city?
 - b. Six people were killed, including a 16-year-old boy, in the local outlet of this major chain store in Chesapeake, VA.
8. This city in New York state received a record-breaking 6 feet of snow last week.
9. What birthday did President Biden celebrate last week, and where did his family gather for the celebration?
10. Also in Biden family news, what did the President's granddaughter Naomi do on the South Lawn of the White House last week?

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ANSWERS

1. Chocolate and Chip are the two turkeys that were given a traditional presidential pardon last week. Instead of appearing on someone's Thanksgiving dinner table, Chocolate and Chip will live out their days on the campus of North Carolina State University.
2. 11 years in prison
3. Argentina
4. Global climate change
5. Garland named Smith as a Special Counsel to take over two cases involving Donald Trump: his role in the January 6 Capitol attack and his removal of classified documents from the White House after his presidency ended.
6. Sarah Palin
7. Violence
 - a. Colorado Springs
 - b. Walmart
8. Buffalo
9. President Biden turned 80 last week, which he celebrated on the island of Nantucket.
10. Naomi Biden married Peter Neal in a small ceremony attended only by family and friends.