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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. As of last week, a total of 31 US states have placed restrictions on this China-based app on government phones and other government digital devices, citing security concerns.
2. After 5 ½ years in office, Jacinda Ardern, the popular prime minister of this nation, announced that she will resign in a few weeks.
3. What country's population shrank in 2022 for the first time in six decades? And, according to UN estimates, which country is likely to become the world's most populous country later this year?
4. Sister André, a French nun and the world's oldest known person, died last week. How old was she?
5. What movie actor was charged with involuntary manslaughter in a 2021 shooting that killed a cinematographer?
6. Solomon Pena, who recently lost his campaign for state office in New Mexico (he received only 26 percent of the vote), now stands accused of what crime?
7. Can you name the Italian movie star and legendary sex symbol who died last week at age 95?
8. The US Supreme Court, which completed an investigation into this incident, failed to identify the perpetrator of the crime.
9. Folk rock music legend David Crosby died last week at the age of 81 after a long illness. His name is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for his association with two influential bands. Can you name one or both of them?
10. After Amazon announced the layoff of 18,000 employees just a short while ago, this tech giant announced last week that they would lay off 10,000 employees; and this second high tech company will be cutting 12,000 workers from its payroll.
11. Can you name the 93-year-old former astronaut who got married on his birthday?

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ANSWERS

1. Tik-Tok. Experts are concerned about how Tik-Tok handles user data and believe it could be used by the Chinese government.
2. New Zealand. Ardern explained that she just doesn't have the energy to continue in the very demanding job. "I know what this job takes," she explained holding back tears, "and I know that I no longer have enough in the tank to do it justice. It is that simple."
3. China's population shrank; and India is poised to become the most populous country.
4. 118
5. Alec Baldwin
6. Pena is accused of orchestrating shootings into the homes of New Mexico Democrats.
7. Gina Lollobrigida
8. The investigation involved the leak of the draft opinion that ultimately overturned *Roe v. Wade*. The investigation did not identify the leaker.
9. Crosby was a founding member of the Byrds and later, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young.
10. Microsoft will cut 10,000 and Google's parent company Alphabet will be laying off 12,000 people.
11. Buzz Aldrin