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Weekly Trivia Quiz

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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THREE-LETTER WORDS

- 10 Pts Cows regurgitate this from their first stomach back into the mouth and chew it again.
- 20 Pts A layer of paper (especially TP).
- 30 Pts Cows again: "low" is another word for this cow sound.
- 40 Pts Neither's partner.
- 50 Pts The projecting part on the rim of a pitcher.

GEOGRAPHICAL RHYMES

- 10 Pts A tasty flatfish in the capital of South Korea.
- 20 Pts Actor who played Doogie Howser, MD in the capital of France.
- 30 Pts Unpleasantly damp and cool in South Beach.
- 40 Pts To do something promptly or quickly in the largest city in Canada.
- 50 Pts A toast spread in the capital of India.

FOREIGN NOVELS AND AUTHORS

- 10 Pts This French author of *Around the World in Eighty Days* and *Journey to the Center of the Earth* is the second-most translated author in the world, ranking between William Shakespeare and Agatha Christie.
- 20 Pts Swiss author Johanna Spyri penned this 1881 novel about a five-year-old orphaned girl who goes to live with her grandfather in a remote village in the Swiss Alps.
- 30 Pts Written by Colleen McCullough in 1977, this novel is set on a fictional sheep ranch in Australia and follows the trials and tribulations of the Cleary family from 1915 to 1969. The TV miniseries of the same name became the second-highest rated miniseries of all time, behind *Roots*.
- 40 Pts Although this book, published in 1955, is considered one of the great American novels, its author, Vladimir Nabokov, was born in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- 50 Pts Although Margaret Atwood set her dystopian novel *The Handmaid's Tale* in New England, following the overthrow of the US government, Ms. Atwood is actually from this country.

SIR OR DAME ... WHO?

- 10 Pts These are the only two Beatles to receive knighthoods – and they are the only two who are still alive.
- 20 Pts This founder of Microsoft was given an honorary knighthood for his worldwide philanthropy. However, he cannot use the title “Sir” as a prefix to his name because he is not a citizen of the British Commonwealth.
- 30 Pts In 2003, Queen Elizabeth refused to give this lead singer of the Rolling Stones his knighthood because of his antiestablishment views, so Prince Charles did the honors instead.
- 40 Pts This legendary star of British stage and screen (including the very popular Brit-com *As Time Goes By*) was given three different royal honors by Queen Elizabeth II, most recently in 2005; the one bestowed on her in 1988 honored her with the title of Dame.
- 50 Pts In 2000, these two renowned actresses (for *Mary Poppins* and *Cleopatra*) received the honor of Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire on the same day at Buckingham Palace.

DISCOVERIES

- 10 Pts In 1947, a Bedouin shepherd discovered important scrolls that revealed much about early Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism in a cave on the shore of this body of water located between Israel and Jordan.
- 20 Pts In 1882, German microbiologist Robert Koch discovered the microbe that causes this lung disease, more often called “consumption” in his day.
- 30 Pts In 1913, American biochemist Elmer McCollum discovered this first vitamin, which is necessary for healthy eyes and is abundant in beef liver, sweet potatoes, and especially carrots.
- 40 Pts In the late 1700s, French chemist Antoine Lavoisier not only gave oxygen its name, but also named this abundant element from the Greek words for “water” and “generator.”
- 50 Pts In 2004, German archaeologists unearthed a 35,000-year-old flute made from the ivory tusk of this long-haired, elephant-like animal, now long extinct.

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ANSWERS

THREE-LETTER WORDS

- 10 Pts Cud
- 20 Pts Ply
- 30 Pts Moo
- 40 Pts Nor
- 50 Pts Lip

GEOGRAPHICAL RHYMES

- 10 Pts Sole/Seoul
- 20 Pts (Neil Patrick) Harris/Paris
- 30 Pts Clammy/Miami
- 40 Pts Pronto/Toronto
- 50 Pts Jelly/New Delhi

FOREIGN NOVELS AND AUTHORS

- 10 Pts Jules Verne
- 20 Pts *Heidi*
- 30 Pts *The Thorn Birds*
- 40 Pts *Lolita*
- 50 Pts Canada

SIR OR DAME ... WHO?

- 10 Pts Sir Paul McCartney was knighted in 1997; Sir Ringo Starr in 2018.
- 20 Pts Bill Gates
- 30 Pts Sir Mick Jagger
- 40 Pts Dame Judi Dench
- 50 Pts Julie Andrews and Elizabeth Taylor

DISCOVERIES

- 10 Pts The Dead Sea
- 20 Pts Tuberculosis
- 30 Pts Vitamin A
- 40 Pts Hydrogen
- 50 Pts Woolly Mammoth