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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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QUESTIONS

PETERS, PAULS, OR MARYS

- 10 Pts This ringleader of the 1773 Boston Tea Party also took a famous horseback ride from Boston to Lexington in 1775.
- 20 Pts This singer-songwriter is known worldwide for his 1960's and 1970's hits "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Mrs. Robinson," and "The Sound of Silence."
- 30 Pts Although he was born in Canada, he became one American TV's "Big Three" news anchors of the 1980's and 1990's.
- 40 Pts This Mary was the real-life mother of actor Larry Hagman (J.R. Ewing from the 1980's TV show *Dallas*). But she was a legendary actress herself, having originated both the role of Peter Pan in the 1954 Broadway musical adaptation (later seen on US television as well) and, in 1959, the role of Maria in *The Sound of Music*.
- 50 Pts In the late 19th century, this Mary founded Christian Science, a new religion that taught that sickness is an illusion that can only be corrected by prayer.

ANIMALS?

- 10 Pts You navigate around your computer screen with this rodent.
- 20 Pts The Baby Boom Generation listened to the music of these insects.
- 30 Pts You might unclog your tub drain with this reptile.
- 40 Pts You might lift large boulders with this bird.
- 50 Pts You might borrow money from this fish (but he'll charge you a lot of interest).

FAMOUS QUITTERS

- 10 Pts He quit his job in 1974 to "put the interest of America first."
- 20 Pts He abruptly quit the Chicago Bulls basketball team to pursue a baseball career. Less than two years later, he returned to basketball.
- 30 Pts He quit in 1936 "to be with the woman I love."
- 40 Pts Shelley Long quit this hit TV show at the height of its popularity to pursue a career in the movies ... which never quite materialized.
- 50 Pts He quit in 2013, the first person in his position to do so in nearly 600 years, because of "ill-health and advanced age."

GENERAL THINGS

- 10 Pts This medical daytime drama debuted in 1963, but hit its pinnacle in the 1980's with the hugely popular couple Luke and Laura Spencer.
- 20 Pts William Barr, Eric Holder, and John Mitchell all held this high federal office.
- 30 Pts In 1889, Thomas Edison consolidated his companies into this single corporation, with financial backing from J.P. Morgan, the Vanderbilt family, and others.
- 40 Pts In 1856, this company started selling Gold Medal flour. Today, its brands include Cheerios, Betty Crocker, and Pillsbury.
- 50 Pts Ban Ki-moon, Kofi Annan, and Kurt Waldheim have all held this job.

FINISH THE SHAKESPEARE LINE

- 10 Pts "All the world's a ..."
- 20 Pts "Double, double, toil ..."
- 30 Pts "Something is rotten in the state ..."
- 40 Pts "If music be the food of love, ..."
- 50 Pts "Now is the winter of ..."

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ANSWERS

PETERS, PAULS, OR MARYS

- 10 Pts Paul Revere
- 20 Pts Paul Simon
- 30 Pts Peter Jennings
- 40 Pts Mary Martin
- 50 Pts Mary Baker Eddy

ANIMALS?

- 10 Pts Mouse
- 20 Pts Beatles (Beetles)
- 30 Pts Snake
- 40 Pts Crane
- 50 Pts Loan Shark

FAMOUS QUITTERS

- 10 Pts Richard Nixon
- 20 Pts Michael Jordan
- 30 Pts King Edward VIII
- 40 Pts *Cheers*
- 50 Pts Pope Benedict XVI

GENERAL THINGS

- 10 Pts *General Hospital*
- 20 Pts Attorney General of the United States
- 30 Pts General Electric
- 40 Pts General Mills (*not the same as General Foods*)
- 50 Pts Secretary General of the United Nations

FINISH THE SHAKESPEARE LINE

- 10 Pts “... stage”
- 20 Pts “... and trouble”
- 30 Pts “... of Denmark”
- 40 Pts “... play on”
- 50 Pts “... our discontent