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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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BIOLOGY HODGEPODGE

- 10 Pts Fish breathe by filtering water through these organs and extracting the oxygen.
- 20 Pts Old-fashioned corset stays, also called whale bone, weren't bone at all, but baleen, which is found in this part of certain whale species.
- 30 Pts What is the name of the green pigment in plants?
- 40 Pts Quinine, which comes from the bark of the cinchona tree, was the first effective treatment for this mosquito-borne infectious disease.
- 50 Pts This fast-growing plant is the largest member of the grass family — and the main food of the giant panda.

LADIES

- 10 Pts Michelle Robinson and Laura Welch each grew up to be known as FLOTUS. What is that?
- 20 Pts This movie musical, based on George Bernard Shaw's play *Pygmalion*, starred Rex Harrison and Audrey Hepburn.
- 30 Pts This "girly" drink is usually made with gin, applejack, grenadine, lemon, and an egg white.
- 40 Pts These small sponge cakes are often soaked in syrup and used in making desserts such as trifles, charlottes, and tiramisu.
- 50 Pts This D.H. Lawrence novel about a working-class man and an aristocratic woman created a scandal when it was published in 1928.

K ON THE MAP

- 10 Pts This US state is best known for horses, bourbon, and bluegrass music.
- 20 Pts This second-largest city in Poland was the hometown of the first Polish Pope, John Paul II (Karol Jozef Wojtyla).
- 30 Pts The first Gulf War started when Iraq, under Saddam Hussein, invaded this oil-rich country.
- 40 Pts Much in the news since 9/11/2001, this city is the capital of Afghanistan.
- 50 Pts Located in Tanzania, this is the highest mountain in Africa.

SAME LAST NAME

- 10 Pts Diane, Michael, Buster
- 20 Pts Michael, Dudley, Demi
- 30 Pts Cindy, Joan, Broderick
- 40 Pts Martha, James, Rod
- 50 Pts Jennifer, Mario, George

US GEOGRAPHY

- 10 Pts This North Carolina town is world famous as the location where the Wright brothers made the first controlled powered airplane flight in 1903.
- 20 Pts Which two US states share no borders with another state?
- 30 Pts This Ohio city made national news in 1970 when National Guardsmen went on to a college campus located there to deal with anti-Vietnam War protests, and ended up killing four students.
- 40 Pts This is the only US state with a one-syllable name.
- 50 Pts What is the largest state (in total area) east of the Mississippi River?

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ANSWERS

BIOLOGY HODGEPODGE

- 10 Pts Gills
- 20 Pts The mouth. Baleen, which is made of keratin (the same substance found in human fingernails and hair), act like bristles that filter the whale's food from the water.
- 30 Pts Chlorophyll
- 40 Pts Malaria
- 50 Pts Bamboo

LADIES

- 10 Pts First Lady of the United States
- 20 Pts *My Fair Lady*
- 30 Pts Pink Lady
- 40 Pts Ladyfingers
- 50 Pts *Lady Chatterley's Lover*

K ON THE MAP

- 10 Pts Kentucky
- 20 Pts Krakow
- 30 Pts Kuwait
- 40 Pts Kabul
- 50 Pts Kilimanjaro

SAME LAST NAME

- 10 Pts Keaton
- 20 Pts Moore
- 30 Pts Crawford
- 40 Pts Stewart
- 50 Pts Lopez

US GEOGRAPHY

- 10 Pts Kitty Hawk
- 20 Pts Alaska and Hawaii
- 30 Pts Kent
- 40 Pts Maine
- 50 Pts Michigan (followed closely by Florida and Georgia)