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# Weekly Trivia Quiz

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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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## BUSINESS HISTORY

- 10 Pts College dropouts Bill Gates and Paul Allen started this company in Albuquerque in 1975, but moved its home to Bellevue, Washington four years later.
- 20 Pts In 1957, Ford Motors paid for a CBS-TV special starring “A-Listers” Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, and Bob Hope, just to launch this car model. Barely two years later, the model was discontinued.
- 30 Pts In 1916, Polish-Jewish immigrants Mr. and Mrs. Handwerker spent their \$300 life savings to open their first restaurant at the corner of Surf and Stillwell Avenues in the Coney Island neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. Can you identify this famous business, that was named after Mr. Handwerker?
- 40 Pts In May, 1904, two young British engineers (Charles and Henry), met at the Royal Automobile Club. Six months later, they formed this company, one of the earliest auto manufacturers.
- 50 Pts This ubiquitous business, which got its start in Seattle in 1971, was named after the first mate in the novel *Moby-Dick*.

## The MIDWEST

- 10 Pts What two cities make up Minnesota’s Twin Cities?
- 20 Pts This controversial labor leader, missing since 1975, was born in 1913 in Brazil, Indiana. At eleven, his family moved to Detroit, where he lived for the rest of his life.
- 30 Pts Famous sons of this quintessentially Midwestern state include Fred Astaire, Henry Fonda, and Johnny Carson.
- 40 Pts Only in the Midwest can you travel through three contiguous states that begin with the same first letter. What are they?
- 50 Pts With a population of nearly three million, Chicago is by far the most populous city in the America Midwest. Other than Chicago, can you name four of the ten most populous Midwestern cities?

## IDIOMS

- 10 Pts You can tighten this article of clothing ... or you can get hit below it.
- 20 Pts You can keep a straight one of these ... or you can fall flat on it.
- 30 Pts You can go forward with this kind of light ... or you can garden with this kind of thumb.
- 40 Pts You can find one of these in a hat ... or on a hot tin roof.
- 50 Pts You can have blood on this ... or a bird in this.

## **BOSTON**

- 10 Pts Because Puritan women didn't cook on the Sabbath, they often baked this staple dish the night before, earning Boston one of its most recognizable nicknames.
- 20 Pts From Boston Common to the Bunker Hill Monument, this 2.5 mile-long walking path passes by or through at least 16 locations that are significant to the history of the United States.
- 30 Pts This ensemble cast TV show from the 1980s was set not in one of Boston's world famous, first-class hospitals, but rather in a fictional, run-down hospital called St. Eligius.
- 40 Pts On April 18, 1775, the sexton of Boston's North Church climbed up to the steeple to send a "code of lights" to colonial Patriots letting know which route British soldiers were planning to take from Boston into the surrounding countryside. According to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's 1860 poem, "Paul Revere's Ride," what was that famous eight-word code?
- 50 Pts This coach, always with a cigar in the corner of his mouth, led the Boston Celtics to eight NBA championships from 1959 to 1966.

## **WHERE ARE YOU?**

- 10 Pts Where would you be if you attended a Nobel Prize in Physics ceremony?
- 20 Pts Where would you be if you visited the Acropolis?
- 30 Pts Where would you be if you went to see Stonehenge?
- 40 Pts Where would you be if you entered the Forbidden City?
- 50 Pts Where would you be if you visited the Hagia Sophia?

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## ANSWERS

### BUSINESS HISTORY

- 10 Pts Microsoft
- 20 Pts The Edsel
- 30 Pts Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs
- 40 Pts Rolls-Royce (Charles Rolls and Henry Royce)
- 50 Pts Starbucks

### The MIDWEST

- 10 Pts Minneapolis and St. Paul
- 20 Pts Jimmy Hoffa
- 30 Pts Nebraska
- 40 Pts Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa (going from east to west)
- 50 Pts Columbus, OH; Indianapolis, IN; Detroit, MI; Milwaukee, WI; Kansas City, MO; Omaha, NE; Minneapolis, MN; Wichita, KS; Cleveland, OH. (Note: St. Louis, MO; Lincoln, NE; Toledo, OH; and Madison, WI follow the top ten.)

### IDIOMS

- 10 Pts Belt
- 20 Pts Your face
- 30 Pts Green
- 40 Pts Cat
- 50 Pts Your hand(s)

### BOSTON

- 10 Pts Beans (Beantown)
- 20 Pts The Freedom Trail
- 30 Pts *St. Elsewhere*
- 40 Pts "One if by land, two if by sea" (referring to the number of lights to be lit)
- 50 Pts Red Auerbach

### WHERE ARE YOU?

- 10 Pts Stockholm, Sweden. (Nobel Prizes in Physics, Chemistry, Medicine and Literature are all awarded in Stockholm; the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded in Oslo, Norway.)
- 20 Pts Athens, Greece
- 30 Pts England (to be precise, on Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire, roughly two hours southwest of London)
- 40 Pts Beijing, China
- 50 Pts Istanbul, Turkey