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# Last Week's News

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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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1. What announcement was made by President Joe Biden and Donald Trump last week?
2. Which global leader met with Russian president Vladimir Putin last week?
3. This British leader's first official portrait has elicited strong reactions, some calling it "satanic" because much of the image is bathed in reds.
4. The testimony of Stormy Daniels largely took up the previous week in Donald Trump's hush money trial. Who was the key witness last week?
5. What much beloved comedian was booed before giving the commencement speech at Duke University?
6. What miniature breed of dog won the Westminster Dog Show last week?
7. For the second year in a row, several of this species of marine animal gathered and worked cooperatively to sink a ship near the Strait of Gibraltar.
8. During a week with unusually high temperatures, which state's governor signed a bill that would ban offshore wind energy and scrub the words "climate change" from most of the state's laws?
9. Last week a parade of Republicans visited the Manhattan Criminal Court Building to support former president Donald Trump in his hush money trial. Can you name any three of these individuals who sat in the courtroom? Note: the men in the group chose to dress alike, with blue suits, white shirts and red ties.
10. The prime minister of which country was shot last week in an assassination attempt?
11. Can you name the Canadian writer and Nobel laureate who died last week at age 90? Her short stories, mostly focusing on women at different stages of their lives, were often set in her home region of southwestern Ontario.
12. The federal corruption trial for this Democratic New Jersey senator, over charges that he and his wife accepted bribes in exchange for political favors, began last week in Manhattan.
13. Last week, the US completed building a \$320 million floating pier anchored near this Middle East territory to support the delivery and distribution of humanitarian aid.
14. This sports icon said he regrets taking part in a raunchy and distasteful roast on Netflix last week because he didn't like the negative affect it had on his kids.
15. Who did Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito blame for putting up a "Stop the Steal" symbolic flag on his property not long after the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection?

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## ANSWERS

1. They will have two debates. The first will occur in June on CNN.
2. Chinese leader Xi Jinping met with Putin in Beijing, raising concerns among the global community about the two countries becoming closer in the face of Western sanctions.
3. King Charles III. For those who haven't seen it, a picture of the portrait is on the next page.
4. Michael Cohen, Donald Trump's former lawyer and "fixer"
5. Jerry Seinfeld, a Jewish comedian who has been outspoken about his support for Israel after the Hamas attack last October. Some of the students grouped together to carry a large Palestinian flag as they exited the football field where the ceremony was being held.
6. Poodle
7. Orcas, also known as Killer Whales
8. Florida's Governor Ron DeSantis, despite the fact that Florida, which is surrounded by warming waters, has been called "ground zero for climate disasters."
9. House Speaker Mike Johnson; Representatives Lauren Boebert, Matt Gaetz, Andy Biggs, Mike Waltz, Eli Crane, Andy Ogles, Anna Paulina Luna, Ralph Norman, and Bob Good; Vivek Ramaswamy; Eric and Lara Trump; Florida Senator Rick Scott; North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum; Ohio Senator J. D. Vance; Alabama Senator Tommy Tuberville; and the Attorneys General of Alabama and Iowa.
10. Prime Minister of Slovakia, Robert Fico
11. Alice Munro
12. Bob Menendez
13. Gaza
14. Tom Brady
15. Alito blamed his wife, who, Alito claims, put up the insurrection-supporting flag after a neighbor displayed some objectionable political yard signs.

