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Last Week's News

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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QUESTIONS

1. Last week, this country elected its first woman president.
2. Where did President Joe Biden commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day last week?
3. Can you name the two basketball teams that are playing in the NBA finals, which began last week?
4. The president's son, Hunter Biden, went on trial last week in Delaware on which felony charge?
5. This 93-year-old founder of Fox News married 67-year-old retired molecular biologist Elena Zhukova last week.
6. Why did Major League Baseball issue a lifetime ban against San Diego Padres infielder Tucupita Marcano?
7. To whom did Maryland Representative Jamie Raskin apologize in a House of Representatives hearing saying "some of my colleagues ... seem to want to drag your name through the mud. They're treating you like a convicted felon."
8. Why did Speaker of the House Mike Johnson appoint two controversial Republicans to the very sensitive House Intelligence Committee: Representative Scott Perry of Pennsylvania, a central figure in efforts in the effort to overturn Trump's 2020 election loss; and Representative Ronny Jackson of Texas, Trump's White House physician who lost his job because of "inappropriate behavior."
9. According to data released by the watchdog group Fix the Court, Supreme Court Justices have received nearly \$5 million in gifts over the last 20 years, and this justice accounts for nearly all of it.

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ANSWERS

1. Mexico elected Claudia Sheinbaum, who is not only the first woman president of Mexico, but also its first Jewish president. She is a climate scientist and former mayor of Mexico City.
2. Normandy, France, the site of the famous military landings, which laid the foundations for defeating Nazi Germany.
3. The Dallas Mavericks and the Boston Celtics
4. Biden was charged with lying about his drug use in 2018 to illegally obtain a handgun. (Later this year, he will also face trial on tax evasion.)
5. Rupert Murdoch
6. An investigation found that Marcano was betting on baseball. In 2022 and 2023, while he was on the roster for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Marcano placed 387 bets amounting to more than \$150,000.
7. Raskin apologized to Dr. Anthony Fauci because of the rude and disrespectful behavior of Representatives including Marjorie Taylor Greene and Matt Gaetz.
8. Trump asked Johnson to appoint Perry and Jackson.
9. Clarence Thomas, who received 193 gifts worth more than \$4 million.