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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. After years of exile and prison, Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, left the UK last week and went to the US territory of the Northern Mariana Islands where he pleaded guilty to a single count of conspiring to obtain and disclose information related to the defense of the United States. He was sentenced to time served. Where is Assange headed to now?
2. Two weeks ago, it was social media. Last week, what did US Surgeon General declare as an urgent public health crisis?
3. The first 2024 Presidential Debate occurred last week. In what city was it held? And who were the moderators?
4. A growing list of US school districts are moving to ban which item from classrooms?
5. More than 1,300 people died while attending this major yearly event in Saudi Arabia as temperatures soared well over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
6. This Florida hockey team beat the Edmonton Oilers last week to win their first Stanley Cup since the franchise began in 1993.
7. A bankruptcy court is planning to liquidate this media platform owned by conspiracy theorist Alex Jones. Jones owes \$1.5 billion from defamation suits for repeatedly calling the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting a hoax.
8. Which western hemisphere island country issued a plea for help to other countries to help deal with gang violence?
9. Which South American country's military rammed the presidential palace entrance last week in what appeared to be an attempted coup by a general.
10. With the draft of this young point guard from the USC Trojans to the Los Angeles Lakers, this father and son pair will both be playing on the same team at the same time, a first in NBA history.

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ANSWERS

1. Assange has returned to his homeland of Australia as a free man.
2. Gun violence
3. The debate was held at the CNN Studios in Atlanta and the moderators were CNN anchors Dana Bash and Jake Tapper.
4. Cell phones
5. The Hajj
6. Florida Panthers
7. Infowars
8. Haiti welcomed 400 Kenyan officers to help try to restore peace in the gang-plagued nation. Oddly, the soldiers arrived in Haiti on the same day that violence broke out in Kenya over tax increases.
9. Bolivia. The general was arrested.
10. LeBron "Bronny" James, Jr. will be playing with his dad.