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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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LAND OF LINCOLN

- 10 Pts What state's nickname, often appearing on license plates, is the Land of Lincoln?
- 20 Pts Once the busiest commercial airport in the world, this Illinois airport has dropped to #9.
- 30 Pts Abraham Lincoln's home (in the 1840s and 1850s) still stands at Eighth and Jackson in this Illinois capital city.
- 40 Pts Elected in 2002, in 2009 he became the first Illinois governor to be impeached – he tried to sell President-elect Barack Obama's senate seat.
- 50 Pts Although pronounced differently, the southernmost city in Illinois shares its name with one of the largest (and one of the most northern) cities in Africa.

BUCKEYE STATE

- 10 Pts What state is also known as the Buckeye State?
- 20 Pts This largest city in Ohio is also the capital city.
- 30 Pts After his retirement from NASA, this first American to orbit the earth was elected as Ohio's US senator, serving from 1974 to 1999.
- 40 Pts Born in Cincinnati, his family moved to Savannah, Georgia when he was nine years old. His business achievements include the founding of CNN, ownership of the Atlanta Hawks, and ownership of the Atlanta Braves.
- 50 Pts Thanks to these native sons and aviation pioneers, Dayton, Ohio is known as the "birthplace of aviation."

EMPIRE STATE

- 10 Pts What state is nicknamed the Empire State?
- 20 Pts In the mid-20th century, summer resorts in this mountain area (a subrange of the Appalachian Mountains), became a major vacation destination for Jewish New Yorkers, earning the nickname "The Borscht Belt."
- 30 Pts See if you can name the two Ivy League universities that are located in New York – one is upstate in Ithaca and the other is in Manhattan.
- 40 Pts Said to be the oldest *state* park in the US, this one on the Canadian border is centered on a natural wonder formed roughly 12,000 years ago.
- 50 Pts Four of New York City's five boroughs (and nearly 60% of the state's entire population) are situated on these three islands.

OLD DOMINION

- 10 Pts What southern state was nicknamed Old Dominion by King Charles II because he perceived it to be loyal to the crown during the English civil war of the mid-1600s?
- 20 Pts Established on May 4, 1607, this was the first permanent English settlement in the Americas.
- 30 Pts Name the three presidents whose Virginia homes were Mount Vernon, Monticello, and Montpelier.
- 40 Pts The state of Virginia was named in honor of this monarch, who was known as “The Virgin Queen.”
- 50 Pts Virginia is part of the Delmarva peninsula, which is shared with these two other states.

EVERGREEN STATE

- 10 Pts What Pacific northwest state’s nickname, the Evergreen State, appears on its current license plates?
- 20 Pts This is the highest mountain in Washington – and the most dangerous, due to the high probability of its erupting in the near future and its proximity to a major urban area. (Seattle is only about 60 miles to the north).
- 30 Pts Until 1853, Washington was part of this territory, which bore the name of the state directly to the south.
- 40 Pts Jeff Bezos chose the Seattle area in the early 1990s to start this company, by far the largest private employer in Washington state.
- 50 Pts A treaty in 1846 set Washington’s northern boundary at the 49th parallel – but Britain kept possession of this island, which is actually located south of that demarcation line.

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ANSWERS

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- 10 Pts Illinois
- 20 Pts O'Hare International Airport
- 30 Pts Springfield
- 40 Pts Rod Blagojevich. After serving eight years in prison, Blagojevich's sentence was commuted by President Donald Trump.
- 50 Pts Cairo (KAY-ro in Illinois; KYE-ro in Egypt)

BUCKEYE STATE

- 10 Pts Ohio
- 20 Pts Columbus
- 30 Pts John Glenn
- 40 Pts Ted Turner
- 50 Pts The Wright Brothers (Wilbur and Orville)

EMPIRE STATE

- 10 Pts New York
- 20 Pts The Catskills
- 30 Pts Cornell University (Ithaca) and Columbia University (Manhattan)
- 40 Pts Niagara Falls
- 50 Pts Manhattan Island, Staten Island, and Long Island

OLD DOMINION

- 10 Pts Virginia
- 20 Pts Jamestown. It was also in Jamestown where, in 1619, slavery was first introduced into the future United States.
- 30 Pts George Washington (Mount Vernon); Thomas Jefferson (Monticello); and James Madison (Montpelier)
- 40 Pts Elizabeth I of England
- 50 Pts Delaware and Maryland

EVERGREEN STATE

- 10 Pts Washington
- 20 Pts Mount Rainier
- 30 Pts The Oregon Territory
- 40 Pts Amazon.com
- 50 Pts Vancouver