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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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QUESTIONS

LARGEST CITY (BY POPULATION) OR CAPITAL?

- 10 Pts Of Sydney and Canberra, which is the largest city, and which is the capital of Australia?
- 20 Pts Of Mumbai and New Delhi, which is the largest city, and which is the capital of India?
- 30 Pts Of Ottawa and Toronto, which is the largest city, and which is the capital of Canada?
- 40 Pts Of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, which is the largest city, and which is the capital?
- 50 Pts Of Islamabad and Karachi, which is the largest city, and which is the capital of Pakistan?

WHICH CAME FIRST?

- 10 Pts US Presidents: Ronald Reagan or Jimmy Carter?
- 20 Pts Business Products: Princess telephone or Ford Mustang?
- 30 Pts Social Network Websites: Facebook or Twitter?
- 40 Pts Movies: *Rosemary's Baby* or *The Exorcist*?
- 50 Pts World History: Construction of the Berlin Wall or the Cuban Revolution?

THE LAST GOODBYE

- 10 Pts This 15th-century explorer died in Spain, and his tomb was built in Seville; but historians are uncertain whether his remains were actually buried in Spain, in the Dominican Republic ... or in both places.
- 20 Pts His tomb in Los Angeles' Forest Lawn Cemetery is situated between two candelabra-shaped trees.
- 30 Pts It is fitting that this Founding Father and first treasurer of the United States is buried on the corner of Wall St. and Broadway in New York's Trinity Church Cemetery.
- 40 Pts The ashes of the late physicist Stephen Hawking are buried here, near the remains of Sir Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin.
- 50 Pts This US president is buried in the same town where he was born — Yorba Linda, California.

MOVIE DIRECTORS, BY FILMS

- 10 Pts *Spellbound* (1945); *Vertigo* (1958); *The Birds* (1963)
- 20 Pts *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town* (1936); *It Happened One Night* (1939); *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946)
- 30 Pts *M*A*S*H* (1970); *McCabe and Mrs. Miller* (1971); *Nashville* (1975)
- 40 Pts *Splash* (1984); *Cocoon* (1985); *Apollo 13* (1995)
- 50 Pts *The Bridge on the River Kwai* (1957); *Lawrence of Arabia* (1962); *Doctor Zhivago* (1965)

INVENT THIS

- 10 Pts His nickname, "The Wizard of Menlo Park," came from the location of his New Jersey laboratory.
- 20 Pts This British author of classic children's literature invented many new words, such as *mimsy* (a combination of miserable and flimsy); *chortle* (a combination of chuckle and snort); and *jabberwocky*, which came to mean "nonsensical speech or writing."
- 30 Pts Philadelphia pharmacist and Quaker Charles Hires invented this beverage in the late 1800s as an alternative to alcohol.
- 40 Pts Only ten of these machines were built in 1954, and among the original purchasers was the Boston Bruins hockey team.
- 50 Pts According to Voltaire, the 18th century French philosopher, "If _____ did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him."

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ANSWERS

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- 10 Pts Sydney is the largest city; Canberra is the capital.
- 20 Pts Mumbai is the largest city; New Delhi is the capital.
- 30 Pts Ottawa is the capital; Toronto is the largest city.
- 40 Pts Hanoi is the capital; Ho Chi Minh City is the largest city.
- 50 Pts Islamabad is the capital; Karachi is the largest city.

WHICH CAME FIRST?

- 10 Pts Jimmy Carter (1977-1981); Ronald Reagan (1981-1989)
- 20 Pts Princess telephone (1959); Ford Mustang (1964)
- 30 Pts Facebook (2004); Twitter (2006)
- 40 Pts *Rosemary's Baby* (1968); *The Exorcist* (1973)
- 50 Pts Cuban Revolution (1959); Construction of the Berlin Wall (1961)

THE LAST GOODBYE

- 10 Pts Christopher Columbus
- 20 Pts Liberace
- 30 Pts Alexander Hamilton
- 40 Pts Westminster Abbey
- 50 Pts Richard Nixon

MOVIE DIRECTORS, BY FILMS

- 10 Pts Alfred Hitchcock
- 20 Pts Frank Capra
- 30 Pts Robert Altman
- 40 Pts Ron Howard
- 50 Pts David Lean

INVENT THIS

- 10 Pts Thomas Edison
- 20 Pts Lewis Carroll
- 30 Pts Root Beer
- 40 Pts Zamboni
- 50 Pts God