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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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FIVE-SYLLABLE WORDS

- 10 Pts A lunchroom, commissary, or canteen.
- 20 Pts Condensation is the process by which a gas converts to a liquid. What is the name of the process by which a liquid converts to a gas?
- 30 Pts The lines of a standard plus signs are not parallel, but this.
- 40 Pts The no-longer-used genus Pachyderm (which means “thick-skinned”) used to include elephants and this African river dweller.
- 50 Pts Originally, this wasn’t a basket, but a hollow goat’s horn with fruits and vegetables spilling out.

CHEMISTRY

- 10 Pts What is the chemical formula for water?
- 20 Pts Chemists use this spinning machine to separate solids and liquids, or liquids from heavier liquids.
- 30 Pts In 1803, English chemist John Dalton said that all elements are made up of small particles he called these—the same word we use today.
- 40 Pts This illegal stimulant is the main alkaloid derived from coca leaves.
- 50 Pts Each letter in the word “OUCH” is a symbol for an element. Can you name all four?

20th CENTURY WOMEN

- 10 Pts This folk singer and anti-war activist got the nickname “The Queen of Protest” in the 1960s.
- 20 Pts This future First Lady was born Anne Frances Robbins. She was adopted by her stepfather, Loyal Davis, when she was 14.
- 30 Pts She was the first woman Secretary of State of the United States.
- 40 Pts After the death in 1946 of her photographer husband, Alfred Stieglitz, this artist lived and painted in Ghost Ranch, New Mexico for the next forty years.
- 50 Pts This legendary film critic’s books include *I Lost It At The Movies* and *5001 Nights At The Movies*.

HATS

- 10 Pts This type of hat actually holds only about six quarts.
- 20 Pts Few people who were alive in the 1960s can forget this style of hat made popular by Jackie Kennedy.
- 30 Pts Many historians believe that this type of wool, commonly used in hats for both men and women, was the first wool fabric.
- 40 Pts British-born Stan Laurel called this close-fitting hat he often wore a “bowler.” Americans call it by this name.
- 50 Pts This type of hat, originally used for hunting, is so closely associated with Sherlock Holmes that detectives are often drawn wearing one.

FAMOUS QUOTES

- 10 Pts Bob Fitzsimmons, a boxer, knew what he was talking about when he said: "The bigger they are ..." How does that Fitzsimmons quote end?
- 20 Pts Irish statesman Edmund Burke is often credited with the quote: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do ..." What?
- 30 Pts Alexandre Dumas originally wrote this famous quote as "Tous pour un, un pour tous."
- 40 Pts It was Napoleon who said that this "was one step away from the sublime."
- 50 Pts According to the Dutch Jewish philosopher Baruch Spinoza, "Nature abhors ..." What?

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ANSWERS

FIVE-SYLLABLE WORDS

- 10 Pts Cafeteria
- 20 Pts Evaporation
- 30 Pts Perpendicular
- 40 Pts Hippopotamus
- 50 Pts Cornucopia

CHEMISTRY

- 10 Pts H₂O
- 20 Pts Centrifuge
- 30 Pts Atoms
- 40 Pts Cocaine
- 50 Pts Oxygen, Uranium, Carbon, Hydrogen

20th CENTURY WOMEN

- 10 Pts Joan Baez
- 20 Pts Nancy Reagan
- 30 Pts Madeleine Albright
- 40 Pts Georgia O'Keefe
- 50 Pts Pauline Kael

HATS

- 10 Pts A ten-gallon hat
- 20 Pts Pillbox
- 30 Pts Felt
- 40 Pts Derby
- 50 Pts Deerstalker

FAMOUS QUOTES

- 10 Pts "... the harder they fall."
- 20 Pts Nothing.
- 30 Pts "All for one, one for all."
- 40 Pts The ridiculous
- 50 Pts A vacuum