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# Weekly Trivia Quiz

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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

### PLANT IDIOMS

- 10 Pts Pushing up \_\_\_\_\_.
- 20 Pts A shrinking \_\_\_\_\_.
- 30 Pts An \_\_\_\_\_ branch.
- 40 Pts Gild the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 50 Pts \_\_\_\_\_ roots.

### WHAT'S THEIR LAST NAME?

- 10 Pts Bruce, Harper, Gypsy Rose
- 20 Pts Jefferson, Miles, Sammy
- 30 Pts Vanessa, Robin, Andy
- 40 Pts Mary, Steve, Dean
- 50 Pts Anita, Faith, Benny

### BOSTON BLANK

- 10 Pts The Boston \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest newspaper in New England.
- 20 Pts The Boston \_\_\_\_\_ starts in the town of Hopkington, about 26 miles southwest of Boston.
- 30 Pts In 1773, the Boston \_\_\_\_\_ resulted in the Intolerable Acts, a series of laws passed in Britain that were designed to punish Boston and take away Massachusetts' right to self-government.
- 40 Pts Boston \_\_\_\_\_ (a term coined by Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.) were members of the wealthy elite core of Boston.
- 50 Pts The Boston \_\_\_\_\_ died in 1973 at age 42. He was stabbed by a fellow inmate while he was in the infirmary at a maximum security prison in Walpole, Massachusetts.

### **HOLIDAYS & OBSERVANCE DAYS**

- 10 Pts On the second weekend in May, this country observes National Windmill Day.
- 20 Pts In Pamplona, Spain, the annual Fiesta de San Fermin is celebrated with this event, in which 50 to 100 people are injured each year.
- 30 Pts In 1999, New Hampshire was the last US state to make this January day a paid state holiday.
- 40 Pts Surprisingly, Congress made this an official holiday in 1938, though it marks an event that occurred 162 years earlier.
- 50 Pts Eid ul-Fitr (EED AL FIT•ter) marks the end of this month of fasting for Muslims.

### **ZERO**

- 10 Pts This American actor is widely associated with the role of Tevye in Broadway's Fiddler on the Roof—although he didn't get the role in the 1971 movie.
- 20 Pts Originally, this term was used for the spot where a nuclear bomb exploded. Today, it often refers to a place where something, usually awful, has happened.
- 30 Pts Weightlessness, as NASA might express it.
- 40 Pts This is the lowest temperature that is theoretically possible.
- 50 Pts In the 1960s, this term was coined to describe a system in which the number of babies born is limited to only the number needed to replace the existing people.

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## ANSWERS

### PLANT IDIOMS

- 10 Pts Daisies
- 20 Pts Violet
- 30 Pts Olive
- 40 Pts Lily
- 50 Pts Grass

### WHAT'S THEIR LAST NAME?

- 10 Pts Lee
- 20 Pts Davis
- 30 Pts Williams
- 40 Pts Martin
- 50 Pts Hill

### BOSTON BLANK

- 10 Pts Globe
- 20 Pts Marathon
- 30 Pts Tea Party
- 40 Pts Brahmins. The term "Brahmin" refers to the highest-ranking caste of people in the traditional caste system of India.
- 50 Pts Strangler. Albert DeSalvo, known as The Boston Stranger, confessed to the murder of 13 women in the Boston area between 1962 and 1964.

### HOLIDAYS & OBSERVANCE DAYS

- 10 Pts The Netherlands (Holland)
- 20 Pts The Running of the Bulls.
- 30 Pts Martin Luther King Day
- 40 Pts Independence Day, which commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.
- 50 Pts Ramadan

### ZERO

- 10 Pts Zero Mostel. Israeli actor Chaim Topol, known just as "Topol," was nominated for an Academy Award for his role as Tevye in the film.
- 20 Pts Ground Zero
- 30 Pts Zero Gravity
- 40 Pts Absolute Zero
- 50 Pts Zero Population Growth (ZPG)