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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

19th-CENTURY WORLD HISTORY

- 10 Pts Of the three best known French automakers, two were founded in the 19th century. Can you name one of them? (Hint: It wasn't Citroën, which was founded in the 20th century (1919).
- 20 Pts In 1869, construction of the Suez Canal in this country was completed.
- 30 Pts *The Communist Manifesto* by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels was written in German, but first published in this country in 1848.
- 40 Pts In 1846, for the first time in history, anesthesia was successfully used for a medical procedure. Diethyl ether was demonstrated by dentist William Morton in what country?
- 50 Pts In 1898, Britain leased this Asian territory from China, and returned it when the lease was up in 1997.

GEOGRAPHY

- 10 Pts Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in this European range that stretches from France to Austria.
- 20 Pts The name of the second-largest city in this country is Cork, which comes from the word *corcach*, meaning "marsh."
- 30 Pts This is the third-longest river in India, and the most sacred to the Hindus.
- 40 Pts In the Book of Genesis, this is called the "Salt Sea" because its salinity is roughly four times that of ocean water.
- 50 Pts Three of the world's ten largest islands are located in the Arctic Circle and belong to this country.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR

- 10 Pts This part of speech is a person, place, or thing.
- 20 Pts What is the superlative form of good?
- 30 Pts What is the adverb in the phrase, "Think fast, my friend"?
- 40 Pts Most verbs in English have four forms. "To walk," for example, has *walk*, *walked*, *walking*, *walks*. The verb "to be" has eight forms; can you name five of them?
- 50 Pts What common grammatical error is evidenced in the phrase "to boldly go where no one has gone before"?

BASIC SCIENCE

- 10 Pts If you think about it, you can probably figure out that this group of large, hairy spiders got its name from a spider species found in the area around Taranto, Italy.
- 20 Pts This is the basic unit of heredity.
- 30 Pts Oxygen makes up only 21% of our atmosphere; 79% consists of this element. (The remaining 1% is argon and trace amounts of other gases.)
- 40 Pts Before he rocked the scientific world with *The Origin of Species*, Charles Darwin wrote a book about these crustaceans that often attach themselves to the bottom of boats or whales.
- 50 Pts What is the more common name for the compound represented as NaCl, which is one atom of sodium (Na) and one atom of Chloride (Cl)?

GEOMETRY

- 10 Pts What is the name of an eight-sided shape?
- 20 Pts What is the term for two side-by-side lines that never meet?
- 30 Pts This Japanese art of paper folding is sometimes used to teach kids about solid geometry.
- 40 Pts What is the sum of all the interior angles of a rectangle?
- 50 Pts This is the term for a straight line drawn from the center of a circle to the circumference. (It's also the name of the shorter bone in the human forearm.)

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ANSWERS

19th-CENTURY WORLD HISTORY

- 10 Pts Peugeot was founded in 1810, but didn't start making cars until 1882. Renault was founded in 1898. Both are still making cars today.
- 20 Pts Egypt
- 30 Pts England
- 40 Pts The United States. Ether was successfully demonstrated at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.
- 50 Pts Hong Kong

GEOGRAPHY

- 10 Pts The Alps
- 20 Pts Ireland
- 30 Pts The Ganges
- 40 Pts The Dead Sea
- 50 Pts Canada. The three islands are Baffin, Ellesmere, and Victoria.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR

- 10 Pts Noun
- 20 Pts Best
- 30 Pts Fast
- 40 Pts Am, are, is, was, were, be, being, been
- 50 Pts "To boldly go" is a split infinitive. It should be "to go boldly."

BASIC SCIENCE

- 10 Pts Tarantula
- 20 Pts Gene
- 30 Pts Nitrogen
- 40 Pts Barnacles
- 50 Pts Salt. (Other correct answers would be table salt, halite, rock salt, and sea salt.)

GEOMETRY

- 10 Pts Octagon
- 20 Pts Parallel
- 30 Pts Origami
- 40 Pts 360 degrees. Each corner is a 90-degree right triangle, so the four corners add up to 360 degrees.
- 50 Pts Radius