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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

ANIMALS

- 10 Pts The ancient Romans called this African mammal a “tiger horse.”
- 20 Pts This is the only mammal that can fly.
- 30 Pts The paws of these Arctic denizens are 12-inches wide, which helps them grip the ice.
- 40 Pts Newborn calves of this largest animal on earth can measure nearly 30 feet long and weigh around three tons.
- 50 Pts Kangaroos, koalas, and opossum are members of this group of mammals.

VEGETABLES

- 10 Pts This vegetable, which in the US is grown almost exclusively in California, has a crown and a heart.
- 20 Pts This legume is the main ingredient in falafel and hummus.
- 30 Pts This root vegetable has been described as “an anemic carrot.”
- 40 Pts Dishes made in the Florentine style, such as Eggs Florentine, are prepared with this vegetable.
- 50 Pts This native Mexican vegetable is the key ingredient that makes salsa verde green.

MINERALS

- 10 Pts Beryl is a large family of minerals that includes aquamarine and this clear green gemstone.
- 20 Pts Scientists generally agree that in the developed world, the cardiovascular risks associated with this mineral supplement are greater than any benefit to bone health.
- 30 Pts The first watch to use this mineral to keep time was introduced by the Swiss company Bulova in 1969.
- 40 Pts This mineral, whose name comes from the Greek for “to write,” is mixed with clay to form the central core of pencils. (*Hint: It's NOT lead.*)
- 50 Pts The sands of New Mexico's White Sands National Monument consist chiefly of this mineral that is key to making plaster and drywall.

IS IT ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, OR MINERAL?

10 Pts Kudzu (CUD•zoo)

20 Pts Jicama (HICK•ah•ma)

30 Pts Oryx (OR•ix)

40 Pts Spinel (spin•EL)

50 Pts Ptarmigan (TAR•mug•in)

MOVIES BY KEY CHARACTERS

10 Pts George Bailey, Clarence Oddbody, Mr. Potter

20 Pts Randle McMurphy, Nurse Ratched, Billy Bibbit, “Chief” Bromden

30 Pts Chief Martin Brody, Quint, Matt Hooper

40 Pts C. K. Dexter Haven, Tracy Lord, Mike Connor, George Kittredge

50 Pts Martha, George, Nick, Honey

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ANSWERS

ANIMALS

- 10 Pts Zebra
- 20 Pts The bat
- 30 Pts Polar bears
- 40 Pts The blue whale
- 50 Pts Marsupials

VEGETABLES

- 10 Pts Artichoke
- 20 Pts Chickpea (garbanzo bean)
- 30 Pts Parsnip
- 40 Pts Spinach
- 50 Pts Tomatillos

MINERALS

- 10 Pts Emerald
- 20 Pts Calcium
- 30 Pts Quartz
- 40 Pts Graphite
- 50 Pts Gypsum

IS IT ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, OR MINERAL?

- 10 Pts Vegetable
- 20 Pts Vegetable
- 30 Pts Animal (a type of antelope)
- 40 Pts Mineral
- 50 Pts Animal (a type of bird)

MOVIES BY KEY CHARACTERS

- 10 Pts *It's a Wonderful Life*
- 20 Pts *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
- 30 Pts *Jaws*
- 40 Pts *The Philadelphia Story*
- 50 Pts *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*