

The Weekly News Quiz Game

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ORGANIZATION

1. Two panels, each consisting of five members, compete in a 30-minute session.
2. A moderator reads each question aloud, and may repeat the question to both panels. The first panel member who raises his/her hand is given the opportunity to answer the question. If the answer is incorrect, any member of the opposing panel is given the opportunity to answer.
3. The moderator may be assisted by one or two judges who rule on which panelist raised his/her hand first. In case of ties, neither panel may answer the question and the question is discarded. Judges may also be used in keeping score.

QUESTIONS

1. Questions are worth 5, 10, and 15 points. If the question is answered correctly, the points are added to the answering team's score. **If the question is answered incorrectly, the points are awarded to the opposing team's score.** The opposing team then has the option of answering the missed question. If answered correctly, they receive the point value of the question for a total of two times the regular point value. If the answer was incorrect, they then lose the points awarded when the first team answered incorrectly.
2. Panelists have 10 seconds to answer and only the first answer is accepted. Prior to answering, panelists may not confer or discuss the question.
3. An answer is judged correct if it is analogous to the answer provided.

GAME FORMAT

1. The moderator starts with a 5-point question. Whichever panel member raises his/her hand first may try answering the question. If his/her answer is correct, the team is awarded 5 points and the moderator proceeds with a 10-point question; then, if answered correctly, a 15-point question.
2. Whenever a question has been answered incorrectly or left unanswered, or a 15-point question has been answered correctly, the moderator will start again with a 5-point question.
3. If the same panel answers three questions in a row correctly for 5, 10, then 15 points, that team is awarded a 15-point bonus.
4. The *Quiz Game* proceeds for a fixed time period, generally 30-minutes, and the panel accumulating the most points is declared the winner.
5. The moderator may modify the rules to fit the particular situation, i.e., the number of panelists on a team, the 30-minute time limit, or the number of teams competing. Regardless of the organization, it is essential that the *Quiz Game* remains competitive in nature.

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5 POINT QUESTIONS

1. With cheerleaders shouting encouragement, more than 1,000 young Japanese trying to break into the job market recently held a pep rally in what city, the Japanese capital, to highlight what officials say is the bleakest employment outlook that nation has faced in years?
2. Saif al-Islam, the son of what man, was recently captured in the Libyan desert by fighters who vow to hold him until there is a government to which they can hand him over?
3. Name the Former U.S. President, who along with his wife Laura, will travel to Africa in December to raise awareness about cervical and breast cancer, an effort he calls a "natural extension" of a program launched during his presidency that helps fight AIDS on the continent.
4. The President of the University of California system announced plans to assess law enforcement procedures at the universities after images of protesters being doused with what type of spray at one of the system's campuses were made public?
5. A former employee at a historic Connecticut home, once the residence of what author known for penning "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," recently admitted to embezzling more than \$1 million and was sentenced to 3-1/2 years in prison and ordered to pay restitution of and taxes on the stolen funds?
6. Joining the U.S. in putting further pressure on Tehran, Great Britain recently announced that it is imposing financial sanctions against what country, which will cut off all financial ties with that nation's banks?
7. In November 2002, which U.S. President signed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security?
8. Pakistan's ambassador to what country recently resigned just days after the envoy was accused of being behind a controversial memo that lay blame on the Pakistani military of plotting a coup in May?
9. What company recently said that it discontinued its relationship with a McMuffin egg supplier after the Food and Drug Administration found filthy conditions and "unacceptable rodent activity," and an animal rights group exposed cruel treatment of the chickens?

Reference	Answer
	1 Tokyo
	2 Moammar Gadhafi
	3 George W. Bush
	4 Pepper
	5 Mark Twain
	6 Iran
	7 George W. Bush
	8 United States
	9 McDonald's

5 POINT QUESTIONS

10. Name the Italian Prime Minister who recently resigned as a result of his country's debt crisis.

11. Name the entertainer who said that his recent date with a Marine combat instructor to the Marine Corps Ball was "one of the most moving evenings" of his life.

12. On November 25, 1963, the body of President Kennedy was laid to rest at a location marked by the Eternal Flame, located in what U.S. cemetery?

13. In the 1980s, which U.S. President labeled the former Soviet Union the "evil empire?"

14. In what country did voters from evacuation zones in Fukushima recently cast ballots in their first local elections since the March nuclear disaster?

15. Awards honoring those in Broadway theater are commonly known by what name?

16. What non-profit rights group has accused Egypt's rulers of brutality sometimes exceeding that of Former President Hosni Mubarak, saying the hopes of protesters had been "crushed?"

17. In December of 1955, who sparked a citywide bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, that lasted 381 days, until the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that segregation on buses was illegal?

18. What company has agreed to drop a \$1.50 fee that was undisclosed to consumers purchasing bagged coffee in sizes less than one pound, after Massachusetts investigated and fined the coffee chain?

Reference	Answer
	10 Silvio Berlusconi
	11 Justin Timberlake
	12 Arlington National Cemetery
	13 Ronald Reagan
	14 Japan
	15 Tony Awards (Antoinette Perry Awards)
	16 Amnesty International
	17 Rosa Parks
	18 Starbucks

5 POINT QUESTIONS

19. The top American general in what country recently said that al Qaeda and other insurgent groups might seek to step up operations after U.S. forces leave at the end of the year?
20. The 86th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade concluded with an appearance by what traditional iconic figure?
21. What country announced that it is ready to use missiles to protect next year's Summer Olympics from an airborne attack, which would be the first time surface-to-air missiles have been deployed in that nation since the end of World War II?
22. Wildlife managers in which U.S. state have postponed a decision on a controversial proposal to kill wolves in a region south of Anchorage?
23. Officials in what country have unveiled plans to slaughter some 50,000 wild boars that have crossed the border from the U.S. and now threaten agriculture in that nation?
24. What movie, the fourth film in the teen vampire series, recently opened as the top weekend film in U.S. and Canadian theaters, collecting \$138.1 million, making it the fifth-best weekend opening ever?
25. What company, the world's largest soup maker, recently reported a higher-than-expected third quarterly profit?
26. A swelling crowd of tens of thousands filled what landmark Cairo location, answering the call for a million people to turn out and intensify pressure on Egypt's military leaders to hand over power to a civilian government?
27. Name the talk show host who recently broadcasted his final episode of the show he hosted for 28 years.

Reference	Answer
	19 Iraq
	20 Santa Claus
	21 Great Britain
	22 Alaska
	23 Mexico
	24 "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1"
	25 Campbell Soup
	26 Tahrir Square
	27 Regis Philbin

5 POINT QUESTIONS

28. Name the man who recently testified in a \$1 billion antitrust lawsuit filed by the creator of WordPerfect against the company that he co-founded.
29. Which U.S. agency, announcing a net loss of \$5.1 billion for its 2011 year, warned that it could run out of cash by the end of fiscal year 2012 if Congress did not offer relief?
30. What company's shares have continued to drop after it warned of a loss for 2012, a move that prompted several Wall Street analysts to cut their price targets for this online video and DVD rental company, which has lost about two-thirds of its market value since its shares touched a high of nearly \$300 in July?
31. What woman, the daughter of the Secretary of State and a former U.S. President, was recently named a special correspondent for the NBC network?
32. What retailer received six red-and-white shopping bags full of petitions signed by at least 190,000 people to protest stores opening for "Black Friday" sales at midnight, the morning after Thanksgiving, which could interfere with family functions?
33. King Abdullah II recently met with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the King's effort to reconcile with what militant Palestinian group?
34. Name the actress who made a U.S. Marine's YouTube wish come true when she kept her promise to be his date at the Marine Corps Ball in Greenville, North Carolina.
35. The United States is preparing to withdraw members from what program, its own all-volunteer network, from Kazakhstan, ending its 18-year presence in the Central Asian state?
36. The Appalachian Mountains extend through the eastern portion of which U.S. state, giving it its nickname of the "Mountain State?"

Reference	Answer
	28 Bill Gates
	29 Postal Service
	30 Netflix
	31 Chelsea Clinton
	32 Target
	33 Hamas
	34 Mila Kunis
	35 Peace Corps
	36 West Virginia

5 POINT QUESTIONS

37. Name the author of the *Twilight* saga.

38. The International Criminal Court's prosecutor recently said that what country can put Moammar Gadhafi's son and one-time heir apparent on trial, but The Hague court will help and its judges must be involved?

39. The Nasdaq Stock Market is based in what city?

40. What is the name of the introduction to the *U.S. Constitution*, which outlines the reasons for establishing the *U.S. Constitution*?

41. Who was named Entertainer of the Year at the recent American Music Awards?

42. What nation recently launched a spacecraft carrying one American and two of their own cosmonauts on a mission to the International Space Station?

43. Mecca and Medina are the two holiest sites in Islam. These sites are located in what country?

44. Which amendment to the *U.S. Constitution* says, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

45. Beluga whales in the Cook Inlet off the coast of which U.S. state were correctly listed as endangered, a U.S. federal judge recently ruled, rejecting a state lawsuit that claimed the listing will hurt economic development?

Reference	Answer
	37 Stephanie Meyer
	38 Libya
	39 New York City
	40 Preamble
	41 Taylor Swift
	42 Russia
	43 Saudi Arabia
	44 Second
	45 Alaska

10 POINT QUESTIONS

46. The Taliban in what country has declared a cease-fire to encourage peace talks with that nation's government, a move that appears to show the group's willingness to strike a deal?
47. Authorities in which U.S. city recently said that they thwarted a terrorist plot that would have targeted returning military personnel, post offices and police stations with crude pipe bombs?
48. The civilian cabinet in what country submitted its resignation to the country's ruling military council after protests against the country's military leaders escalated into deadly violence?
49. At the time it happened, what was called the "war to end all wars"?
50. A judge recently ruled that what glass structure that was created by church founder Robert Schuller, who conducted services and broadcast his worldwide *Hour of Power* television program from church, will be purchased by the Catholic Church?
51. The U.S. Ambassador to Syria has delayed his return to what city, the Syrian capital, due to the currently volatile situation in the Middle East, but is expected to go back there by the end of the year?
52. Lucas Papademos was sworn in as the Prime Minister of what country on November 11th?
53. Ronan Farrow, the son of actress and activist Mia Farrow and director Woody Allen who graduated from Bard College in 2004 when he was 15, then graduated Yale Law School in 2009, has been chosen as a Rhodes Scholar to study at a university in what country?
54. Name the legendary Penn State football coach who has a treatable form of lung cancer.

Reference	Answer
	46 Pakistan
	47 New York City
	48 Egypt
	49 World War I
	50 Crystal Cathedral
	51 Damascus
	52 Greece
	53 Great Britain
	54 Joe Paterno

10 POINT QUESTIONS

55. The Arab League voted to suspend what country over its suppression of the uprising in that Middle Eastern nation?

56. Thousands of people recently gathered at the capitol in which U.S. state to demand a recall of Republican Governor Scott Walker, whose controversial and successful drive to limit public unions last winter sparked the biggest protests in that state since the Vietnam War?

57. The Vatican City State is located within what country?

58. State-run media in one of the world's last communist countries recently announced the latest in market-oriented reforms, which allows farmers in what country to bypass the state and begin selling their products directly to businesses catering to tourists?

59. South Sudan recently accused what country of bombing a refugee camp in South Sudan's Unity state, raising tensions with the accused nation in the violence-plagued border region?

60. The William J. Clinton Presidential Center, which includes a library, museum, archives and a graduate school, is located in what U.S. city?

61. Name the U.S. Republican presidential contender who has proposed a personal Social Security savings account, saying that he couldn't understand why young Americans would want to pay into the current model?

62. On November 27, 1973, the U.S. Congress voted to confirm Gerald Ford as Vice President of the United States under Richard Nixon. Name the U.S. Vice President who preceded Gerald Ford.

63. At a recent U.S. Republican presidential debate, which candidate was unable to remember the name of one of the three government agencies he would eliminate in order to cut federal spending?

Reference	Answer
	55 Syria
	56 Wisconsin
	57 Italy
	58 Cuba
	59 Sudan
	60 Little Rock, Arkansas
	61 Newt Gingrich
	62 Spiro Agnew
	63 Rick Perry

10 POINT QUESTIONS

64. On December 2, 1823, President James Monroe outlined his policy opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere. What was the name of this historical document?

65. Justin Verlander, who plays for which Major League Baseball team, became the first starting pitcher in a quarter-century to win an American League Most Valuable Player award, adding it to the Cy Young Award he also recently won?

66. Military trials were common during the Civil War. The most memorable occurred at that war's end, when eight civilians with Confederate ties were tried in 1865 for helping John Wilkes Booth carry out the assassination of what man?

67. On November 30, 1835, Samuel Clemens was born. One of the finest American novelists, Clemens, is known by what pen name?

68. The Helms-Burton Act was passed to tighten an embargo against which country?
(A) Iran (B) Iraq (C) Cuba (D) North Korea

69. The Department of Motor Vehicles Board in which U.S. state unanimously rejected a bid to allow Confederate battle flags on vanity license plates?

70. Which California university recently put its campus police chief on administrative leave two days after she defended university police officers who pepper-sprayed non-violent protesters on campus?

71. The Hague is located in what country?

72. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the Prime Minister of what country, called for Syria's President to step down over the country's crackdown on dissent, saying, "for the welfare of your own people and the region, just leave that seat?"

Reference	Answer
	64 Monroe Doctrine
	65 Detroit Tigers
	66 President Abraham Lincoln
	67 Mark Twain
	68 (C) Cuba
	69 Texas
	70 U.C. Davis
	71 Netherlands
	72 Turkey

15 POINT QUESTIONS

73. The No. 2 leader of what former regime accused of orchestrating Cambodia's "killing fields" in the 1970s insisted that he carried out its policies for the sake of the country and to protect it from invaders?
74. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the President of what nation, who also won a Nobel Peace Prize this year, recently won re-election in a run-off vote?
75. The Vichy regime was set up to govern what country when the Nazis defeated it in 1940?
76. Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi of what country recently announced that she will run for a seat in her nation's parliament.
77. The member-nations of APEC together account for approximately half of world commerce. The acronym APEC stands for what?
78. If no presidential candidate were to receive a majority of the vote in the Electoral College, who elects the President of the United States?
79. The APEC summit recently took place where?
80. In 1909, the Oval Office of the White House was added under the presidency of which man?
(A) Grover Cleveland (B) William Taft (C) Calvin Coolidge (D) Herbert Hoover
81. Hezbollah has partially unraveled the CIA's spy network in what country, severely damaging the intelligence agency's ability to gather vital information on the terrorist organization at a tense time in the region?

Reference	Answer
	73 Khmer Rouge
	74 Liberia
	75 France
	76 Myanmar
	77 Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation
	78 U.S. House of Representatives
	79 Hawaii
	80 (B) William Taft
	81 Lebanon

15 POINT QUESTIONS

82. Name Queen Elizabeth II's husband whom she wed on November 20, 1947.
83. In 1954, what landmark U.S. Supreme Court case ended racial segregation in schools in the U.S.?
84. The U.S. Commerce Department recently announced that the economy grew annually at which percentage rate in the July-September quarter, lower than an initial percentage estimate made last month? (A) 2 (B) 5 (D) 8 (D) 13
85. In November of 1869, what passageway opened in Egypt providing a waterway between the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea?
86. The central bank in what country recently introduced a polymer-based \$100 bill that is thin, shiny, high-tech, and recyclable, moving away from paper currency?
87. FIVE ANSWERS REQUIRED: New York City, the largest city in the U.S., is comprised of five boroughs. Name the five New York City boroughs.
88. Scientists have discovered signs of water in lakes just below the surface on which planet's moon Europa, further enhancing the prospects that a U.S.-European mission to Europa, planned within the next 10 to 20 years, could successfully recover water?
89. What South American nation recently invaded one of its cities largest slums in an effort to clear the city of drug gangs ahead of the 2011 FIFA World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympics?
90. Ho Chi Minh City, the largest city in Vietnam, is located near the Mekong River delta and until the end of the Vietnam War it was the capital of South Vietnam and known by what name?

Reference	Answer
	82 Prince Philip (Mountbatten)
	83 <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i>
	84 (A) 2
	85 Suez Canal
	86 Canada
	87 The Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island
	88 Jupiter
	89 Brazil
	90 Saigon

15 POINT QUESTIONS

91. The Canadian company behind the Keystone XL pipeline says it will reroute the politically charged project away from the environmentally sensitive Sand Hills, located in which U.S. state?
92. King Abdullah, the reigning monarch in what country, recently traveled to Ramallah for a rare visit to the Israeli-occupied West Bank?
93. Name the founder of the United Farm Workers Union.
94. Saif al-Islam Gaddafi was betrayed to his captors by a Libyan nomad who says he was hired to help Muammar Gaddafi's son escape to what neighboring country on the promise that he would be paid one million euros?
95. Name the Former International Monetary Fund chief, once tipped to become France's next President, who is suing several newspapers and an adviser of President Nicolas Sarkozy over reports about him?
96. Which amendment to the *U.S. Constitution* provides the current rules for the election of the President of the United States?
97. Rhodes Scholarships, created in 1902 by the will of philanthropist Cecil Rhodes and the oldest of the international study awards available to American students, give the recipients the opportunity to enter what university?
98. Residents in Salzburg, Austria recently welcomed for the first time what Hollywood musical that put them on the map nearly half a century ago and featured Julie Andrews as the governess of seven children who charms, then weds their widowed father Baron von Trapp, before the family flees the Nazis?
99. The ruling party in what country recently forced a long-stalled free trade deal with the U.S. through parliament, voting 151 to 7 in favor of ratifying the agreement, subsequently enraging opposition lawmakers who became unruly and blasted their political rivals with tear gas?

Reference	Answer
	91 Nebraska
	92 Jordan
	93 Cesar Chavez
	94 Niger
	95 Dominique Strauss-Kahn
	96 Twelfth (12th)
	97 Oxford
	98 "The Sound of Music"
	99 South Korea