

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. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the winter recess, *The Weekly News Quiz Game* will not be published for the weeks of December 22, December 29, and January 5. **The first issue to be published after the winter recess will be Volume 14-16 for the week of January 12, 2015,** and will be sent on January 8.
2. The British and Canadian embassies in what city, the Egyptian capital, recently closed because of security concerns?
3. Crowds swelled at the main pro-democracy protest site in what city as thousands of people turned out before authorities moved in to clear the area, effectively ending the more than 10-week occupation?
4. As he arrived in the Afghan capital for his final trip to Afghanistan as Pentagon chief, what man, the outgoing U.S. Defense Secretary, expressed confidence in the ability of Afghan forces to defend Kabul following a spike in Taliban strikes?
5. The crippling hacking attack against what company by an anonymous group calling itself Guardians of Peace has revealed not only emails, but also Social Security numbers and other personal information for thousands of current and former employees?
6. Regulators in which U.S. state have hit the U.S. government with more than \$54 million in fines for 37 violations at a nuclear waste facility near Carlsbad and the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Santa Fe where a fire broke out and radiation was released in two mishaps earlier this year?
7. On January 20, 1981, what country released 52 Americans who had been held hostage for 444 days?
8. What country has asked the U.N. Security Council to impose sanctions on neighboring Israel shortly after accusing the Jewish state of bombing areas near Damascus international airport and in the town of Dimas, near the border with Lebanon?
9. A senior Palestinian official recently died after an altercation with security forces from what country during a protest in the West Bank, drawing immediate condemnation from Palestinian leaders and threatening to trigger a new round of violence in the territory and nearby Jerusalem?

	Answer
1	Vol. 14-16 will be sent on January 8, 2015
2	Cairo
3	Hong Kong
4	Chuck Hagel
5	Sony Corp.
6	New Mexico
7	Iran
8	Syria
9	Israel

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10. A Madrid judge has ordered what U.S.-based online car booking company to cease operations in Spain, the latest ban on the popular service?
11. Name that U.S. spaceship designed to one day fly astronauts to Mars that recently made a near-bull's-eye splashdown in the Pacific Ocean, wrapping up a flawless, unmanned debut test flight around Earth.
12. Two-thirds of the U.N. Security Council's members have pushed for the human rights situation in what country to be added to the Council's agenda, and for a formal meeting to be held this month, a move that cannot be blocked by China, that nation's ally?
13. Cam Newton, the quarterback for which NFL team, was recently released from the hospital, one day after being involved in a car accident and suffering minor back fractures?
14. Who was named *TIME* magazine's Person of the Year three times for his accomplishments during the Depression, overcoming polio, and leading the U.S. during the early days of World War II?
15. What company said that it plans to cut the number of items on its U.S. menus and use fewer ingredients in food as it moves to speed up service, bolster sales and offer consumers personalized options to compete better with Subway and Chipotle Mexican Grill?
16. On January 11, 1935, what aviator began a trip from Honolulu, Hawaii, to Oakland, California, making her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean?
17. What speech does the President of the United States deliver annually, in late January, unless it is an inaugural year?
18. What country announced that the last hostage held abroad recently returned home after three years in captivity and was welcomed by President Francois Hollande who warned citizens not to travel to high-risk zones?

	Answer
10	Uber
11	Orion
12	North Korea
13	Carolina Panthers
14	Franklin Roosevelt
15	McDonald's Corp
16	Amelia Earhart
17	State of the Union Address
18	France

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19. On January 14, 1784, the U.S. ratified a peace treaty with England, ending what war?

20. The nation's largest municipal bankruptcy case reached its end as what U.S. city's emerged from Chapter 9 protection?

21. In January 1999, for the second time in U.S. history, an impeached American President went on trial before the U.S. Senate. Although acquitted of the charges, which U.S. President was tried in 1999 for perjury and obstruction of justice?

22. In 1986, President Reagan declared the third Monday in January a federal legal holiday commemorating the birthday of what man?

23. Federal wildlife managers recently declined to upgrade protections for a population of which bear subspecies in the remote reaches of Idaho and northwest Montana that numbers fewer than 50, and which conservationists say are going extinct?

24. What company recently opened a 15,000-square-foot reserve roastery and tasting room in Seattle, which turns out small batches of Peaberry Sumatra and other limited-supply reserve coffees that sell for anywhere from \$13 to \$50 per 8-ounce package?

25. On January 3, 2002, at the beginning of the 107th session of the U.S. Congress, what woman became the first First Lady to be sworn in as a U.S. Senator?

26. After President Nixon resigned, Gerald Ford assumed the U.S. presidency for 2 1/2 years. One month after taking office, President Ford pardoned Richard Nixon for any crimes he might have committed involving what scandal?

27. Name the Iraqi leader who was executed on December 30, 2006, after he was convicted of charges related to the 1982 killing of 148 Iraqi Shi'ites convicted of planning an assassination attempt against him.

	Answer
19	Revolutionary War
20	Detroit, Michigan
21	Bill Clinton
22	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
23	Grizzly bears
24	Starbucks
25	Hillary Rodham Clinton
26	Watergate
27	Saddam Hussein

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5 POINT QUESTIONS

28. Rising seas and pounding waves driven by climate change are chipping away at the coast near the Kennedy Space Center, located in which U.S. state, threatening launch pads and future operations?
29. On January 1, 2002, twelve European Union countries adopted a single currency. Name this currency.
30. The Oklahoma City Public Schools Board recently voted unanimously to remove what term as the nickname for a high school after hearing pleas from students and teachers who found the term offensive, and their decision comes as pressure mounts on the NFL's team of the same name to change its name?
31. President Obama recently announced a \$75 million plan, which requires congressional approval, to help police departments buy what type of equipment?
32. Which e-commerce giant reportedly plans to experiment with bike messengers to offer deliveries in New York City within an hour?
33. On December 28, 1945, the U.S. Congress officially recognized what oath, which for years was included as a daily part of school and other routines?
34. In the U.S., the Republican Party is often referred to as the G.O.P. The initials G.O.P. stand for what?
35. A bill to ban horse and buggy rides in which U.S. city, a campaign promise of the current mayor, was recently introduced at the City Council as supporters and opponents rallied outside city hall?
36. What company recently struck a deal to buy Microsoft Corp's stake in Nook Media, ending a two-year partnership and clearing the way for the bookseller to spin off its e-reader and digital content division?

	Answer
28	Florida
29	Euro
30	"Redskins"
31	Body cameras
32	Amazon.com Inc.
33	<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>
34	Grand Old Party
35	New York City
36	Barnes & Noble Inc.

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5 POINT QUESTIONS

37. Chicago City Council members have proposed a ban on the use of what type of restraint method used by police officers working within city limits in an expansive proposal coming in the wake of a death caused by the use of that method on an unarmed man being arrested in New York?
38. Mount Hood is located in which U.S. state?
39. Haider al-Abadi, the Prime Minister of what country, has pressed outgoing U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel for more air strikes and weaponry to accelerate what he called the "descent" of Islamic State?
40. Britain's Prince William and his wife, Kate recently paid a solemn visit to what memorial site, where Kate, the duchess of Cambridge, laid a bouquet of white roses and a handwritten note at one of the two memorial pools at the site?
41. Doctor On Demand, a new app available on mobile devices launched to connect users with a network of psychologists, was founded by what daytime talk show personality?
42. This January marks the 24th anniversary of the beginning of the Persian Gulf War, a conflict that began when Iraq invaded what nation?
43. What company has started accepting Bitcoin payments on its various online stores including, Windows, Windows Phone and Xbox stores?
44. Peyton Manning plays for which NFL team?
45. A storm expected to be one of the windiest and rainiest in five years recently pushed across parts which U.S. state, where farmers are happy to see the rain after three years of consecutive drought?

	Answer
37	Chokeholds
38	Oregon
39	Iraq
40	National September 11 Memorial and Museum
41	Dr. Phillip McGraw (Dr. Phil)
42	Kuwait
43	Microsoft Corp.
44	Denver Broncos
45	California

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10 POINT QUESTIONS

46. A U.S. Senate investigation into what U.S. agency's post-9/11 interrogation program concluded that the agency's long-disputed techniques weren't effective and were more brutal than it acknowledged?
47. The winners of the 2014 Nobel Prizes recently collected their awards at ceremonies in Stockholm and Oslo, which are both located in what country?
48. Name the late night U.S. talk show host who will anchor his final broadcast on May 20, 2015, before retiring from the "Late Show" after 22 years as its host.
49. What man, the NFL commissioner, who after months of criticism, unveiled a tougher personal-conduct policy with team owners?
50. Who was recently revealed as "Time" magazine's 2014 "Person of the Year"?
51. On December 30, 1922, Vladimir Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the U.S.S.R. The initials U.S.S.R stand for what?
52. The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that what company's warehouse workers were not entitled to pay for the time they spent being screened for theft at the end of their work shifts?
53. What man, the Russian Prime Minister, recently urged Russians to remain calm despite rising prices and the ruble's recent plunge, in the most-direct attempt at reassurance after months of glossing over that country's growing economic pain?
54. In 1969, President Nixon ordered a nuclear alert, called the "Madman Strategy," to scare the Soviets into forcing opposition troops to end what conflict?

	Answer
46	Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
47	Sweden
48	David Letterman
49	Roger Goodell
50	Ebola Fighters
51	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
52	Amazon.com Inc.
53	Dmitry Medvedev
54	Vietnam War

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10 POINT QUESTIONS

55. Which U.S. agency recently made its latest incremental move to open the skies to commercial use of drones, approving four companies to use the devices to create maps and collect data on construction sites?
56. A former Connecticut resident and citizen of what country who allegedly worked on the F135 engine was charged with trying to take sensitive documents about military technology to what country, this according to a criminal complaint recently unsealed?
57. During a bloody battle with the Japanese in World War II, six American servicemen raised the American flag atop Mount Suribachi. Mount Suribachi is located on what island?
58. What team recently won a record fifth Major League Soccer title with a 2-1 victory over the New England Revolution in the championship-deciding MLS Cup?
59. The U.S. closed the Bagram detention facility on December 10th and no longer has custody of any detainees in what country according to a recent statement provided by the U.S. Defense Department?
60. In 1967, all U.S. troops were ordered out of what country, which was, at the time, headed by President Charles de Gaulle, who had also taken his country out of the NATO military command?
61. President Obama, who recently underwent medical tests after suffering a persistent sore throat, is suffering from what condition in which the stomach contents flow back up from the stomach into the esophagus, causing such symptoms as heartburn and sore throat?
62. Who has been named as the new host of the "Late Show" following David Letterman's retirement?
63. Name the former U.S. Vice President who has defended the CIA's harsh interrogations of terrorism suspects a decade ago, saying that they were "absolutely, totally justified."

	Answer
55	Federal Aviation Administration
56	China
57	Iwo Jima
58	LA Galaxy
59	Afghanistan
60	France
61	Acid reflux
62	Stephen Colbert
63	Dick Cheney

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10 POINT QUESTIONS

- 64. What popular children's film is being translated into Navajo, the largest American Indian-speaking population in the U.S.?
- 65. What word is defined as a former policy of segregation and political and economic discrimination against non-European groups in the Republic of South Africa?
- 66. What is the name of the national holiday celebrated on the day after Christmas in Great Britain and other commonwealth nations?
- 67. Kilauea volcano recently marked 30 years of continuous eruption. Mt. Kilauea is located on which Hawaiian island?
- 68. At 14,494 feet, the highest peak in the continental United States is Mt. Whitney, located in which state?
- 69. In 1853, the United States bought 45,000 square miles of land from what country in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase?
- 70. In 1962 Nelson Mandela was arrested, convicted of conspiracy to overthrow the state, and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Rivonia Trial. How many years was Mandela imprisoned?
- 71. Although the New Deal programs of President Roosevelt eased the symptoms of the Great Depression, what event is credited with actually ending it?
- 72. Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of what country, recently told President Vladimir Putin that Russia will remain that nation's top defense supplier?

	Answer
64	"Finding Nemo"
65	Apartheid
66	Boxing Day
67	Hawaii
68	California
69	Mexico
70	27
71	World War II
72	India

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15 POINT QUESTIONS

73. Republican Congressman Bill Cassidy handily won a U.S. Senate runoff election in which U.S. state, defeating Mary Landrieu, a three-term incumbent, who had been campaigning to remain one of only two Democratic senators from the southeastern U.S.?
74. The leader of what former Ukrainian territory, annexed by Russia after its forces took control in February, recently traveled as a member of President Vladimir Putin's summit delegation, a move likely to provoke the West?
75. What country's Queen Fabiola, widow of King Baudouin and queen between 1960 and 1993, recently passed away at the age of 86?
76. U.S. federal judges, who are appointed for what length of time, are nominated by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate?
77. What U.S. document reads, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal...?"
78. In what country did the government and rebels say that they have failed to agree on a ceasefire as three weeks of negotiations to end a three-year-long conflict recently concluded amid an uptick in violence?
79. On March 4, 1933, during his inaugural address, which U.S. President said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself?"
80. In 1936, Wallis Simpson, the first woman to be named *Time* magazine's Person of the Year, married what country's King, who had to relinquish his title to marry her?
81. TWO ANSWERS REQUIRED: Along with Ohio State and Florida State, which two teams will compete in the first ever NCAA Division 1 football playoffs?

	Answer
73	Louisiana
74	Crimea
75	Belgium
76	Life
77	<i>Declaration of Independence</i>
78	Sudan
79	Franklin Roosevelt
80	England
81	University of Alabama, University of Oregon

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82. According to a new report, for more than two years, a U.S. agency secretly infiltrated what country's underground hip-hop movement, recruiting rappers to spark a youth movement against the government?
83. On December 28, 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first Vice President of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences with which U.S. President?
84. Name the former Soviet leader who has called for a U.S.-Russia summit to be convened to prevent dampening Moscow's relations with the West over the Ukraine crisis.
85. On January 10, 1920, the League of Nations was established when what treaty went into effect, officially ending World War I?
86. Gerald Ford was appointed Vice President by Richard Nixon to replace what man, who resigned in a bribery scandal stemming from his days as Maryland Governor?
87. In what country have rescue teams struggled to reach upland communities on an eastern island, which took the brunt of Typhoon Hagupit amid security fears in an area known as a hotbed of Maoist insurgents?
88. What was the name of Adolf Hitler's secret state police?
89. Which former U.S. President wrote *Profiles in Courage*?
90. On January 10, 1776, Thomas Paine wrote *Common Sense*, calling for the American colonies to take what action and persuading many, including George Washington, to join the cause?

	Answer
	82 Cuba
	83 Andrew Jackson
	84 Mikhail Gorbachev
	85 <i>Treaty of Versailles</i>
	86 Spiro Agnew
	87 Philippines
	88 Gestapo
	89 John F. Kennedy
	90 Declare independence from Britain

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15 POINT QUESTIONS

91. Name the 17-year-old Pakistani education campaigner who recently spoke about the importance of education for children during her acceptance of the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo.
92. When Nelson Mandela was imprisoned on Robben Island in 1964, he was issued what ID number when he arrived?
93. The Pantheon is located in what city?
94. What country said that it had agreed to put \$60 million into a fund managed by the U.S. to compensate Holocaust victims deported by that nation's rail firm SNCF to Nazi concentration camps, a deal that protects it from future U.S. litigation?
95. A group planning to restore and preserve what building, the oldest existing structure on the National Mall in Washington built around 1835 to house a federal worker who collected canal tolls, will receive a \$1 million grant to do the work and turn it into an education space for visitors?
96. Name the U.N. children's agency that has declared 2014 a devastating year for children with as many as 15 million caught in conflicts in Central African Republic, Iraq, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine and the Palestinian territories.
97. In 1927, at the age of 25, Charles Lindberg became the first pilot to complete a nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic. Lindberg made this famous journey in a plane named what?
98. THREE ANSWERS REQUIRED: The Southern Ocean is a term used to describe parts of which three oceans that surround Antarctica?
99. Iraq's powerful Shi'ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr has put his militia on alert to battle Islamic State militants for what city, home to a Shi'ite mosque whose destruction eight years ago plunged the country into sectarian war?

Answer	
91	Malala Yousafzai
92	46664
93	Rome
94	France
95	Lockkeeper's House
96	UNICEF
97	<i>Spirit of St. Louis</i>
98	Indian, Pacific, Atlantic
99	Samarra

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