HOW TO USE THIS ADVENT CALENDAR

INTRODUCTION

In this trivia advent calendar, you will find 24 small boxes. Each box contains a mini trivia game that takes about 20–30 minutes to play. You can play alone, play as a team, or compete against up to three other players. Regardless of how you choose to play, your goal is to collect points and try to win as many awards (found on the back of this sheet) as you can.

PLAYING ALONE OR AS A TEAM

Whether you decide to play alone or as a team, all you need is one dry-erase marker and one writing pad (both included). If you play as a team, you answer all questions together.

COMPETING AGAINST OTHER PLAYERS

If you want to compete against others, each player needs a dry-erase marker, a writing pad, and a screen to hide their answers—four of each are included. If there are more than four of you, please see the "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION" section below.

HOW TO PLAY

On December 1, it's time to open the first small box. Inside, you will find a deck of 17 cards. Place the deck in front of you with "THIS SIDE UP" facing up and follow the instructions on the first card. Each of the following cards will provide new instructions; all you need to do is follow the instructions until you run out of cards.

NOTE: It's important that you do NOT look at any of the cards in the deck (except the first one) until you are instructed to do so. Browsing the deck prematurely may reveal answers and spoil the game.

WRITING DOWN ANSWERS

Unlike many other trivia games, all players answer the same questions in this game. All players (or the team) write down their answers for all the questions in a round on their writing pad. When everyone is done, you reveal the answers for that round (found on the round's answer card). After scoring points, everyone erases their answers and moves on to the next round.

Unless you are playing alone, we recommend that one player reads the questions aloud (except in the "Spelling Bee" format), and that the round's question card(s) are placed so that all players can see them. You may also pass the card(s) around if needed.

SCORING

After each round, the scores for all players are written down (with a normal pen/pencil) on the score sheet (found on the next page). When you have finished all five rounds, you add up each player's total score for that day. In every round, the maximum score is five points. Each day consists of five rounds, so the maximum score each day is 25 points.

On December 24, you add up everyone's total scores to see who has won (if you're competing), and to check if you've won any awards.

WHEN THE ROUND IS OVER

We recommend putting the cards back in the box (in order), and then placing the box upside down at the bottom of the slot you took it from. This way, everything will stay tidy, and it will also be easy to give the calendar away to someone else to use next year. When you have finished the calendar, turn the eight stacks of card decks around so it's ready to be enjoyed by someone else. All they need to do is print a new score sheet (see below).

ANSWER-RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS

As in most trivia games, it's up to the player(s) to decide how strict to be regarding the answers. Our recommendation is that 100% correct spelling is generally NOT needed (except in the "Spelling Bee" format). If everyone can understand what the writer meant, it's close enough—unless the misspelled answer can be confused with another plausible answer. If you are playing alone or as a team, you need to trust your own moral compass regarding this.

When it comes to names of people, it's also up to you, but we recommend accepting only last names in answers, unless there is a good reason not to. For example, "Einstein" is fine since everyone knows who that answer refers to, but "Hepburn" could be either Audrey or Katherine, so the first name is also needed in this case.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you want to play with more than four players, or if you want to reuse the advent calendar, you can download an empty score sheet here: **www.mindmade.com/triviacalendar**

To play with more than four players, you will also need to find something to write on/with for the additional player(s) and something to use as a screen to shield their answers.

FINALLY

All questions have been fact-checked using reliable sources, primarily Encyclopaedia Britannica. However, should you find anything you believe is incorrect, please send an email to **info@mindmade.com** and let us know. You may of course also send us an email if you have any other concerns, or if you have any questions about this advent calendar. We hope you'll enjoy it. Have fun!

MEDALS AWARDED FOR TOTAL POINTS



400–600 POINTS
GOLD MEDAL

300–399 POINTS
SILVER MEDAL

200–299 POINTS
BRONZE MEDAL

AWARDS FOR SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE



THE HERITAGE AWARD
60–100 points in History



THE ATLAS MEDAL
60–100 points in Geography



THE ORDER OF CURIOSITY
60–100 points in Science & Nature



THE HARMONY PRIZE
60–100 points in Leisure & Lifestyle



THE MASTERPIECE PRIZE
60–100 points in Arts & Entertainment



THE GREAT UNKNOWN AWARD
60–100 points in Wildcard

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