

# Current Events Game

**January 4, 2021**

**Week 19**

## **Fun Lifelong Learning – Meaningful Behavior Support – 70 New Questions Each Week!**

**NEW!! Two Changes:** Now teachers have six (6) optional choices on each 80-point question. It's up to you as the teacher how to use the choices or to not use them at all.

**Also, on many number related answers, we will now give students an option to guess within a certain number to get the answer correct!**

The Current Events Game is “NO Preparation” at the teacher’s finger tips at all times to cut instructional cost. Teacher in Science, LA, Social Studies, Advisory, GT and or Family Consumer Science can use tools to settled a class at the beginning of class or needing a closure activity until the bell rings. The best part is the game is highly educational dealing with current issues, not just senseless trivia.

### **Rule Set 1: Daily Lottery Bell Ringer Activity**

Remember that a new bank of questions is delivered to use each week! You will have a plethora of questions to use.

**How to Play:** As a bell ringer activity, it can be used many times a week with "NEW" 80 question/answers each week.

- "Question of the Day" class lottery plays for a fun prize. (example: lollies) Each student is in a lottery with an assigned number.
- The teacher or student picks a number. (Option\*: A student can be picked just once a week).
- The question used can be from the Teacher En Passant Bank previously marked to use that week. Option is to have a second random drawing by the teacher for the Category of Question that winning students gets. The teacher can also allow the lottery winner to pick their own favorite category,
- The winning student gets 15-seconds to answer a current event question from the Game. Teachers have the option to add fun elements depending on the time allowed. The teacher can add fun, fun things like “Phone a Parent” or “Ask a Friend.”
- Most Bell Ringer activities are limited to 5-10 minutes, but creative teachers make many variations of the Question of the Day.

### **Rule Set 2: Weekly Groups Jeopardy-style Game**

**Rules:** Divide the class into teams and tell students the purpose is behavioral outcomes as well as interesting lifelong learning education. Teams are 4-6 students per group and each team selects a Captain.

**How to Make Teams:** Teachers make teams made up of 3-6 students. **Tier 1 Players** – High Level Behavior/Academics, **Tier 2 Players** – Middle Level Behavior/Academics and **Tier 3 Players** – Low Level Behavior/Academics. Re-stress the goals of En Passant are to teach/model proper social and behavioral skills and to show respect for others to others.

**How to Play:**

**Round 1:** The Captain's role is to ask for the team's first question. When that team chooses their next question, move clockwise so each student in the group can pick a favorite category. The Captain's other role is to orally give the answer to the teacher. The Captain is the team spokesperson for the game. The game begins with the Captain of Team 1 asking for a category and point total question. Allow a reasonable amount of time to answer. If the answer is wrong, Team 2 can steal the points if their Captain gives the correct answer. If Team 2 is wrong, it then goes to Team 3 to steal the points. 3. The next question of the game is asked by the Captain of Team 2. When Team 3 has asked their question, Round 1 is over.

**Next Rounds:** The student sitting clockwise to the Team 2 Captain asks for a new question. The score should be announced after each regulation round.

**Bonus Round Play:** 10-15 minutes before time is up, and after Team 3 has asked for its question that ends the round, begin the Bonus Round. The team behind gets first choice of Bonus category. The team in second place must choose a different category, then the leaders get to choose their category. Another way to play the Bonus Round is to have the team behind pick the bonus category for the team ahead. The Bonus questions are worth 200 points each or any value...you choose! All other students should be quiet as the team gets their questions. Bonus questions are read one after the other. There is no stealing of points in the Bonus round.

**Note:** This is quite different than TV Jeopardy because the team that answers correct does not always get the next question. It is possible for a team to steal points and then get the next question, but only because it is their turn.

**Note:** Teachers may find the 80 pt. questions too difficult and may choose to use them for another activity, or choices may be added to make them easier to answer.

**Note:** Depending on reading level, students may be the readers for the game. This is an honor for some students.

<b>National News</b>		
10	Where did the President and Melania Trump family spend their 17-day holiday vacation? Florida, Hawaii	Florida
10	After the 2020 election, the House of Representatives have a majority Democratic membership. Of the Democratic seats 1/3 of them come from what three states? California-New York-Illinois, California-New York -Pennsylvania	CA-NY-IL (why Electoral College, not Popular Vote decides presid.)
20	What political couple spent the holidays in Delaware? Barack and Michelle Obama, Donald and Melania Trump, Joe and Jill Biden	Joe and Jill Biden
20	In early January, what U.S. body of lawmakers went back to work? U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, both the House and the Senate	both the House and the Senate
40	December was a big month on the front of the fight against COVID-19 when what company was the first to ship vaccine across the nation? AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson	Pfizer
40	The nation starts 2021 with an unemployment rate of what percent after it hit 14.7% during the 2020 mid-year shutdown? (within 1%) 3.7%, 6.7%, 9.7%, 12.7%	6.7%
80	American History Question: This week in 1959, what U.S. president signed a proclamation admitting Alaska, the "Last Frontier," as the 49th state to the Union? Dwight D. Eisenhower, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, John F. Kennedy, Richard M. Nixon, Theodore Roosevelt	Dwight D. Eisenhower
80	In the 2020 election, a dozen House seats were flipped from Democratic Party to Republican Party. How many House seats were flipped from Republican Party to Democratic Party? (within 1) 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16	1
B	In what Tennessee city did someone blow up an RV on Christmas morning causing massive damage to the city? Chattanooga, Memphis, Nashville	Nashville
B	A new historically diverse Congress took office on Sunday with control of the Senate still undetermined. What state is voting on two Senate seats this week? Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina	Georgia

<b>World News</b>		
10	Prior to the New Year, a multi-Asian nation trade agreement (RCEP) was signed to help quell the hurt and quickly recover from what world problem of 2020? COVID-19, lone wolf terrorist	COVID-19
10	Millions of people on what continent were the first to ring in 2020? Australia, Asia	Australia
20	2020 will be remembered as the year of COVID-19 and the year of the hurricane, as late last year, Hurricane Iota followed Hurricane Eta to damage what part of the Americas? Central America, North America, South America	Central America
20	What European nation was the first to approve the use of a COVID-19 vaccine? France, Great Britain, Spain	Great Britain
40	In 2021, President Biden's foreign policy counterpart will be North Korea's militaristic and warring Kim Jong-un. The latest news is that Kim is using what ocean fish for militaristic spying? eels, dolphins, sharks, swordfish	dolphins
40	The EU regency voiced congratulations to Joe Biden, hoping for a smooth transition of power and friendship throughout the world. The EU stands for the _____ Union. Economic, Egyptian, Election, European	European
80	What nation is accused by the United Nations of continuing to enrich uranium in violation of pact rules? China, Iran, Iraq, Israel, North Korea, Syria	Iran
80	Before the New Year, in what African nation did six American troops die in a helicopter crash? Chad, Egypt, Libya, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa	Egypt
B	What Andes Mountain South American nation enters 2021 in chaos after the Congress ousted sitting President Martin Vizcarra? Argentina, Chile, Peru	Peru
B	What British leader closed out 2020 by self-quarantining? (note: he had the virus earlier in 2020) Boris Johnson, Boris Karloff, Boris Yeltsin	Boris Johnson

<b>People, Places &amp; Things</b>		
10	On December 25th, Pope Francis delivered his annual Christmas message “Urbi et Orbi” or “to the city and to the _____.” Church, World	World
10	Last month, retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Charles “Chuck” Yeager, a World War II fighter pilot ace and quintessential test pilot, died at age 97. In 1947, he was the first pilot to do what? break the sound barrier, orbit the Earth	break the sound barrier
20	Entering 2021, Jeff Bezos is the richest man at \$182 billion. What company does Bezos own? Amazon, Microsoft, Walmart	Amazon
20	The biggest climber in popular girls’ baby names in 2020 was what name that jumped 110 places on the list? Alexa, Kamala, Melania	Kamala (Alexa fell 121 spots)
40	The #1 girls’ baby name for 2020 was what? Anna, Olivia, Monica, Sophia	Sophia
40	The twelfth day of the “Twelve Days of Christmas” lands on this Tuesday and is the day before Epiphany. Epiphany is the date the magi, or the three kings, were believed to arrive where? Bethlehem, Galilee, Jerusalem, Mount Olive	Bethlehem
80	Entering 2021, Jeff Bezos is the richest man at \$182 billion, and in late 2020, who became the second richest at \$127 billion? Bill Gates, Elon Musk, Larry Ellison, Mark Zuckerberg, Sam Walton, Warren Buffet	Elon Musk (SpaceX)
80	Prior to the New Year, a Philadelphia mob bust led to the arrest of 72-year-old La Cosa Nostra underboss Anthony “Tony _____” Gifoli. Hamburger, Lasagna, Meatballs, Pasta, Ravioli, Spaghetti	Meatballs (illegal drugs and gambling)
B	The #1 boys’ baby name for 2020 was what? Jacob, Jeb, Liam	Liam
B	The biggest climber in popular boys’ baby names in 2020 was what name that jumped 153 spots on the list? Hunter, Joe, Kobe	Kobe

<b>Family &amp; Society</b>		
10	Of a normal weight smoker or an overweight former smoker, which one is healthier? normal weight smoker, overweight former smoker	overweight former smoker (S: Ne. Med Ctr.)
10	Of 15-year-olds, which gender is better at solving math problems? female, male	female (S: Org. Econ. Dev.)
20	Good News: Thanks to education and messaging, today’s smoker rate is less than 20% for adults. Bad News: What rate is up for adults? drinking, texting, vaping	vaping
20	Most Americans believe the “ideal family” has how many children? 1, 2, 3	2 (S: Gallup)
40	A negative to elementary and middle school students in the pandemic was that a large number of poor and minority students fell measurably behind in what subject, while most progressed at a normal pace in reading? current events, math, science, spelling	math
40	Some of the NFL’s biggest names joined with Lowe’s over the holidays to bring \$1 million worth of what to youth centers, first responder stations and nonprofit housing organizations? Christmas cookies, Christmas gifts, Christmas meals, Christmas trees	Christmas trees
80	As 2020 ended, what business events were happening all over the nation? corporation mergers, employee firings, employee pay raises, large business buyouts, small business creation, small businesses going out of business	small businesses going out of business
80	Pediatricians warn parents that preschoolers need how many hours of sleep per night? 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	12 (Source: Raisingchildren)
B	The Bureau of Federal Prisons executed a convicted killer last month and is scheduled to execute three more in January. What has Joe Biden said about capital punishment in America? outlaw it need less, need more, outlaw it	outlaw it
B	80% of students say they have tried what drug by the time they finish high school? alcohol, cocaine, marijuana	alcohol (S: U of M Institute for Social Research)

## Arts & Entertainment

10	On the Sunday night before Christmas, CBS aired what primetime game show special hosted by Drew Carey with a special holly jolly theme? The Price Is Right, Wheel of Fortune	The Price Is Right
10	On New Year's Day, NBC aired what annual parade from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ET? Macy's, Rose Bowl	Rose Bowl
20	On the Sunday night before Christmas, CBS aired country music icons Garth Brooks and what female artist (his wife) as they were singing songs of the season for viewers looking for the comfort and joy of music during the holidays? Carrie Underwood, Maren Morrois, Trisha Yearwood	Trisha Yearwood
20	On the Sunday night before Christmas, ABC aired the classic film "The Sound of Music." The iconic pre-World War II film that stars Julie Andrews as Maria is about what family? Von Schultz, Von Maur, Von Trapp	Von Trapp
40	When what artist was named Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards, it was her record sixth win of the top prize at the fan-voted show? Beyonce, Carrie Underwood, Lady Gaga, Taylor Swift	Taylor Swift
40	What Asian nation's parliament passed a bill to allow globally recognized K-pop artists such as BTS to postpone their mandatory military service to age 30? China, India, Japan, South Korea	South Korea (all must serve)
80	Following Disney+'s lead, what cable conglomerate that includes HGTV, Food Network and Animal Planet has launched a new streaming service? Discovery, Freeform, Lifetime, National Geographic, Nickelodeon, Western	Discovery (discovery+)
80	The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences moved the 73rd Academy Awards ceremony (normally February) to what month assuring that "the Oscars in-person telecast will happen"? April, May, June, July, August, September	April
B	While pushing through nerve pain that forced him to skip New Year's ceremonies in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis ushered in the New Year on Friday with a traditional Angelus blessing from what place? his bedroom, papal library, St. Peter's Square	papal library
B	On New Year's Eve, what network aired the 45th music-filled "New Year's Rockin' Eve"? ABC, CBS, NBC	ABC

## Sports News

10	The Sunday before Christmas, the New York Jets won their first game of the season (previously 0-13) when they defeated what West Division team? Los Angeles Rams, Los Angeles Chargers	Los Angeles Rams
10	How many NFL teams play in the conference title games? 4, 8	4
20	What two teams will play in the college football championship game? Alabama-Clemson, Alabama-Ohio State, Clemson-Notre Dame	Alabama-Ohio State
20	Sports History: This week in 1972, the Los Angeles Lakers led by guard Gail Goodrich, Hall of Famer Jerry West, and Wilt "the Stilt" Chamberlain chalked up their _____ consecutive win, a record still held today. (within 3) 13, 23, 33	33
40	Sports History: This week in 1902, the first _____ Bowl football game was played in Pasadena, CA, with Michigan defeating Stanford 49-0. Fiesta, Orange, Rose, Sugar	Rose
40	Entering 2021, Gonzaga is ranked #1 in men's college basketball. What team is ranked #1 in women's college basketball? South Carolina, Stanford, Tennessee, U Conn	Stanford
80	Two Parts: Who was named AP College Football Coach of the Year, and what team does he coach? Brian Kelly-Notre Dame, Dabo Swinney-Clemson, Jamey Chadwell-Coastal Carolina, Jimbo Fisher-Texas A&M, Mario Cristobal-Oregon, Nick Saban-Alabama, Matt Campbell-Iowa State, Tom Allen- Indiana	Jamey Chadwell-Coastal Carolina
80	Late in the year, President Trump honored what wrestling legend with the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom? Dan Gable, Hulk Hogan, Mad Dog Vachon, Ric Flair, Shaun Michaels, Vern Gagne	Dan Gable
B	What sports announcer was named winner of the Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasting excellence? Al Michaels, Bob Costas, Chris Berman, Jim Nance, Joe Buck, Vin Scully	Al Michaels
B	In Week 17 of the NFL, what team earned its 11th win of the season and its first playoff berth since 2002 by defeating the Steelers? Bills, Broncos, Browns	Browns

<b>Off the Wall Newz</b>		
10	New Year's Day is the time or day at which a new calendar year begins, and the new year is counted by increments of one _____. day, hour	day
10	What world institution was the first to adopt January 1st as the New Year as part of the adopted Gregorian calendar? ancient Greek Empire, Roman Catholic Church	Roman Catholic Church
20	The month of January derives its name from the two-_____ Roman god named Janus. eyed, faced, pronged	faced (one face looked forward, the other looked backward)
20	New Year's Day is a time to make "New Year Resolutions." The most common New Year resolutions include quit smoking, losing weight and what? be kinder, fall in love, save money	save money
40	Each year, the Girl Scout councils around the nation sell cookies with the most sales coming between January and _____. March, April, May, June	April
40	On Christmas Eve, NORAD tracked Santa's trip around the globe using heat sensors that detected what? animal breath, Rudolph's nose, warm cookies, wrapping paper	Rudolph's nose
80	It's the start of 2021 and Girl Scout cookie time. A new cookie in 2021 is the GS "Toast-Yay!" frosting-dipped biscuits slices patterned from what nation? Australia, Great Britain, France, Japan, Mexico, Russia	France
80	If we end the COVID-19 threat, 2021 will have many records set by senior citizens. Gus Andreone of Florida was the oldest person to ever make a hole-in-one. How old was Gus when he made the hole-in-one? (within 1) 83, 87, 91, 95, 99, 103	103 (died at age 107)
B	COVID-19 led people to the Great Outdoors in the quest for a real, fresh smelling pine tree, but it also led to a rise of what injuries between Thanksgiving and Christmas? driving rural roads, fighting with the spouse, hauling and putting up the tree	hauling and putting up tree (S: L. Tree)
B	Alabama sheriffs made news when they found an illegal alcohol (a winery still) operation. The news was that the still was located at what type of plant? General Mills cereal plant, Hormel meat processing, municipal sewage plant	municipal sewage plant

## Students Speak

Many people made New Year's resolutions. If you made one, is it one that you can stay with?

In the post-World War II 1950's, "Baby Boomer" babies entered the world. Then, the average ideal family was five children. In 2021, most believe the "ideal family" has two children. Do you agree? Discuss.

Following Disney+, Discovery+ (includes HGTV, Food Network and Animal Planet) launched a new streaming service. Is network TV soon to be extinct? Discuss what mediums you watch the most.



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