

EN PASSANT...the cutting edge

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How to play the original NewzBrain En Passant rules.

1. Divide the students into groups (4-6 students per group). Each team selects a Captain. 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.
2. 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. Round 2 begins when the person sitting clockwise to the Team 2 Captain asks for a new question. The score should be announced after each regulation round.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Depending on reading level, students may be the readers for the game. This is an honor for some students and it gives the teacher a well-deserved break.
7. 10-15 minutes before time is up, and after Team 3 has asked for its question that ends the round, call out for last round of regulation.
8. When the last round is over, read off the point totals. 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.
9. The Bonus questions are worth 200 points each. 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.

National News		
10	This Thursday is _____ Day.	Thanksgiving, Veterans
10	When the Republicans rolled out their new tax plan, they stated a goal that average middle class families will be able to do their taxes on a _____ card.	Thanksgiving post
20	When the Republicans rolled out their new tax plan, they stated a goal that average middle class families of four will save how much each year? \$182, \$1,182, \$10,182	\$1,182
20	November 22nd is the 54th anniversary of what event in American history? assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, President Nixon resignation because of the Watergate scandal, women were given the right to vote	assassination of President John F. Kennedy
40	In what state, the only southern state that President Trump did not win a year ago, did a Democrat win the governor's race? Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, Virginia	Virginia
40	Five years ago, the unemployment rate was 7.2%. What is the unemployment rate not a full year into the Trump presidency? 4.1%, 8.1%, 12.1%, 16.1%	4.1%
80	When the Republicans rolled out their new tax plan, they stated a goal that the first how many thousand dollars earned will be tax free for married couples? (within 1)	\$24,000 (now \$12,000)
80	When the Republicans rolled out their new tax plan, they stated a goal that the first how many thousand dollars earned will be tax free for single persons? (within 1)	\$12,000 (now \$6,000)
B	While on the Asian trip, President Trump signed a trade deal with what nation that could add up to billions?	China
B	When the Republicans rolled out their new tax plan, President Trump called the bill a what for the American people? beautiful thing, big beautiful Christmas present, wheelbarrow of cash	big, beautiful Christmas present

World News		
10	ISIS claims they conducted two suicide attacks in Damascus, the capital city of what Middle East nation? Syria, Turkey	Syria
10	Last month, a new tropical storm named _____ formed off the southern Pacific coast of Mexico. Ramon, Roberto	Ramon
20	What two issues were at the center of President Trump's recent Asian trip? climate change and trade, security and climate change, security and trade	security and trade
20	Now that 1,000 more troops were ordered there, what longest U.S. war is now costing America \$12.5 billion annually? Afghanistan, Iraq, Korea	Afghanistan
40	North Korea made news when they threatened to bring "nuclear clouds" to what neighboring nation and U.S. ally? China, Japan, Russia, Turkey	Japan
40	The U.S. is back at a Cold War with what island nation after several diplomats were expelled? Cuba, Guam, Philippines, Puerto Rico	Cuba
80	President Trump's recent Asian tour was the longest of any U.S. president in history, an 11-day tour of how many nations?	5
80	Jalal Talabani died at age 83. He became what Middle East nation's first Kurdish president in 2005?	Iraq
B	What African nation that starts with "E" has placed a national crackdown on non-married romance with the arrest of 100's in recent weeks, in a law they call "debauchery"?	Egypt
B	The U.S. claims several Americans were attacked by a weird sonar sound in hotel rooms in what Cuban capital city?	Havana

People, Places & Things		
10	Earlier this month, the iPhone 10 went on sale at \$__99 each. \$2, \$9	\$9 (\$999)
10	In what century was the 4th Thursday in November declared a day for Americans to celebrate Thanksgiving? 3rd BC, 19th AD	19th AD
20	Historians are sure that fowl (maybe turkey) and what other game meat were eaten at the first Thanksgiving feast? buffalo, caribou, deer	deer
20	Japanese silk farms are near extinction after there were millions of them a century ago. Silk is produced from what? coconut, cocoons, silk tree leaves	cocoons
40	The Pilgrims' first year in the New World was a harsh time because so many people died, but it was made better by a bountiful harvest in 1621. The surviving Pilgrims held a feast to celebrate "the goodness of _____."	God
40	According to the American Pie Council, the first pumpkin pie made in the Western Hemisphere was made by what group? British soldiers, French Jesuits explorer, Mormons, Pilgrims	Pilgrims
80	President Trump recently made progress on the "Made In America" pledge by announcing that what Fortune 100 Singapore company will move operations back to the United States? (hint: stars with B)	Broadcom (makes semi-conductors)
80	In December 2011, what reality TV personality moderated a Republican presidential debate?	Donald Trump
B	Ninety of what people helped the Pilgrims celebrate a "Thanksgiving feast" after the surviving Pilgrims endured a harsh first year in the New World? Mexicans, Native Americans, Spaniards	Native Americans
B	On Thanksgiving, Americans will consume millions of pies. Pumpkin is the #2 pie filling, while what pie filling is #1? apple, rhubarb, lemon	apple

Family & Society		
10	Men are facing a health crisis; they are dying young, before their time. What do men grow for the November movement, Movember, a sign of men's health? mustache, spine	mustache
10	As a way to preserve Thanksgiving for family time, many retailers have made what store hours decision? close stores on Thanksgiving, open stores on Thanksgiving	close stores on Thanksgiving
20	Common Sense media reports from a new study that what social class of kids spends more time watching TV and electronic devices? lower class, middle class, upper class	lower class (up to 4 hrs. daily)
20	Research on teens who play high school sports shows they are <u>less likely</u> to do what? drink, smoke, stay out late (S: American Public Health)	smoke
40	A trend is kids calling parents by their first name. Why do many believe it is wrong? it lacks respect, kids only have one mom and one dad, most nations ban it, both A & B	both A & B
40	1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins are produced each year in the United States. Pumpkins are grown primarily for what purpose? carving, decoration, food, pumpkin patches	food
80	What is the average size of a turkey purchased for Thanksgiving? (within 1 lb.)	15 lbs.
80	Most fatal pedestrian accidents occur during what four hours of the day? (S: NHTSA)	8:00 p.m.-mid.
B	Fast food restaurants struggle every week to keep up the quality of what that customers care about? quality food, quality help, quality restrooms	quality help
B	What is the biggest benefit for fast food places when competent workers are hired? customers get the right food in drive-thru bag, food is cooked thoroughly, restrooms are cleaned regularly	customers get the right food

Arts & Entertainment		
10	On Sunday night, ABC aired the "2017 American Music Awards." What legendary R&B and soul singer and actress was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award? Diana Ross, Whitney Houston	Diana Ross
10	What former No. 1 album of Adele has been on the Billboard Top 200 Album chart 102 consecutive weeks? (hint: a number)	25
20	Last weekend, what was the #1 film at the box office? Justice League, The Star, Wonder	Justice League
20	What popular box office film was advertised by this promo: "It's not what stands in front of you, it's who stands beside you?" All I See Is You, Geostorm, Only the Brave	Only the Brave
40	In the new popular faith-based film "Let There Be Light," "Hercules" TV star Kevin Sorbo plays what professional who is an atheist and has to reinvent himself to save his soul? college professor, doctor, lawyer, pro athlete	doctor
40	A Top 5 iTunes album download is what artists' "Mr. Davis?" Gucci Mane, Imagine Dragons, Jesse James Decker, Pink	Gucci Mane
80	Country star Garth Brooks is touring the nation this fall. A couple of his greatest albums are the 2016 "Gunslinger," the 1995 "Fresh Horses" and the 1990 "No _____."	Fences
80	On Amazon, Motown legend _____ Robinson recently released his first solo holiday album, "Christmas Everyday," featuring 10 songs.	Smokey
B	On Sunday night on ABC, the "2017 American Music Awards" were held. Three artists were nominated for Favorite Latin Artist, one of which was female. Name her. Jennifer Lopez, Shakira, Menudo	Shakira
B	On Sunday night, ABC aired the "2017 American Music Awards." Five artists were nominated for Artist of the Year. How many were female artists? 0, 2, 4	0

Sports News		
10	What pitcher won the NL Cy Young Award? Clayton Kershaw, Max Scherzer	Max Scherzer
10	What pitcher won the AL Cy Young Award? Corey Kluber, James "Big Game" Shields	Corey Kluber
20	Last year, the sold-out crowd on hand for the Ford EcoBoost 400 witnessed one of the most historic moments in sports history when Jimmie Johnson earned his seventh title of his career. Who won the 2017 Ford EcoBoost 400? Jimmie Johnson, Kevin Harvick, Martin Truex Jr.	Martin Truex Jr.
20	What team's Aaron Judge was named American League Rookie of the Year?	Yankees
40	What team's Cody Bellinger was named National League Rookie of the Year? Astros, Braves, Dodgers, Nationals	Dodgers
40	What team's Paul Molitor was named American League manager of the Year? Astros, Royals, Twins, White Sox	Twins
80	What Big 10 team held the #1 spot in women's volleyball through November?	Penn St.
80	The Houston Astros won the 2017 World Series. The Houston _____ and the Seattle Sounders played in the MLS Western Conference Final.	Dynamo
B	Last weekend was the 2017 2K Classic featuring Providence, Virginia Tech, Washington and Saint Louis at Madison Square Garden. The annual MSG college basketball event benefits the " _____ Warrior Project."	Wounded
B	This Saturday in college football is a big game when #1 Alabama and #6 Auburn meet in the annual _____ Bowl game. Bama, Iron, Southern	Iron

Fun Newz		
10	Thawing the turkey at room temperature is not recommended because it promotes what problem? _____ bacteria growth, the dog will get it	bacteria growth
10	If your turkey is jumping around in the roaster, you should probably do what? cover the roaster pan until the turkey stops breathing, forget cooking and go out to eat	forget cooking and go out to eat
20	Before having guests in your home for Thanksgiving dinner, you "should" be sure to do what? _____ clean your home, know how to cook a turkey, both of these	both of these
20	When should you remove the neck and giblets from your turkey? at home before you thaw the bird, at the grocery checkout stand, after the bird is thawed	after the bird is thawed
40	When thawing your turkey, what method is preferred? cold water, microwave, refrigerator, sit out on the counter	refrigerator
40	If you are thawing your turkey in the refrigerator, a 25-pound bird should thaw in the refrigerator for _____ days. _____ 2, 4, 6, 8	6
80	Pumpkins have deep historical roots as they were first cultivated in Central America around 5,500 B.C. and were one of the earliest foods the first European explorers took back to Europe from the New World. What is the average size of a pumpkin? (within 1 lb.)	15 lbs.
80	What percent of a Thanksgiving turkey is white meat? (within 3%) (S: Nat Turkey Fed.)	70%
B	Why is Thanksgiving Day on a Thursday? Dallas Cowboys play that day, no one really knows for sure, Turkey hunting begins the Saturday before	no one really knows for sure
B	If you are a Thanksgiving weight watcher, you should know that most of the turkey fat is found in what two places on the bird? breast and neck, skin and dark meat, white meat and breast	skin and dark meat

Students Speak

“Let There Be Light” is a new faith-based movie starring “Hercules” TV star Kevin Sorbo who plays a doctor who has to reinvent himself to save his soul. If you’ve seen the film, critique it.

Thanksgiving is a “most special” holiday because there are no gifts, no special celebrations, just getting together and reflecting on blessings. Discuss your thoughts on this important day.

Do you have a Thanksgiving tradition or does it change? Discuss the importance of Thanksgiving traditions.



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