

# 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.

<b>National News</b>		
10	In President Trump's recent speech to Congress, he focused on what issue? security and safety of the U.S., Veterans Administration reform	security and safety of the U.S.
10	Although there were tornadoes in the southern states in January and February, the tornado season in the United States usually begins in what month?	March
20	Who did the Democrats select to lead the party as they try to regain power from the Republicans in 2018 and 2020? Debbie Wassermann Schultz, Keith Ellison, Tom Perez	Tom Perez
20	In early March, Congress came back to work after the February break. What important confirmation hearing begins in March? Secretary of State, Supreme Court Justice, White House Press Secretary	Supreme Court Justice
40	On March 12, daylight saving time went into effect across the nation. In order to remember which way to turn the clocks, the saying is "_____ Forward, Fall Back." Jump, Leap, March, Spring	Spring
40	Why was President Trump's speech to both houses of Congress not called "State of the Union?"	new president (next year it will be SU)
80	The Democrat Party selected new leadership as they try to regain power in 2018 and 2020. Analysts say the Democrats are divided into what two factions?	moderate vs. progressive
80	The annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, an annual long-distance sled dog race, ends this week after 10-14 days of mushing. The annual Iditarod sled dog race commemorates what 1925 life-saving event for Nome, Alaska?	diphtheria serum mushed
B	In President Trump's recent speech to Congress, he focused on the vision of America asking what we will leave to our children on the _____ anniversary. 250th, 300th, 350th	250th
B	What is the cost of a U.S. government postage stamp? 45¢, 47¢, 49¢	49¢ (went up 2¢ in late Jan.)

<b>World News</b>		
10	Shortly after taking office, the Trump Administration placed sanctions on what Middle East nation that is listed as an enemy of the U.S.? Iran, Iraq	Iran
10	After the Trump Administration placed sanctions on Iran, what measures did they take to try to intimidate the U.S.? cut off oil production, military exercises	military exercises
20	This week is St. Patrick's Day. As an adult, St. Patrick worked in what nation as a missionary who converted many to Christianity? England, Ireland, Scotland	Ireland
20	The United Nations may be rebalanced if the U.S. actually does forge new peaceful relations with what large powerful nation in the fight against ISIS?	Russia
40	President Trump wants better relations with Russia, but a stumbling block is the Russian troop invasion of what Eastern European nation? Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Ukraine	Ukraine
40	In what Far East Asian nation did President Rodrigo Duterte say he will cease negotiations with Maoist rebels and order all captured rebels to be jailed? China, Japan, Philippines, South Korea	Philippines
80	In what South American "Inca" nation did archaeologists unearth a city stone plaza dating back 5,500 years?	Peru
80	Protests rock nations all over the world including the U.S. What eastern European nation is fighting protestors on the orders from President Sorin Grindeanu?	Romania
B	The southern border wall is a huge issue in America. According to border patrol agents, who owns the border? drug cartels, politicians, terrorists	drug cartels
B	What neighboring nation reported their first Zika-related birth defect? Canada, Cuba, Mexico	Mexico

<b>People, Places &amp; Things</b>		
10	Wal-Mart, the nation's largest retailer, is a fascinating enterprise story because the company found a way to make big profits from what basic instinct of people? penny pinch, shop	penny pinch (save)
10	This week is St. Patrick's Day. What is the most popular way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day? go dancing, wear green	wear green
20	The annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, an annual long-distance sled dog race, ends this week after 10-14 days of mushing. The race is called the "Last Great Race on _____." Earth, Ice, Land, Snow	Earth
20	This weekend is the Las Vegas World Monster Jam Finals. What is this competition? bull riding, hot rods, slam dunks	hot rods
40	President Trump signed two bills encouraging women in STEM jobs. STEM is a curriculum that educates in an interdisciplinary approach in four specific disciplines: science, technology, engineering and _____. history, language, mathematics, sociology	mathematics
40	Large retailer JC Penney will close 140 stores nationwide. The top selling area in their stores is what beauty shop area?	Sephora
80	This week is St. Patrick's Day. March 17th commemorates what day in St. Patrick's life?	his death
80	This week is St. Patrick's Day. Many claim Irish heritage including our first president, George Washington. Today, America has how many times the Irish population as Ireland? (within 1)	9
B	This week is St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick was born in what region of the world in the latter half of the 4th century? East Asia, Eastern Europe, Northern Europe	Northern Europe
B	Book publisher Random House announced a \$60 million book deal with what couple? Barack and Michelle, Bill and Hillary, Donald and Melania	Barack and Michelle

## Family & Society

10	What gender is more likely to say they have sleep problems? male, female	female (S: NY Sleep Found.)
10	The Dept. of Housing and Urban Development says America has nearly a million homeless people. In what two places would you look to find the homeless in America?	shelters or streets
20	What pain reliever is the best for children's broken bones, bruises and sprains? ibuprofen, morphine, Tylenol	ibuprofen (Source: Pediatrics)
20	What percent of adult smokers began the bad habit in their teens? 40%, 60%, 80%	80%
40	Strokes among women are up in the past decade. On average, women's waistlines are how many inches larger than twenty years ago? 2, 4, 6, 8	2 (S: Amytis, USC)
40	Thirty-seven percent of teens under 16 say they have worked after what time on a school night, a violation of federal rules for under 16-year-olds? 7 p.m., 10 p.m., midnight, 2:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
80	A Duke University study shows that besides having parents who smoke, what is another leading cause of a person taking up smoking in their teen years?	victim of childhood viol.
80	Keeping students interested in school is vital. How many in 100 high school students say they have considered dropping out of school? (within 3)	22 (S: Indiana U.)
B	What should women <u>not</u> do on the weekend to catch up on lost sleep? over exercise, sleep an extra hour at night, take a nap (S: N. Sleep Foundation)	sleep an extra hour at night
B	Waistlines are bigger in America. What health problem goes hand-in-hand with larger waist lines? dementia (mind loss), high blood sugar, swollen ankles	high blood sugar

## Arts & Entertainment

10	Who won the Kids' Choice Award for Favorite Female Singer? Adel, Selena Gomez	Selena Gomez
10	Who won the Kids' Choice Award for Favorite Music Group? Fifth Harmony, Maroon 5	Fifth Harmony
20	Who won the Kids' Choice Award for Favorite Butt-Kicker? Chris Evans (Captain America), Chris Hemsworth (The Huntsman), Felicity Jones (Rogue One), Zoe Saldana (Star Trek)	Chris Evans (Captain America)
20	Who won the Kids' Choice Award for Favorite Animated Movie? Finding Dory, Moana, Zootopia	Finding Dory
40	Who won the Kids' Choice Award for Favorite TV Actor? Aiden Gallagher, Casey Simpson, Jace Norman, Tyrel Jackson Williams	Jace Norman
40	Who won the Kids' Choice Award for Favorite TV Actress? Dove Cameron, Lizzy Greene, Rowan Blanchard, Zendaya	Zendaya
80	What show won the Kids' Choice Award for Favorite Family TV Show?	Fuller House
80	Who won the Kids' Choice Award for Favorite Movie Actor?	Chris Hemsworth
B	Who won the Kids' Choice Award for Favorite Movie Actress? Amy Adams, Felicity Jones, Melissa McCarthy	Melissa McCarthy
B	What show won the Kids' Choice Award for Favorite Kids TV Show? Game Shakers, Girl Meets World, Henry Danger	Henry Danger

<b>Sports News</b>		
10	How many teams were invited to the men's post-season tournament, the Big Dance? 64, 68	68
10	What team enters the women's Big Dance as the overall #1 seed?	Connecticut
20	How many teams were invited to the second tier of the men's post-season tournament, the NIT (National Invitation Tournament)? 16, 32, 64	32
20	This weekend is the NCAA National Championships in what sport? basketball, track & field, wrestling	wrestling
40	The #1 seeds in the men's Big Dance are Gonzaga, Kansas, Villanova and _____. Arizona, Duke, UCLA, Oregon, North Carolina	North Carolina
40	What former Heisman Trophy winner was in the recent news for trying to make the New York Mets roster? Cam Newton, Eric Crouch, Tim Tebow, Vinnie Testeverde	Tim Tebow
80	Minnesota acquired star center Martin Hanzal from the Arizona Coyotes for a first-round pick in the 2017 NHL Draft and three other picks. Minnesota's NHL nickname is the _____.	Wild
80	Two parts: Name the team and the record of the men's Big Dance team with the worst record in the tournament.	South Dakota State - 18-16
B	Which of these teams <u>is not a #1 seed</u> in the women's Big Dance? Connecticut, Mississippi State, Rutgers	Rutgers
B	Who won last Sunday's Las Vegas Race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway? Jeff Gordon, Martin Truex Jr., Tony Stewart	Martin Truex Jr.

<b>Fun Newz</b>		
10	This week is St. Patrick's Day. There are 10,000 three-leaf clovers for every lucky _____-leaf clover. four, five	four
10	Keeping students interested in school is vital. What is a major complaint students have about their classes? classes are too early, school is boring	boring (want to be on phones)
20	Why are there more horses in America today than ever before? better vet care, horse slaughter is outlawed in America, horses are low cost to own	horse slaughter is outlawed
20	The annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, an annual long-distance sled dog race, ends this week after 10-14 days of mushing. The dogs in the race wear boots to protect their feet against what? athlete's foot, cutting ice, frozen doggy droppings	cutting ice
40	This week is St. Patrick's Day. What vegetable is traditionally served with corned beef on St. Patrick's Day? beets, cabbage, carrots, rutabagas	cabbage
40	What 3-year-old panda recently made a 16-hour Fed Ex flight to China from the Washington D.C. Zoo? Bao Bao, Lao Lao, Mao Mao, Tao Tao	Bao Bao
80	Naming a baby is a serious matter. According to BabyCenter, what percent regret later in life the name they gave a child? (within 1 %)	3%
80	This week, the men's and women's NCAA basketball tournaments begin. The tournament is called the "_____."	Dance
B	The annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, an annual long-distance sled dog race, ends this week after 10-14 days of mushing. The race takes place entirely in the U.S. State of _____. Alaska, Minnesota, Wisconsin	Alaska
B	This week is St. Patrick's Day. What U.S. city actually turns its river green by pouring 40 pounds of dye in the river? Boston, Chicago, New York City	Chicago

## Students Speak

What does your community do to celebrate St. Patrick's Day? Do you believe a four-leaf clover really brings good luck to the person who holds it?

Teen alcohol consumption is one of the worst social problems in America today. What is your school doing to stop underage drinking?

This week, the Big Dances begin in college basketball. Who do you predict will win the women's Big Dance, and why? Who do you predict will win the men's Big Dance, and why?



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