

Run Trivia In-House

A ready-to-host mini trivia night for bars and restaurants.

- Host guide and 45-minute run-of-show
- Three sample rounds with 15 total questions
- Answer key, scoring rules, tie-breaker, and player answer sheet
- Promo copy your venue can post or print

No question writing. No outside trivia company required.

This sample is intentionally shortened. Paid packs would include additional content, rounds/events, and production-ready files.

How to Run This Sample Night

This mini edition is designed to demonstrate the paid product format. One team member can host from the answer key while another team member continues normal service. For a full-length event, paid packs would contain more rounds and questions.

Best for	Bars, taprooms, pubs, restaurants, cafes, and clubhouses with a microphone or clear speaking position.
Suggested teams	1-6 players per team.
Sample duration	About 45 minutes, depending on pacing and breaks.
What you need	Printed answer sheets, pens, a host, and an optional microphone.
Scoring	1 point per correct answer. No negative points.

45-Minute Run-of-Show

0:00-0:05	Welcome teams, explain scoring, ask each team to choose a name.
0:05-0:15	Round 1: General Knowledge.
0:15-0:20	Score Round 1. Use the break for food/drink reminders or venue announcements.
0:20-0:30	Round 2: Food & Drink.
0:30-0:35	Score Round 2 and announce current standings.
0:35-0:43	Round 3: Places & Pop Culture.
0:43-0:45	Final scoring and tie-breaker if needed. Announce winner.

Host opening script

“Welcome to trivia night. You will play three rounds tonight. Write one answer per question, no phones, and keep your answers quiet. Each correct answer is worth one point. We will collect sheets at the end of each round. Ready?”

Simple Hosting Tips

- Read every question twice, at a steady pace.
- Allow roughly 30-45 seconds after the second reading.
- Repeat the question once more before collecting answer sheets.
- Keep the energy moving. Avoid long debates over an answer during play; resolve questions after the round.
- Use scoring breaks to mention specials, upcoming events, or last-call timing as appropriate.

ROUND 1

General Knowledge

1. What is the largest planet in our solar system?
2. Which element has the chemical symbol Au?
3. In a standard deck of playing cards, how many cards are there before jokers are added?
4. What is the capital city of Canada?
5. Which ocean is the largest by surface area?

Host note

After Question 5, give teams 60 seconds to review their answers, then collect the sheets.

ROUND 2

Food & Drink

1. What legume is the main ingredient in traditional hummus?
2. Which Italian cheese is traditionally used in a classic tiramisu filling?
3. What spirit is the base of a classic mojito?
4. What fruit is dried to make a prune?
5. Which country is most closely associated with the dish paella?

Optional venue moment

This is a natural point for the host to remind players about food or drink specials before the next round.

ROUND 3

Places & Pop Culture

1. The city of Kyoto is located in which country?
2. Which fictional detective lives at 221B Baker Street?
3. Which U.S. state is nicknamed the Aloha State?
4. In the film The Wizard of Oz, what color is the road Dorothy follows?
5. Which board game includes properties named Boardwalk and Park Place?

Tie-Breaker

Closest answer wins. How many keys are on a standard modern piano?

Host instruction

Use the tie-breaker only if two or more teams finish with the same top score.

Answer Key

Question	Answer	Question	Answer
R1 - Q1	Jupiter	R2 - Q4	Plum
R1 - Q2	Gold	R2 - Q5	Spain
R1 - Q3	52	R3 - Q1	Japan
R1 - Q4	Ottawa	R3 - Q2	Sherlock Holmes
R1 - Q5	Pacific Ocean	R3 - Q3	Hawaii
R2 - Q1	Chickpeas / garbanzo beans	R3 - Q4	Yellow
R2 - Q2	Mascarpone	R3 - Q5	Monopoly
R2 - Q3	Rum	Tie-breaker	88

Scoring

- Award 1 point for each correct answer. Maximum sample score: 15 points.
- For reasonable alternate wording, award the point when the meaning is clearly correct.
- For the tie-breaker, the closest numeric answer wins. If equally close, ask both teams for a second numeric guess.

Team Answer Sheet

Team name: _____

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____	5. _____

Tie-breaker answer: _____

Final score: _____ / 15

Player reminder

Keep phones away during questions. Write one answer per line. Your host will collect or check answers after each round.

Ready-to-Use Promo Copy

Social post

TRIVIA NIGHT IS ON. Bring your smartest friends, pick a team name, and join us for three rounds of questions, bragging rights, and a reason to make a weeknight more interesting. [DAY] at [TIME]. Teams of up to [X]. [PRIZE / SPECIAL].

Table tent / poster headline

TRIVIA NIGHT

[DAY] • [TIME]

Teams welcome. No studying required.

What a Full Paid Pack Would Add

- A full-length game with additional rounds and a larger question bank.
- Multiple difficulty levels and alternate questions.
- Expanded host script and pacing cues.
- Separate print-ready player sheets and host files.
- Additional promotional assets and recurring-night materials.
- Optional themed editions for repeat programming.

Next step

If this sample feels easy enough for your team to run, the full packs are designed to make recurring trivia nights just as straightforward.