

PURIM JEOPARDY

WELCOME TO THE PURIM SEASON

As you prepare for in home Purim partys, we wanted to provide a fun resource for your party. This is Purim Jeopardy!

What you will need:

You will need a poster board, note cards or cards you can make out of paper, tape or tacks, and a marker.

Game Setup:

- 1. Write one category on each index card and pin those 5 index cards at the top of a sturdy piece of poster board. Line them up in a single row. Make sure to write legibly (or type and print out the text, if you prefer).
 - a. The 5 categories are as follows: names, story details, traditions, complete the verse, and random chance.
- 2. Take 30 more index cards and label them with point values. The point values range from \$100 to \$600 in each category, so you will have 6 cards for each of these values \$100, \$200, \$300, \$400 and \$600.
 - a. Be sure to write legibly, or you could type and print it out if you want it to look extra nice.
- 3. Turn over the \$100 index card and write your first question/clue for Category 1 on the back.
 - a. So, the first question for Category 1 Names, found in the question and answer sheet down below, is "Who was Esther's Uncle?".
 - b. Remember, in Jeopardy, Only the host should have the the answer key and make the decision to award points.
- 4. Pin the \$100 card directly beneath the category it goes with. Make sure to pin the card so that the \$100 side is facing out and the question is hidden.
- 5. Turn over the \$200 index card and write down the next clue for Category 1. You will follow the same process as before.
 - a. Pin the \$200 card directly beneath the \$100 card in Category 1.
 - b. Make sure to pin the card so that the \$200 side is facing out. This will be the practice for all of the clue/answer cards.
- 6. The cards will go in ascending order, starting with \$100 at the top of the column, and ending with \$600 at the bottom.
- 7. Continue the process for the remaining point values in Category 1. Then follow the same procedure for the rest of the game board until all of the categories have completed index cards pinned up. At this point, the game is ready to play.





How to Play:

- 1. There will be 1 round with 5 categories. Each category will have 6 questions which progressively get harder as noted by their point values: 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, and 600. At the back of these numbers should be the clues/questions. The person or team who gets the most points by answering questions correctly wins the game.
- 2. Start by nominating a host/MC and all the other guests are contestants. Depending on how many guests you have, you can either have each guest play singularly or create teams.
- 3. Toss a coin to determine who will go first. The person/team who goes first will choose a card from any category and the host will read the question out to the group. The person/team has 60 seconds to deliberate and give an answer. They will then gain the score on that card if their answer was correct. If they either cannot give an answer or answer incorrectly, the card goes back onto the board. The play then continues clockwise to the next group/person. the next group/person will have the option to choose the previous question or a different card altogether.
- 4. Once all the cards have been used off the board, you can tally the score. A great way to keep score is by giving each team/person who wins points the card. At the end they can tally the points on their cards.



Categories, Points, Questions & Answers:

Category 1: Names

100:

Q: Who was Esther's Uncle?

A: Mordechai

200:

Q: Who was King Xerxes first wife?

A: Vashti

300:

Q: What is Esther's Hebrew name?

A: Hadassah

400:

Q: What is King Xerxes name in Hebrew?

A: Achashverosh

500:

Q:

Who was Haman's wife?

A: Zeresh

600:

Q: What were the names of the two men who planned to assassinate King Xerxes?

A: Bigthan and Teresh

Category 2: Story Details

100:

Q: What did Mordecai refuse to do that made Haman angry?

A: He refused to bow down to Haman

200:

Q: What did Esther do when she learned about Haman's plan to kill all the Jews?

A: Fasted

300:

Q: Who did King Xerxes appoint as Prime Minister at the end of the story of Esther?

A: Mordechai

400:

Q: How many banquets did Queen Esther give for King Xerxes and Haman?

A: 2

500:

Q: How many times is God mentioned in the Book of Esther?

A:0



Categories, Points, Questions & Answers Continued:

Category 2: Story Details Continued

600:

Q: How many silver talents did Haman say he would give King Xerxes if he would wipe out the Jewish people?

A:10,000

Category 3: Traditions

100:

Q: When Haman's name is said during Purim, how should people respond?

A: saying BOO! or shaking a Grogger

200:

Q: What are the three-cornered pastries filled with poppy seeds (mohn in Yiddish), fruit preserves, chocolate, or other ingredients that are traditionally eaten on Purim?

A: Hamantaschen

300:

Q: What is the traditional reading read at Purim?

A: Megillah or The Book of Esther

400:

Q: Why do some people dress in costumes at Purim?

A: Some attribute this tradition to the fact that Esther initially "masked" her Jewish identity so we do too

500:

Q: Where does the grogger name derive from?

A: Derived from the Polish word meaning "rattle,"

600:

Q: During the Purim reading, it is customary to say the names of Haman's sons how?

A: All in one breath

Category 4: Complete That Verse

100:

V: Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for ______, whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that."

A: Mordechai

200:

V: And Esther said, "If it please the king, let the king and Haman come today to a ______that I have prepared for the king."

A: feast or banquet



Categories, Points, Questions & Answers Continued:

Category 4: Complete That Verse Continued

300:

V: So Haman took the robes and the horse, and he dressed Mordecai and led him through the square of the city, proclaiming before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to ."

A: honor

400:

V: "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for ______days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."

A: Three

500:

V: And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom to gather all the beautiful young virgins to the harem in Susa the citadel, under custody of ______, the king's eunuch, who is in charge of the women. Let their cosmetics be given them.

A: Hegai

600:

V: Now in the days of Xerxes, the Xerxes who reigned from India to Ethiopia over provinces,

A: 127

Category 5: Random Chance

100:

Q: What kingdom was Xerxes a king over?

A: Persia

200:

Q: On what day of Xerxes's party did he order for Vashti to come? (i.e. the 1st day, 2nd day, etc.)

A: 7th Day

300:

Q: What does the name Purim derive from?

A: It derives from the word Pur, which meant to cast lots and referred to the casting of lots by Haman

400:

Q:What is the name of the Judiciary court Mordechai was a part of?

A: The Sanhedrin



Categories, Points, Questions & Answers Continued:

Category 5: Random Chance Continued

500:

Q: At the end of the Purim story, we hear that the Jews killed how many of their enemies?

A: 75,000

600:

Q: According to tradition Esther and Mordecai are buried in modern day

A: Iran

