

# 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	This Sunday is _____ Day. _____ Father's, Mother's	Mother's
10	A recent federal drug bust took millions of dollars of what drug off the market, enough that it could have killed thousands of Americans? _____ fentanyl, marijuana	fentanyl
20	In late April, prices of what commodity reached a 3-year high? eggs, gas, microwaves	gas
20	What former Republican presidential candidate will run in a primary election for the Republican race for U.S. Senator from Utah? John McCain, Mitt Romney, Orin Hatch	Mitt Romney
40	The winner of the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for national news was the Washington Post for covering what issue? Hillary Clinton email scandal, illegal immigration, opioid addiction, Russia election meddling	Russia election meddling
40	Vehicle sales were up last month, led by a 16% sales increase of what type of vehicle? compact cars, electric cars, luxury cars, SUV's	SUV's (2/3rd's of all vehicles sold)
80	Four years ago in May, the stock market hit a record high number at close of 16,550. What was the close last Friday? (within 1000)	24,262
80	Late last month, President Trump hosted a lavish State Dinner for French President Emmanuel Macron. The last Republican president to host a State Dinner for a French ally leader was what year? (within 1)	2007 (G.W. Bush)
B	In late April, gas prices reached a 3-year high at what cost per gallon? \$2.61, \$2.81, \$3.01	\$2.81
B	What U.S. Attorney General recently said the "Mueller Russia-2016 Election Meddling" investigation should be allowed to finish? Jeff Sessions, Mike Pompeo, Rudy Giuliani	Jeff Sessions

<b>World News</b>		
10	What large East Asian nation is trying to establish a trade war with the U.S. while the U.S. is just trying to get more fair trade rules for goods? China, Japan	China
10	Canada experienced a tragedy last month when a man driving what vehicle killed pedestrians? city bus, rental van	rental van
20	The Cuban ruler named "Raul" will step down, marking the first time in seven decades that a leader with what last name will not rule Cuba? Castro, Kennedy, Sanchez	Castro
20	What U.S. ally Far East nation recently sentenced former President Park (first female president) to 25 years in prison for corruption? Japan, North Korea, South Korea	South Korea
40	Canada experienced a tragedy last month when a bus carrying what people crashed and many died? HS speech team, provincial governors, senior citizens, youth hockey team	youth hockey
40	In what largest South American nation did former President Luis da Silva turn himself in to jail to for charges of corruption?	Brazil
80	President Kim of North Korea and President _____ of South Korea made huge progress in a peace deal to end the 1951-1953 Korean War.	Moon
80	Who is Sergei Skripal?	poisoned former Russian spy in Britain
B	It is May 2018, and what island nation is still rebuilding from last fall's Hurricane Maria even after \$50 billion of U.S. federal assistance?	Puerto Rico
B	As we enter the summer months of 2018, what is the greatest fear for the people of Puerto Rico after last fall's devastating Hurricane Maria? a hot summer, another hurricane in 2018, the federal government will cap funding help	another hurricane in 2018

<b>People, Places &amp; Things</b>		
10	Mother's Day is celebrated each year on what Sunday in May? 1st, 2nd	2nd
10	The Friday before Mother's Day is always "_____ Spouses Day," a day to recognize and honor the spouses of our soldiers. Fallen, Military	Military
20	It's tornado season. In the last five years, hundreds have died from tornadoes; about half of those lived in what places? apartment buildings, farm houses, mobile homes	mobile homes
20	What is the traditional flower of May, also known as the birth flower? Baby's Breath, Lily of the Valley, Red Rose	Lily of the Valley
40	What day of the week is the most popular day of the week on which to have a baby, with an average of more than 12,000 births taking place on that day? Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday. Friday	Tuesday
40	It is tradition to wear a _____ on Mother's Day. A colored one means that a person's mother is living, a white one indicates that a person's mother has passed. carnation, daisy, lily, rose	carnation
80	"International Nurses Day" is celebrated this weekend, on the birthday of what most famous nurse who started the first nursing school in Europe in 1849?	Florence Nightingale
80	Mother's Day is to the floral business as Black Friday is to the retail business. What percent of American adults buy blooms for Mother's Day? (within 3%)	35%
B	The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by what woman in the early 20th century? Anna Jarvis, Arlene Fillmore, Dorothy Hull	Anna Jarvis
B	Japan's Nabi Tajima, the world's oldest person, recently died of old age at age 117, leaving fellow Japanese woman Chiyo Miyako as the world's oldest person at what age? 114, 117, 120	117 (born May 2nd, 1900)

<b>Family &amp; Society</b>		
10	This Monday is the American Academy of Dermatology “National _____ Day,” for public awareness of the deadliest skin cancer. _____ Leukemia, Melanoma	Melanoma
10	Considering political difference across America, is America still considered a nation of religious people? no, yes (S: ABC)	yes (87% say are Christian)
20	Half of American adults have changed religion at least one time, but in what religion have 70% of its followers kept the same faith? Lutheran, Methodist, Roman Catholic	Roman Catholic
20	A Dept. of Ed study shows that school children who exercise during the school day are better at what? behaving in class, cleaning their lunch trays, listening	listening
40	For the first time in U.S. history, U.S. women have surpassed men in what area? education levels, IQ, job pay, political office holders	education levels (Census)
40	A Danish study says that if kids shed excess weight by what age they are likely to avoid high diabetes rates as an adult? (within 1) 4, 7, 10, 13	13
80	What percent of U.S. women have a bachelor’s degree? (within 3%)	34%
80	The winner of the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for public service was won for published stories on what social problem?	women abuse in the workplace
B	Starbucks announced they will temporarily close some stores to teach employees what? better treatment of people of race, correctly make carmel flavored drinks, tolerance of others’ political opinions	better treatment of people of race
B	Many cities report fires started by persons who unlawfully occupy an uninhabited building. These persons are officially called what? squallers, squammys, squatters	squatters

<b>Arts &amp; Entertainment</b>		
10	“Meant To Be” is a top country song performed by Bebe Rexha & _____ Georgia Line. _____ Florida, Mississippi	Florida
10	In recent weeks, the film “Chappaquiddick” has played at the box office. The film chronicles a dramatic event in what politician’s life? John F. Kennedy, Ted Kennedy	Ted Kennedy
20	What actress stars in the new film opening this weekend titled “Life of the Party?” Amy Schumer, Elizabeth Olsen, Melissa McCarthy	Melissa McCarthy
20	In the new film “I Feel Pretty,” Amy Schumer stars as an insecure woman who hits her head and wakes up with what thoughts?	she is planet’s most beautiful
40	What actress stars in the new romantic comedy film “Overboard?” Ashley Benson, Anna Faris, Emma Stone, Victoria Justice	Anna Faris
40	“Heaven” is a top country song performed by _____ Brown. Blaine, Jane, Kane, Lane	Kane
80	The winner of the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for music was won by what artist, the first ever to win with music that is non-classical or non-jazz?	Kendrick Lamar
80	Actor Harry Anderson recently died at age 65. He is best known for playing Judge Harry T. Stone on the 1980’s popular comedy sitcom “_____ Court.”	Night
B	Fans were delighted to see the new face of what singer after receiving 40-50 stitches from a nasty fall from a “freak random accident” last November? Beyonce, Carrie Underwood, Justin Bieber	Carrie Underwood
B	In the summer months, what “kiddie-media” empire intends to unleash more than 800 new episodes of its various TV series? _____ Disney, Netflix, Nickelodeon	Nickelodeon

<b>Sports News</b>		
10	A Sidney Crosby goal against the Philadelphia Flyers gave him what team's all-time record for career post-season points? Boston Bruins, Pittsburgh Penguins	Pittsburgh Penguins
10	In the past month, colleges around the nation finished Spring Games and left fans wondering about what player will be the starter at what position in the fall?	QB
20	What team won the NBA playoff series between Cleveland and Indiana? (Name the mascot)	Cavaliers
20	What new Western Conference NHL team qualified for the second round of the NHL playoffs by sweeping Los Angeles 4-0? Albuquerque, Spokane, Vegas	Vegas
40	What two-time defending NHL champions used four Game 6 goals by Jake Guentzel to make the second round of the playoffs? Boston Bruins, Nashville Predators, Philadelphia Flyers, Pittsburgh Penguins	Pittsburgh Penguins
40	What team won the NBA playoff series between Boston and Milwaukee? (Name the mascot)	Celtics
80	Of the first ten 2018 NFL draft picks, how many were quarterbacks?	4
80	A record was set in a recent Los Angeles Angels game when it took how many pitches to get a batter out?	21 (13 minutes at bat)
B	What team won the NBA playoff series between Toronto and Washington? (Name the mascot)	Raptors
B	What horse won the Kentucky Derby? Justify, Mine That Bird, Mr. Hot Stuff	Justify

<b>Fun Newz</b>		
10	The oldest authenticated mother in history was María del Carmen Bousada de Lara of Spain who on December 29, 2006, gave birth at what age? (within 3) 66, 80	65
10	In America, on Mother's Day, millions of what will be exchanged? cards, letters	cards
20	Play on Words: Pro golfer Kelly Kraft was a victim of bad luck when he had to take a penalty stroke in the recent RBC Heritage Classic after his ball hit what in flight and caromed in the water? birdie, bogie, eagle	birdie (no replay b/c it is not man-made object)
20	The highest authenticated recorded number of children were born to the Russian wife of Feodor Vassilyev (1707-1782), bearing how many children? 29, 49, 69	69 (67 survived, 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets, four sets of quadruplets)
40	The youngest authenticated mother in history is Lina Medina, who delivered a 6½-pound boy by cesarean section in Lima, Peru in 1939, at what age? (within 1) 5, 9, 13, 17	5 (5 years and 7 months)
40	A Univ. of Nebraska fraternity student made news by winning \$25,000 at the recent Spring Game for catching a football. How was he selected to win the prize? filled in for frat buddie who had a fractured arm, had the highest GPA on campus, Scott Frost picked him from the crowd, won the Punt Pass & Kick UNL contest	filled in for a frat buddie who had a fract. arm (friend won lottery chance)
80	The odds of a woman delivering twins is 1 in _____. (within 3)	33
80	In 2008, the average age of U.S. women giving birth for the first time was 24. In 2018, what is the average age of U.S. women to give birth for the first time?	28 (S: Census)
B	In baseball slang, a hit ball that ends up being a lazy fly ball easily caught by the fielder is called a "can of _____." beans, corn, soup	corn
B	This Tuesday is "National _____ Appreciation Day," to honor special workers in your school. Cook, Janitor, Teacher	Teacher

## Students Speak

The average age for women having a first child is now 28 years-old. Explain why women today wait until they are 28 compared to four decades ago when the first child was born at age 20.

Take a moment to elaborate and write on why we are so grateful for our moms.

The most popular day for child birth in America is Tuesday. Why do you think it is Tuesday?



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