

Daily Science Trivia FAQ

Daily Procedure

- The Daily Trivia question is read at the beginning of each science class while I take attendance. Students pick up a [trivia answer slip \(pdf\)](#) as they enter the room. I keep the slips in a small basket by the classroom door. The students write their names, class, question number, and answer on the slips, then a class helper takes a container around the room to collect the slips. As soon as all the slips are collected, students should be ready to begin class!

NEW -Trivia Bookmarks - Download trivia bookmarks with spaces for an entire week's worth of answers on one slip. Choose the [smaller version \(8 per page\)](#) or [larger ones \(4 per page\)](#).

- At the end of the day, I recruit volunteers to help me check the trivia slips. We have about 10 minutes at the end of every day while we are waiting for the buses which works great for checking trivia slips. The helpers keep the correct answers and throw the wrong ones away. I draw 3 slips from all the correct answers and write those names on an announcement form. The [announcement form \(pdf\)](#) has the question of the day, the correct answer, and a place to write the names of the winning students. The form is sent to the office for the daily announcements. The helpers use rubber stamps to stamp all the correct slips and then sort them into small bins for each class period. I have helpers in each class hand back the correct slips at least twice per week.

NOTE: The [Trivia To Go](#) sets have the question cards as well as the announcement forms. The announcement forms are provided with the Trivia To Go answer cards.

- Students have two ways to "win" with the the Daily Science Trivia program:

- (1) The three daily winners draw a "golden ticket", which are [prize slips \(pdf\)](#) that have been printed on gold colored paper. The prize slips include free candy, extra credit points, pop, and other rewards. I don't place any restrictions on the daily winners, such as limiting them to one prize slip per week. If I have a student who has not won at all each semester, I allow them to draw a prize slip as part of a "Second Chance Lotto." I usually hold the "Second Chance Lotto" the day before winter break and summer vacation.

- (2) Students can also save their correct slips and cash them in for [prizes \(pdf\)](#), such as:

3 slips = 1 extra credit point

10 slips = A piece of candy (Jolly Ranchers, Warheads, or other small candy)

15 = A free homework assignment

20 slips = A Treasure Chest item (or cheap, cheesy toys - pencils, erasers, and other little items)

30 slips = A can of pop

First of the Year Preparation

- During the summer, I create a database with trivia questions, answer choices, and the correct answer. The daily questions are printed on index cards and stored in an index card file box. I also prepare the announcement forms using the information in the database and print those for the

year.

NOTE: I have added a Trivia To Go section with ready-to-use trivia questions and answer slips. Just print them out and you are ready to go!

- Before school starts, I print a large amount of trivia answer slips on scrap paper that I have collected as well as the "golden" prize slips. I recruit volunteers during the first week to help me cut out all the answer and prize slips.
- I have a special area in my room just for the trivia materials - file box with trivia questions, a small bulletin board to hold the index card (see the Trivia To Go section for a diagram of my trivia board), a basket of answer slips, a container with prize slips, and a cabinet with the prizes. Announcement forms (with the answers) are stored in a drawer in my desk.
- I use my annual classroom budget of \$150 (as well as some of my own money) to buy items for the Treasure Chest, such as pencils, erasers, cool rulers, note pads, and other little items from Oriental Trading Company or Raymond Geddes. I also stock up on a few cases of soda and several bags of small candy, such as Jolly Ranchers and Life Savers, when I find them on sale. Throughout the year I take advantage of clearance sales on holiday candy (Halloween, Christmas, and Easter).

If you have any questions about Daily Science Trivia, please send me an e-mail.