

**Presentation topic:** Pub Trivia Strategies

**Message for audience:** You should try pub trivia. It's social and fun, and winning makes it better.

**What I want the audience to say:** That seems simple, that it was clear, that it was fun to listen to, that I seemed relaxed.

**How I want them to feel:** Like they want to try it. Enthused. That I chose something that they were interested in. That I care about the topic.

**Presentation type/structure/logic:** informative, reverse order of importance

**Goal/Thesis:** If you're looking for a way to relax and have fun with friends, you should try pub trivia. It's social and fun even if you lose, but winning makes it even better. I've picked up a few strategies that I want to share that'll help you have a great time.

**Three subpoints:**

***1. Assembling a great team is key***

- good personalities and similar attitudes about competition
- **balance of key content knowledge:** entertainment, sports, history, geography  
maybe play a round of Trivial Pursuit or You Don't Know Jack to scout!
- a core team with "guest stars" is a good way to go for busy people

***2. Game strategy***

- pay attention
  - listen to the directions and the point structure
  - decide where to put high point values for each quarter
  - pay attention to the reading of scores
- be aggressive in risk/reward
  - for halftime question with declining points for clues, strike early
  - for final questions with variable points and deductions, be smart!
- go with your gut
- don't drink too much

***3. Always remember that having fun is the most important thing***

- gift certificates are nice, but friends are more valuable!
- be a good sport and congratulate other teams
- drive home safely

**Conclusion:** I have had a lot of fun playing pub trivia, and I definitely encourage you to try it. You don't have to know everything, and with just a few tips in mind, you can make a decent showing. It's cheap fun that can make you smarter!