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# Eponymous Products

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

The word “eponymous” relates to the person for which a thing is named. For example, Achilles (the Greek hero of the Trojan War) is the eponym of the Achilles tendon. Karl Marx is the eponym of Marxism. And the name Birdseye (Clarence Birdseye) is synonymous (and eponymous) with frozen foods.

There are many others who have given their names to their products. Given a small hint, let’s see how many you can come up with.

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year’s blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may “buzz” in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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Instructions: How many names of the following people can you come up with, given a small hint about the product that carries each name?

1. He put the burp in the plastic container. Earl \_\_\_\_\_
2. His out-of-this-world candies include the Milky Way bar. Frank \_\_\_\_\_
3. His funny-sounding last name enjoys jam and jelly fame. Jerome \_\_\_\_\_
4. The “popcorn king.” Orville \_\_\_\_\_
5. He claimed to have created “57 varieties” of condiments, but in reality, it was nowhere near that number. H.J. \_\_\_\_\_
6. He sells “kisses.” Milton \_\_\_\_\_
7. He delivered a knockout with his indoor grill. George \_\_\_\_\_
8. 19<sup>th</sup> century Scottish grocer who mixed a smoother blend of whiskey. Johnnie  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. He pioneered the use of pasteurization to prevent the fermentation of grape juice, then persuaded churches to adopt his non-alcoholic wine. Dr. Thomas  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. His snacks, allegedly baked by elves, are “uncommonly good.” Godfrey  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. In Britain, his name is the term commonly used for vacuuming. William Henry  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. He shared his name with bratwurst and baloney. Oscar \_\_\_\_\_
13. This German-born American turned two wheels into every American kid’s favorite Christmas present in the 1950s. Ignaz \_\_\_\_\_
14. He created the world’s most famous brand of tea. Sir Thomas \_\_\_\_\_
15. In 1915, his company was virtually the only US company making rubber soled athletic shoes, and was especially known for the high-top basketball shoe. Marquis M. \_\_\_\_\_
16. This 19<sup>th</sup> century German-American master cabinet maker developed a passion for building pianos. Henry \_\_\_\_\_

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## ANSWERS

1. Tupper
2. Mars
3. Smucker
4. Redenbacher
5. Heinz
6. Hershey
7. Foreman
8. Walker
9. Welch
10. Keebler
11. Hoover
12. Mayer
13. Schwinn
14. Lipton
15. Converse
16. Steinway