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# Heteronyms

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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: Heteronyms are words that are spelled the same but have different meanings and are not necessarily pronounced the same. For example, the word *number* can be a numeral, and it can also mean “more numb.” *Lima* (with a long i) can be a type of bean, and (with a short i) can be the capital of Peru. *Entrance* can be a doorway and, with the stress on the second syllable, can mean “to charm or delight.” Given two definitions, see if you can identify the heteronym.

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first two definitions. 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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## QUESTIONS

1. To create a surface shine, and the language spoken in Krakow.
2. Behavior, and to lead an orchestra.
3. A physician in training, and to confine someone for political or military reasons.
4. Doubts or uncertainties about doing something, and booked accommodations at a restaurant or hotel.
5. To show a movie on a screen, and a low-income housing complex.
6. To rent again, and to liberate or set free.
7. A queue or line, and a fight or argument.
8. Average in amount, intensity, or degree, and to preside over a debate.
9. A substitute or replacement choice, and, to switch back and forth.
10. To argue a point, and a competitive event.
11. A collection of published material, and to absorb nutrients from food.
12. A reason or explanation to justify a fault or offense, and to release someone from an obligation.
13. An omission due to forgetfulness or carelessness, and careful supervision or responsibility for someone or something.
14. Most recent and, final.

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## ANSWERS

1. Polish (PAW lish/POE lish)
2. Conduct (CON duct/con DUCT)
3. Intern (IN tern/in TERN)
4. Reservations
5. Project (pro JEKT/PROJ ect)
6. Release
7. Row (ROE/RAO)
8. Moderate (MOD er it/MOD er ATE)
9. Alternate (ALL ter knit/ALL tern ate)
10. Contest (con TEST/CON test)
11. Digest (DYE jest/Dye JEST)
12. Excuse (Ex SKYOOSE/Ex Kewz)
13. Oversight
14. Last