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# How Much Do You Know About...

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Tokens (for scorekeeping); Prizes (small) for winner(s)

Suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

In this game, we look at one subject in depth – it could be a person, place, event, or thing. This week, let's see how much you know about the historic city of BOSTON.

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or 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 team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give one answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Just answer the questions to find out how much you know about today's subject ... **BOSTON.**

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1. What is the name of the river that separates Boston and Cambridge?
2. Boston, which was settled in 1630, was the largest city in British North America until this city took that title in the mid 1700s.
3. Fourteen towns and cities border Boston. Can you name three of them?
4. What is Boston's nickname?
5. Boston is an enthusiastic sports town. Can you name the major league baseball, basketball, and hockey teams that play within the city's limits, and also the football team, whose stadium is located about 40 miles south of Boston?
6. What is the name of the baseball field where the Boston Red Sox play?
7. Paul Revere's midnight ride to warn his compatriots about the movements of the British Army started in Boston and ended in this historic town.
8. In 1820, the population of Boston was roughly 43,000. Just two decades later, that figure more than doubled, due to massive waves of immigration. From what one country did more than half of Boston's immigrants hail?
9. The Boston area boasts many dozens of colleges and universities. How many of the seven largest (by student population) can you name? If you get four, you're doing great! *(Note: The answers we're looking for are limited to colleges and universities that are located in Boston or in towns that border Boston.)*
10. What is the nickname of the decades-long "megaproject" that rerouted traffic in the city, created a new tunnel under Boston Harbor, a new bridge across the Charles River, and cost the American taxpayers \$22 billion?
11. What is the name of the famous Boston hospital, founded in 1811, where ether was first used during surgery in 1846?
12. What is the name of Boston's airport?
13. What is the title of the classic book by Nathaniel Hawthorne, set in 17th century Puritan Boston, about a young woman who suffers public shame after bearing a child that is not her husband's?
14. Who are the pair of superstars from Cambridge/Boston who won an Academy Award in 1998 (before they were thirty) for *Good Will Hunting*, a film they wrote and starred in?
15. Can you name the iconic 1941 children's book by Robert McCloskey about a family of mallards who try to cross Boston's busy streets to get to the pond in the Public Garden?

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## ANSWERS

1. The Charles River
2. Philadelphia
3. Brookline, Cambridge, Canton, Chelsea, Dedham, Everett, Milton, Needham, Newton, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Watertown, and Winthrop
4. Beantown. (Hub of the Universe *is also correct.*)
5. The Boston Red Sox (baseball); the Boston Celtics (basketball); the Boston Bruins (hockey); and the New England Patriots (football)
6. Fenway Park (built in 1912)
7. Lexington
8. Ireland
9. Boston University; Harvard University; Northeastern University; Boston College; University of Massachusetts/Boston; Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); Tufts University
10. The Big Dig
11. Massachusetts General Hospital
12. Logan International Airport
13. *The Scarlet Letter*
14. Ben Affleck and Matt Damon
15. *Make Way for Ducklings*