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Odd Man Out

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players

Overview:

In this game, we provide a list of three to five items. All but one have something in common. You have to figure out which item on each list is the **Odd Man Out** – and explain why it doesn't fit in with the others.

For example, if the list contained: *Scarlet, Ecrú, Magenta, and Crimson*, the **Odd Man Out** would be *Ecrú*, because it is the only color in the list that is not a shade of red. (Ecrú is off-white.) That example was fairly obvious. Here's one that's a little more difficult: *Lion, Elephant, Tiger, and Wolf*. The **Odd Man Out** is *Elephant*, because it is the only animal on the list that is not a carnivore. Here's another hard one: *Juneau, Little Rock, Des Moines, and Phoenix*. The **Odd Man Out** is *Des Moines*, because it is the only capital city in the list that is not in a state that begins with the letter A.

This game can be challenging, so it might be a particularly good game to play in teams.

Instructions:

1. Divide the players evenly into teams (or as closely as possible).
2. Read the first list of clues. 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.

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QUESTIONS

1. Bell, Fingerling, Banana, Scotch Bonnet, Serrano
2. Baltic, St. Charles, Huron, St. James
3. Applique, Chiffonade, Bargello, Crewel
4. Tantrum, Surprise Party, Kiss, Bank Account, Curve Ball
5. Barracuda, Mustang, Skate, Perch
6. Bread, Rice, Sugar, Milk, Coffee
7. Jaguar, Tiger, James, Natalie
8. "The Rain in Spain," "Climb Every Mountain," "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," "Get Me To the Church on Time"
9. Annapolis, Harrisburg, Boston, Lansing
10. (Very Hard) To, Up, Ad, Be, Hi

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ANSWERS

1. Fingerling is the Odd Man Out. It is a variety of potato. All the others are types of peppers.
2. Huron is the Odd Man Out. It is one of the Great Lakes. All the others are classic Monopoly avenue names.
3. Chiffonade is the Odd Man Out. It is a culinary technique of cutting foods into ribbons. All the rest are names of fiber/textile crafts.
4. A Bank Account is the Odd Man Out. All the others are things you throw.
5. Mustang is the Odd Man Out. It is a horse (or a car). All the others are names of fish.
6. Coffee is the Odd Man Out. It is dark brown. All the other foods are white.
7. Jaguar is the Odd Man Out. It is a large cat. All the rest are people with the last name of Wood or Woods.
8. "Climb Every Mountain" is the Odd Man Out. It is a featured song in *The Sound of Music*. All the rest are songs from *My Fair Lady*.
9. Harrisburg is the Odd Man Out. It is the capital of Pennsylvania. All the other cities are capitals of states that begin with the letter M.
10. Up is the Odd Man Out. It has no homonym. All the other words do (Two/too, Add, Bee, High)