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Ordinal Phrases

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

While cardinal numbers (one, two, three and so on), refer to quantity, ordinal numbers (first, second, third, and so on), refer to position. There are many familiar ordinal phrases, such as *second banana* or *third rail*. Let's see how many you can come up with in this quiz.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first clue. 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: All of the answers in this quiz are phrases, sayings, or titles that contain an ordinal number (first, second, third, etc.).

QUESTIONS

1. The best, especially in reference to travel accommodations.
2. Intense questioning or interrogation.
3. At the last possible moment.
4. To exercise your constitutional right not to incriminate yourself.
5. New Year's Eve celebrations in many cities.
6. The imaginary barrier that separates the audience from the performers on stage during a play.
7. A phrase, now out of favor, for undeveloped and economically disadvantaged countries.
8. According to this song title, the Rolling Stones suffered this mental malady in the 1960s.
9. Ordinal nickname for Chicago.
10. Manhattan location of the 1947 Christmas "miracle" movie set in Macy's department store.
11. Phrase for the very end moments in a baseball game.
12. This official name for Nazi Germany alluded to the Nazi claim that it was the successor to the earlier Holy Roman Empire (800-1806) and German Empire (1871-1918).
13. A new burst of energy after a period of physical exertion.
14. A state of bliss; extreme happiness.
15. The press/news media.
16. Barbara or Laura Bush.
17. Richard Dreyfus joined a spaceship of aliens at the end of this 1977 Steven Spielberg film.
18. Beginning to doubt an earlier decision; changing one's mind.
19. A perceptiveness that not achieved through the normal five senses.

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ANSWERS

1. First class
2. Third degree
3. Eleventh hour
4. Plead/Take the fifth
5. First night
6. Fourth wall
7. Third World
8. "Nineteenth Nervous Breakdown"
9. Second City
10. 34th Street
11. Bottom of the ninth
12. Third Reich
13. Second wind
14. Seventh Heaven
15. Fourth estate. This phrase was originally coined in counterpoint to the traditional European concept of the three estates of the realm: the clergy, the nobility, and the common people.
16. First Lady
17. *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*
18. Second guessing
19. Sixth sense