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# Replace the Missing Letters

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

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

## Overview:

Fill in the missing letters to reveal a list of **FOREIGN WORDS AND PHRASES COMMONLY USED IN ENGLISH**. The meaning of each foreign word or phrase is included with the answers. After they've solved this quiz, see if your players can define the clue.

## Instructions:

1. Write the first clue on a white board or easel large enough for all to see. Be sure to place empty lines where the letters are missing.
2. Allow players to shout out answers.
3. Instead of scoring, you might consider passing out a token (for example, a poker chip, or a piece of cardboard, or a spare button) to the first person you hear shout out the correct answer.
4. When the game is over, the person with the most tokens wins the game. You might consider giving him or her a lottery ticket or a special chocolate bar for that achievement.

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## QUESTIONS

1.    \_ LUTZ                   ( 1 )
2.    FIA \_ CO               ( 1 )
3.    A \_ • FRE \_ CO       ( 2 )
4.    F \_ \_ X • P \_ S       ( 2 )
5.    \_ RO • BO \_ O         ( 2 )
6.    H \_ I • PO \_ LOI      ( 2 )
7.    \_ TATU \_ • QU \_      ( 2 )
8.    CAR \_ E • DIE \_      ( 2 )
9.    A \_ ANT - \_ ARDE      ( 2 )
10.   PR \_ MA • \_ ON \_ A   ( 2 )
11.   \_ EMPU \_ • FU \_ IT   ( 2 )
12.   \_ UID • P \_ O • \_ UO   ( 3 )
13.   NO \_ • D \_ • PLU \_ \_   ( 3 )
14.   CU \_ \_ IC \_ LU \_ • VI \_ A \_   ( 2 )

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## ANSWERS

Foreign Phrase	Meaning
1. KLUTZ	(Yiddish) A clumsy person
2. FIASCO	(Italian) A total failure or disaster
3. DÉJÀ VU	(French) The feeling of having previously experienced something one is currently experiencing
4. IN VITRO	(Latin) In a test tube
5. AL FRESCO	(Italian) In the open air; outdoors
6. FAUX PAS	(French) A social blunder, usually somewhat embarrassing
7. PRO BONO	(Latin) Done without charge; free
8. HOI POLLOI	(Greek) The common people
9. A LA CARTE	(French) Items on a menu presented and priced individually
10. STATUS QUO	(Latin) The existing state of things
11. GESUNDHEIT	(German) Bless you
12. CARPE DIEM	(Latin) Seize the day
13. ALMA MATER	(Latin) A school from which one has graduated
14. AVANT-GARDE	(French) Radically original; cutting edge
15. PRIMA DONNA	(Italian) A temperamental female entertainer
16. TEMPUS FUGIT	(Latin) Time flies
17. QUID PRO QUO	(Latin) Something for something; an equal exchange
18. NOM DE PLUME	(French) Pen name; pseudonym
19. IN VINO VERITAS	(Latin) There is truth in wine
20. CURRICULUM VITAE	(Latin) A resume. Curriculum vitae is often shortened to CV.