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# Proudly from Ukraine

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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:

As Ukraine nears two months of intense fighting against the Russian invaders, we take a look at some of the remarkable people that Ukraine has shared with the world. Did you know that movie mogul Louis B. Mayer and piano virtuoso Vladimir Horowitz were both born in Kyiv? Or that composer Sergei Prokofiev, actress/singer Sophie Tucker, Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky, and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev were also born in Ukraine? More recently, gold medal figure skater Oksana Baiul was born in Dnipro, and actress Mila Kunis in Chernivtsi.

See how many people with Ukrainian heritage you can identify from the given clues.

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in 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 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:** How many people with Ukrainian heritage can you identify from the given clues?

1. The maternal grandmother of this actor, who gained worldwide fame for his starring role in the 1997 film *Titanic*, was born in Ukraine.
2. The father of this Supreme Court Justice, who served from 1993 to her death in 2020, emigrated from Odessa, Ukraine.
3. This musical philosopher, whose hit songs include “Blowin’ in the Wind” and “The Times They Are A-Changin’,” has Ukrainian heritage. His paternal grandparents emigrated from Odessa to the United States following the anti-Semitic pogroms of 1905.
4. The breakthrough role for this actor, whose grandparents emigrated from Lviv, was in the iconic 1960’s film *The Graduate*, for which he received his first of fourteen Academy Award nominations.
5. This actor, singer, and comedian was born David Daniel Kaminsky in 1911. Two of his most notable films include *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* (1947) and *White Christmas* (1954), alongside Bing Crosby. His parents emigrated from Ukraine’s fourth-largest city, Dnipropetrovsk.
6. This actor, whose father was an electrician from Kyiv, played Oscar Madison in the film version of *The Odd Couple*.
7. The Jewish parents of this actor, who played Mr. Spock on *Star Trek* from 1965 to 2013, were from Ukraine when it was part of the Soviet Union. They defected to the west by being smuggled out in a horse-drawn carriage, hiding under bales of hay.
8. The parents of this long-time conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and composer of the score of *West Side Story*, emigrated from Rovno in Ukraine in the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
9. This former football player, coach of the Dallas Cowboys (1973-1981) and the Chicago Bears (1982-1992), and sports TV commentator originally had a Ukrainian surname. People found it so hard to pronounce – it was Dyczko (DEECH-ko) – that his family changed it.
10. George Edward Terekeychuk emigrated from Ukraine to Canada in the 1920s, shortened his difficult last name, and ultimately became a chef. Little did he know that his son, with this name, would grow up to be perhaps the most successful game show host in the United States.
11. This actress was born Natalie Zacharenko in 1938 to parents who had emigrated from Ukraine. She grew up to star in iconic films such as *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*, *Rebel Without a Cause*, *Splendor in the Grass*, and the original *West Side Story*.

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## ANSWERS

1. Leonardo DiCaprio
2. Ruth Bader Ginsberg
3. Bob Dylan
4. Dustin Hoffman
5. Danny Kaye
6. Walter Matthau
7. Leonard Nimoy
8. Leonard Bernstein
9. Mike Ditka
10. Alex Trebek
11. Natalie Wood