

Word Trivia 1/30/22

# BLACK to BLACK

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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:

After only a modicum of research, we found several dozen words, names, idioms, and phrases that contain the word BLACK. So this week, as we usher in Black History Month, we do a turnabout. Instead of providing definitions, as we usually do, we've given the answers ... and the players must define the words or terms.

## 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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## QUESTIONS

1. Black and Blue
2. Black Tie
3. Black Belt
4. Black Gold
5. Black Friday
6. Black Hawks
7. Blackjack
8. Little Black Book
9. Black Sheep
10. Black Out
11. Blackmail
12. Blacktop
13. Blacklist
14. Black Comedy
15. Black and White
16. Black Arts
17. Black Box
18. Black Crappie
19. Black Death
20. Black Ice
21. Black Lung
22. Black Market
23. Black Widow
24. Blackbeard

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## ANSWERS

1. A bruise.
2. A dress code for semi-formal attire.
3. The highest achievement in martial arts.
4. Nickname for petroleum or crude oil.
5. The day after Thanksgiving – usually a strong, pre-Christmas shopping day when retailers start showing a profit.
6. A type of bird. A type of military helicopter. A professional hockey team in Chicago.
7. A popular casino card game, also called Twenty-One.
8. A rakish single (hopefully) man's address book with the names of past, present, and potential future girlfriends.
9. An odd or disreputable member of a family.
10. To lose power. To lose consciousness. During wartime, the practice of minimizing outdoor lighting as protection from attack.
11. The act of threatening to reveal something embarrassing or damaging about a person unless he/she pays in some way, usually cash.
12. An asphalt road surface.
13. A list of people to be avoided or distrusted, according to the makers of the list.
14. A type of humor, also called dark or gallows humor, in which comedians explore sad or painful subjects, such as crime, poverty, war, disease, etc., as fodder for jokes.
15. A police car. A non-color photograph. A type of frosted cookie. Also, a term to indicate an issue or situation that is cut and dried, clearly defined, without nuance.
16. The belief in magic spells and supernatural powers for evil or selfish purposes.
17. A flight data and cockpit voice recorder used in aircraft disaster investigation.
18. A type of freshwater fish.
19. Another name for the Bubonic Plague, whose first known pandemic claimed an estimated 75 to 200 million lives in Europe, Asia, and North Africa in the seven years between 1346 and 1353.
20. A thin coating of ice on the surface of a road that is difficult to see and therefore poses a slippage risk to pedestrians and automobiles.
21. The common name for coal workers' pneumoconiosis, a disease caused by long-term exposure to coal dust.
22. An underground economy or covert trade in illegal or stolen goods.
23. A type of spider. It's also a moniker used for several female murderers.
24. A notorious, 17<sup>th</sup> century English pirate who operated in the Caribbean and the southeastern British North American colonies.