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ACRONYMS

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

Just about every field of human endeavor uses acronyms or initialisms — letters that stand for a word, phrase, concept, or name. In this game, we provide the letters, and you must identify what they stand for. For example, the meaning of the acronym **PDQ** is *Pretty Darn (or Damn) Quick*.

Note: Most of the clues in this quiz are pronounced according to their letters. **FBI** (*Federal Bureau of Investigation*), for example, is pronounced by its letters (*ef•be•eye*). But other acronyms, such as **FLOTUS** (*First Lady of the United States*), are pronounced as a word (*float•iss*).

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: Given a familiar acronym (or initialism) and no other clues, can you identify what the letters stand for?

QUESTIONS

1. AAA
2. ACLU
3. ATM
4. AWOL
5. B&B
6. BBC
7. BMOC
8. CEO
9. CIA
10. DOD
11. FEMA
12. HDTV
13. IBM
14. MADD
15. MIT
16. MOMA
17. NOLA
18. NOW
19. OED
20. PIN
21. R&R
22. RCMP
23. ROTC
24. SCOTUS
25. SRO
26. SUV
27. SWAK
28. TGIF
29. UPS
30. USCG

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ANSWERS

1. AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION
2. AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
3. AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE
4. ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE
5. BED AND BREAKFAST
6. BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION
7. BIG MAN ON CAMPUS
8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
10. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
11. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
12. HIGH-DEFINITION TELEVISION
13. INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES
14. MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING
15. MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
16. MUSEUM OF MODERN ART
17. NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
18. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN
19. OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY
20. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
21. REST AND RELAXATION (REST AND RECREATION/ RECUPERATION *are also correct.*)
22. ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
23. RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS
24. SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
25. STANDING ROOM ONLY
26. SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE
27. SEALED WITH A KISS
28. THANK GOD (or GOODNESS) IT'S FRIDAY
29. UNITED PARCEL SERVICE
30. UNITED STATES COAST GUARD