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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. AA
2. AOL
3. ASAP (pronounced *A•sap*)
4. ATF
5. BART (pronounced as the word *BART*)
6. CBC
7. CNN
8. CPR
9. DBA
10. DOB
11. FAA
12. GMT
13. LPN
14. MBA
15. MSG
16. PETA (pronounced *Pee•ta*)
17. SSN
18. VFW
19. WMD
20. AARP

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ANSWERS

(In some cases, other correct answers may be possible.)

1. Alcoholics Anonymous or American Airlines
2. America Online
3. As Soon As Possible
4. (Bureau of) Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms
5. Bay Area Rapid Transit
6. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
7. Cable News Network
8. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
9. Doing Business As
10. Date of Birth
11. Federal Aviation Administration
12. Greenwich Mean Time
13. Licensed Practical Nurse
14. Master of Business Administration
15. Monosodium Glutamate
16. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
17. Social Security Number
18. Veterans of Foreign Wars
19. Weapons of Mass Destruction
20. American Association of Retired Persons