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Find the Quotation

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

May be suitable for visually impaired players, with some assistance from the host.

Overview:

Given a grid of seemingly unconnected words, players must follow the instructions to first cross out a number of them, and then rearrange the remaining words to reveal a quotation from the poet Emily Dickinson.

Instructions:

1. Print out the grid and give a copy to each player.
2. Read the instructions out loud, one at a time, giving your players plenty of time to find and cross out the words.
3. When you have finished reading the instructions, tell your players that they now have to rearrange the words that are left over into a saying or proverb.
4. The first person to get the quote in the correct word order wins the game.

Note: This game can be challenging. To help your players, you might want to tell them how many words get crossed out for each instruction; and if they have trouble unscrambling the quotation, you could give them the first two or three words as a hint.

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Instructions: First, cross out all the correct answers to the questions below. Then, rearrange the remaining words (those that have not been crossed out) to reveal a quotation.

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| DIAL | IT | IT | PUG | IS |
| MELONI | GANGES | THAT | COMMA | TITANIUM |
| SO | BOXER | IVORY | ST. LOUIS | TO |
| PERIOD | LOUISVILLE | IS | URANIUM | MACRON |
| DES MOINES | ZINC | TRUDEAU | TURTLES | YANGTZE |
| ALUMINUM | KALE | COLON | RARE | MEMPHIS |
| TRUTH | TELL | COPPER | DELIGHTFUL | DOVE |

1. Cross out all vegetables.
2. Cross out all brands of soap.
3. Cross out all metals from the periodic table.
4. Cross out all breeds of dogs.
5. Cross out all punctuation marks.
6. Cross out all cities north of Little Rock, Arkansas.
7. Cross out all rivers.
8. Cross out all current world leaders.
9. Cross out all animals that lay eggs.

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ANSWERS

1. Kale
2. Dial, Ivory, Dove
3. Titanium, Uranium, Zinc, Aluminum, Copper
4. Pug, Boxer
5. Comma, Period, Colon
6. St. Louis (MO), Louisville (KY), Des Moines (IA), Memphis (TN)
7. Ganges, Yangtze
8. Meloni, Macron, Trudeau
9. Turtles

QUOTATION

Truth is so rare that it is delightful to tell it.

Emily Dickinson