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Guess the Word

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes
 Number of players: Unlimited
 Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers
 Suitable for visually impaired players.

OVERVIEW:

This game is similar to the classic game Twenty Questions; but here, players get to ask all the questions they need to guess an action verb.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The host begins by coming up with an action verb, which is designated as the secret word. (See the sample list of action verbs on next page.)
2. Go around the room, one player at a time. Each player must ask a question using the phrase "DO THIS." For example, let's say that the secret word is WRITE. Player #1 might ask: "Can you DO THIS at school?" The phrase DO THIS will always stand for the secret word.
3. In that case, the answer would be "Yes," and the player can guess a word if s/he has one in mind. There is no penalty for an incorrect guess.
4. If the guess is wrong, move on to Player #2, who now asks a question. For example, s/he might ask: "Do I know how to DO THIS?" The answer again is "Yes." Player #2 now has the opportunity to guess the secret word. If her/his guess is wrong, move on to Player #3.
5. Play moves on until someone correctly guesses the secret word. Here are some sample questions:

Does everyone know how to DO THIS?	Do I DO THIS every day?
Do I need any tools to DO THIS?	Does it require strength to DO THIS?
Is it dangerous to DO THIS?	Do you need a license to DO THIS?
Is it expensive to DO THIS?	Do I DO THIS at a special time of day?
6. The only answers the host is allowed to give are "Yes," "No," and, if necessary, some form of "Probably," "Unlikely," or "I don't know."

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List of Action Verbs. *Note: Verbs often double as nouns. To help your players come up with verbs, remind them to put the word “to” in front of their chosen word. For example, a “cook” can be a person, and is therefore a noun; but “to cook” is the action of preparing food, and is therefore a verb.*

ACT	APOLOGIZE	ARGUE	ATTACK
BAKE	BARK	BET	BLINK
BREAK	BREATHE	BRUISE	BUY
CALCULATE	CARVE	CHEAT	CHEER
CHOKER	CONFESS	COOK	COUGH
CRY	DANCE	DEBATE	DICTATE
DIVE	DIVIDE	DIVORCE	DREAM
DRINK	DRIVE	ELOPE	EMPLOY
ENTERTAIN	ESCAPE	EXERCISE	FALL
FIGHT	FLY	FREEZE	FRY
GLUE	GRATE	GRILL	GROWL
HAMMER	HAUNT	HOP	HUG
HUNT	HURRY	IGNORE	INTERRUPT
INVENT	IRON	JOG	JUGGLE
JUMP	KICK	KISS	KNIT
LAUGH	LEARN	MARCH	MEASURE
MELT	MURDER	NAG	NAP
OPEN	ORDER	PAINT	PARK
PINCH	PRAY	PRETEND	PROMISE
QUILT	QUIT	RACE	RAIN
READ	RELAX	REMEMBER	RESCUE
RETIRE	RHYME	ARROW	RUN
SCRATCH	SCREAM	SEE	SELL
SHAMPOO	SHAVE	SIN	SKATE
SLEEP	SMELL	SMILE	SMOKE
SNEEZE	SNORE	SNOW	SPEAK
STARE	SWIM	TALK	TASTE
TEACH	THINK	TICKLE	TOAST
TRAVEL	TYPE	VANISH	VISIT
VOLUNTEER	VOTE	WALK	WIN
WINK	WORK	WRESTLE	YAWN
YELL	YODEL		