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Heteronyms

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

Overview:

Heteronyms are words that are spelled the same but have different meanings, and in some cases, are not necessarily pronounced the same. For example, the word *number* can be a numeral, and it can also mean “more numb.” *Lima* is a type of bean, and it is also the capital of Peru. *Entrance* can be a doorway and, with the stress on the second syllable, can mean “to charm or delight.”

Given two definitions, can you identify the heteronym?

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first definition. 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. What Greg Louganis did at the Olympics many times ... and, the white bird of peace.
2. A tied ribbon decoration ... and, to bend the upper body as a sign of respect.
3. To continue on ... and, a curriculum vitae.
4. A soft and malleable metal ... and, to head up a group of people or to be first in a parade.
5. A commemorative tablet, usually engraved ... and, a sticky substance on your teeth or in your arteries.
6. To say no, decline, or deny ... and, trash or garbage.
7. To quit your job or position ... and, to put your signature on a document again.
8. To render a guilty verdict in court ... and, a jailbird or prisoner.
9. More precipitation than before ... and, a snowcapped mountain in Washington state.
10. A kind of fish ... and, a kind of stringed instrument.
11. A cabinet for a television or radio ... and, to offer comfort or sympathy at a time of grief or disappointment.
12. A flaw or imperfection ... and, to abandon your home country for another, usually for political, ideological, or artistic reasons.
13. Fruits and vegetables ... and, to create or make something.
14. Thoughtful, methodical, purposeful ... and, to consider issues and decisions very carefully, the way a jury does.

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ANSWERS

1. Dove
2. Bow
3. Resume/resumé
4. Lead
5. Plaque
6. Refuse
7. Resign
8. Convict
9. Rainier
10. Bass
11. Console
12. Defect
13. Produce
14. Deliberate