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# Initial Game

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

All the answers in this game contain two-word phrases that begin with the initials **MD**.

## 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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## QUESTIONS

1. Captain Ahab's whale.
2. The person in a restaurant who typically handles the reservations.
3. In Noel Coward's song, only these creatures and Englishmen go out in the midday sun.
4. In this 1993 film, Robin Williams played a woman housekeeper and nanny to his own kids.
5. In many countries, this holiday on first day of the fifth month is celebrated with dancing, music, and a day off from work.
6. This academic award requires more schooling than an undergraduate degree, but less than a Ph.D.
7. One of Florida's three NFL (National Football League) teams.
8. This citrus flavored soft drink is the fourth-best-selling beverage in the US, behind Coke, Pepsi, and Diet Coke.
9. His syndicated daytime talk show began in 1961 as a local program in Cleveland, but then went national from Philadelphia and ran until 1981.
10. This German-born actress was at the height of her career in the 1930s, starring in films such as *Morocco*, *Shanghai Express*, and *The Devil is a Woman*.
11. As all *Gunsmoke* watchers knew, he was the law in Dodge City, Kansas.
12. Death Valley, the hottest place in North America, is located in this arid region that spans the border of southeastern California, southern Nevada, and northwestern Arizona.
13. In these pairs tennis matches, each team is made up of a woman and a man.
14. In Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*, she encoded the names of her enemies into her knitting.
15. From the early 1940s until his death in 1991, he was one of the most influential jazz musicians of the 20th century, often playing his trademark bright red or blue trumpets.
16. This 19th-century concept propounded the belief that the United States was divinely fated to expand across North America.

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## ANSWERS

1. Moby-Dick
2. Maitre D'
3. Mad Dogs
4. *Mrs. Doubtfire*
5. May Day
6. Masters Degree
7. Miami Dolphins
8. Mountain Dew
9. Mike Douglas
10. Marlene Dietrich
11. Matt Dillon
12. Mojave Desert
13. Mixed Doubles
14. Madame Defarge
15. Miles Davis
16. Manifest Destiny