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Making Connections

Estimated play time: Approximately 20 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Whiteboard or large pad of paper, large marker pens, scoring board/pad; noisemakers

May be suitable for visually impaired players with support or adaptation.

Overview:

Given nine words or phrases, your players must find the three groups of three connected items among them.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or teams.
2. Write the first grid of nine words/phrases on a whiteboard or large pad.
3. Players must first find the three groups of three connected words/phrases. For example, here is a grid of nine words or phrases:

RED	HONEY	GREEN
HARVEST	BLUE	BING
PURPLE	BUFFAY	FULL

The first group of three connected words is *RED*, *BLUE*, and *PURPLE*; the theme that connects them is *COLORS*. The second group of three connected words is *HONEY*, *HARVEST*, and *FULL*; the theme that connects them is that they all *PRECEDE THE WORD MOON* (as in *HONEYMOON*, *HARVEST MOON*, and *FULL MOON*). The third group of three connected words is, by default, *GREEN*, *BING*, and *BUFFAY*. But in order to get the points, the players must identify the theme that connects them. In this case, they are three characters' *SURNAMES FROM THE TV SHOW FRIENDS*.

4. 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.
5. As soon as a player or team figures out a group of three and its theme, they should signal to the host and then identify the three items and the theme. If the answer is incorrect (either the items or the theme), the others may 'buzz' in and answer.
6. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each group of three and theme is answered correctly.

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GAME 1

BRONCO	REEBOK	TEDDY
ESCORT	SMOKEY	CONVERSE
KEDS	YOGI	PINTO

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GAME 2

PECAN	HAMBURG	BRAVO
LIFETIME	BOLOGNA	PUMPKIN
APPLE	DISCOVERY	FRANKFURT

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GAME 3

ZIP	DASH	CLARIFY
BASTE	DREDGE	COLON
PERIOD	GOOSE EGG	NIL

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ANSWERS

GAME 1

Clues

BRONCO, ESCORT, PINTO
REEBOK, CONVERSE, KEDS
TEDDY, SMOKEY, YOGI

Themes

Models of Ford cars
Brands of sneakers
Names of bears

GAME 2

Clues

PECAN, PUMPKIN, APPLE
HAMBURG, BOLOGNA, FRANKFURT
BRAVO, LIFETIME, DISCOVERY

Themes

Kinds of pie
Cities that are also names of foods
Cable TV networks

GAME 3

Clues

ZIP, GOOSE EGG, NIL
DASH, COLON, PERIOD
CLARIFY, BASTE, DREDGE

Themes

Words that mean “zero” or “nothing”
Punctuation marks
Cooking terms