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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 twelve words or phrases, you must find the four groups of three connected items among them.

## Instructions for host:

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

<b>RED</b>	<b>HONEY</b>	<b>HOOR</b>
<b>HARVEST</b>	<b>EWE</b>	<b>BING</b>
<b>PURPLE</b>	<b>BUFFAY</b>	<b>FULL</b>
<b>EYE</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	<b>BLUE</b>

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 *GREEN*, *BING*, and *BUFFAY*, which are all last names of characters from the TV show *FRIENDS*. The fourth group of three connected words is, by default, *HOOR*, *EWE*, and *EYE*. But in order to get the points, you must identify the theme that connects them. In this case, they are all *HOMONYMS OF THE PRONOUNS OUR, YOU, AND I*.

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

<b>YORK</b>	<b>BAT</b>	<b>RIB</b>
<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>MAID</b>	<b>JERSEY</b>
<b>SCAPULA</b>	<b>HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>CLUB</b>
<b>SPICE</b>	<b>PADDLE</b>	<b>HUMERUS</b>

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## GAME 2

<b>HAMBURG</b>	<b>SHEEN</b>	<b>SKELETON</b>
<b>JUPITER</b>	<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>SHORT</b>
<b>PIANO</b>	<b>BOLOGNA</b>	<b>NAPLES</b>
<b>BRUSSELS</b>	<b>HOLLYWOOD</b>	<b>SCORCESE</b>

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## ANSWERS

### Game 1

#### Clues

YORK, JERSEY, HAMPSHIRE  
ENGLISH, MAID, SPICE  
BAT, CLUB, PADDLE  
RIB, SCAPULA, HUMERUS

#### Themes

New \_\_\_\_\_  
Old \_\_\_\_\_  
Sports Equipment Used To Hit Balls  
Bones

### Game 2

#### Clues

HAMBURG, BOLOGNA, BRUSSELS  
SKELETON, FLORIDA, PIANO  
JUPITER, NAPLES, HOLLYWOOD  
SHEEN, SHORT, SCORSESE

#### Themes

Cities That Are Also Foods  
Related To Keys  
Cities In Florida  
People Named Martin