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Odd Man Out

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

Overview:

In this game, we provide a list of three to five items. All but one have something in common. You have to figure out which item on each list is the **Odd Man Out** – and explain why it doesn't fit in with the others.

For example, if the list contained: *Scarlet*, *Ecrú*, *Magenta*, and *Crimson*, the **Odd Man Out** would be *Ecrú*, because it is the only color in the list that is not a shade of red. (Ecrú is off-white.) That example was fairly obvious. Here's one that's a little more difficult: *Lion*, *Elephant*, *Tiger*, and *Wolf*. The **Odd Man Out** is *Elephant*, because it is the only animal on the list that is not a carnivore. Here's another hard one: *Juneau*, *Little Rock*, *Des Moines*, and *Phoenix*. The **Odd Man Out** is *Des Moines*, because it is the only capital city in the list that is not in a state that begins with the letter A.

This game can be challenging, so it might be a particularly good game to play in teams.

Instructions:

1. Divide the players evenly into teams (or as closely as possible).
2. Read the first list of clues. 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 team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give one answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly.

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Instructions: All but one item in a given list have something in common. You have to figure out which one is the Odd Man Out – and explain why it doesn't fit in with the others. For example, given: *Scarlet, Ecru, Magenta, and Crimson*, the Odd Man Out is *Ecru*, because it is the only color in the list that is not a shade of red.

QUESTIONS

1. All, Gleem, Era, Gain, Tide
2. Green, Mustard, Cardinal, Plum, Peacock
3. Toot, Peep, Yikes, Wow
4. Richard Nixon, John F. Kennedy, Theodore Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover
5. Cuba, Iran, China, Peru
6. Richards, Harrison, Watts, Jagger
7. Taj Majal, Trevi Fountain, Tivoli Gardens, The Acropolis
8. Ford, Clay, Musk, Hudson, Winkler
9. Bungalow, Pontoon, Sloop, Cutter, Ketch
10. Impala, Giraffe, Jaguar, Rabbit, Bronco

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ANSWERS

1. *Gleem* is the Odd Man Out. It is a brand of toothpaste. All the other clues are brands of detergent.
2. *Cardinal* is the Odd Man Out. All the other clues are names of characters from the game Clue (Mr. Green, Colonel Mustard, Professor Plum, Mrs. Peacock).
3. *Yikes* is the Odd Man Out. All the other clues are palindromes (words that are spelled the same forward and backward).
4. *John F. Kennedy* is the Odd Man Out. All of the other former presidents were Republicans.
5. *China* is the Odd Man Out. All the other countries have four-letter names.
6. *Harrison* is the Odd Man Out. George Harrison was a member of the Beatles. All the other clues are last names of members of the Rolling Stones (Keith Richards, Charlie Watts, Mick Jagger).
7. *Taj Mahal* is the Odd Man Out. It is in Asia. All the other landmarks are in Europe.
8. *Musk* is the Odd Man Out. Elon is the most famous person with the last name of Musk. All the others are last names of famous people named Henry (Henry Ford, Henry Clay, Henry Hudson, Henry Winkler).
9. *Bungalow* is the Odd Man Out. It is a type of house. All the others are types of boats.
10. *Giraffe* is the Odd Man Out. All the others are names of car makes or models.