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Replace the Missing Letters

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Tokens (for scorekeeping); prizes (small) for winner(s)

Overview:

Fill in the missing letters to reveal a list of **FAMILIAR SAYINGS, PHRASES, AND IDIOMS** that are among the most common in the English language, according to the website *Education First*.

Instructions:

1. Write the first clue on a white board or easel large enough for all to see. Be sure to place empty lines where the letters are missing.
2. Allow players to shout out answers.
3. Instead of scoring, you might consider passing out a token (for example, a poker chip, or a piece of cardboard, or a spare button) to the first person you hear shout out the correct answer.
4. When the game is over, the person with the most tokens wins the game. You might consider giving him or her a lottery ticket or a special chocolate bar for that achievement.

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1. B _ EA _ • A • _ _ G (3)
2. E _ _ Y • D _ _ S • IT (3)
3. HA _ _ • IN • T _ _ RE (3)
4. BI _ _ • _ _ E • BU _ _ ET (3)
5. AS • RI _ _ T • AS • RA _ _ (4)
6. I _ _ ORA _ _ E • IS • B _ _ SS (3)
7. A • BL _ _ SI _ G • IN • DI _ _ UI _ E (4)
8. B _ AT • AR _ _ ND • T _ E • _ US _ (4)
9. _ _ 'S • _ OT • RO _ _ ET • S _ _ ENC _ (4)
10. BE _ _ ER • LA _ E • T _ AN • NE _ _ R (4)
11. P _ L _ • _ OU _ SE _ F • TO _ _ T _ ER (3)
12. T _ RO _ _ H • T _ _ C _ • A _ _ • _ HIN (4)
13. LE _ _ E • NO • S _ _ NE • U _ T _ _ NED (4)
14. T _ _ OW • CA _ _ I _ N • T _ • T _ E • _ _ ND (5)

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ANSWERS

1. **BREAK A LEG**
2. **EASY DOES IT**
3. **HANG IN THERE**
4. **BITE THE BULLET**
5. **AS RIGHT AS RAIN**
6. **IGNORANCE IS BLISS**
7. **A BLESSING IN DISGUISE**
8. **BEAT AROUND THE BUSH**
9. **IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE**
10. **BETTER LATE THAN NEVER**
11. **PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER**
12. **THROUGH THICK AND THIN**
13. **LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED**
14. **THROW CAUTION TO THE WIND**