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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 **BEFORE AND AFTER** merges, a theme which we borrowed from *Wheel of Fortune*. Each challenge includes two names, phrases, sayings, or titles, such as *ONCE IN A BLUE MOON RIVER*, which merges the saying *ONCE IN A BLUE MOON* with the song title “*MOON RIVER*.”

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. SU_ _I • _AR • _I_Z_AH (3)
2. DIR_ _Y • _ARR_ • _OTT_ _ (3)
3. O_ _EN • SES_ _E • S_ _EE_ (3)
4. _AGIN_ • BU_ _ • _URH_M (3)
5. S_P_ _R • BO_L • _F • CE_ _AL (4)
6. _AL_Y • FI_ _D • O_ • D_E_MS (4)
7. E_GS • BE_ _DIC_ • A_ _OLD (3)
8. T_ _ • LI_ _ • _ _NG • O_ • _UEE_S (5)
9. _MER_ _AN • GR_ _FIT_ • AR_ _ST (3)
10. _HEE_ • _F • FO_ _ _NE • CO_ _IE_ (4)
11. LI_ _LE • _OY • _ _UE • SU_ _E • SH_ _S (5)
12. _T'S • A • WO_ _ER_U_ • LI_ _ • _F • RI_E_ (6)
13. SA_ _NG • PR_ _ _TE • RY_ _ • GO_LI_G (4)
14. PL_ _OU_H • _OC_ • O_ • GI_RAL_A_ (4)
15. _ _ERIC_ • T_E • _EA_ _IFU_ • DR_A_ER (4)

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ANSWERS

1. SUSHI BAR MITZVAH
2. DIRTY HARRY POTTER
3. OPEN SESAME STREET
4. RAGING BULL DURHAM
5. SUPER BOWL OF CEREAL
6. SALLY FIELD OF DREAMS
7. EGGS BENEDICT ARNOLD
8. THE LION KING OF QUEENS
9. AMERICAN GRAFFITI ARTIST
10. WHEEL OF FORTUNE COOKIES
11. LITTLE BOY BLUE SUEDE SHOES
12. IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE OF RILEY
13. SAVING PRIVATE RYAN GOSLING
14. PLYMOUTH ROCK OF GIBRALTAR
15. AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL DREAMER