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Rhyming Geography

Estimated play time: Approximately 10 minutes
Number of players: Unlimited
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers
Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

Each question refers to two geographical locations that rhyme.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first clue. 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 player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they must give two correct answers. If they answer incorrectly, the other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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1. The US state that is home to the cities of Portland and Augusta; and the country that is home to Barcelona and Seville.
2. The US state where you would find the cities of Lincoln and North Platte; and the US state where you would find Fairbanks and Barrow.
3. The capital of Texas; and the capital of Massachusetts.
4. The largest city in New Mexico; and the country where you can visit Ankara and Izmir.
5. The battlefield where Napoleon was defeated; and the 16th-largest city in Michigan, where Glenn Miller "had a girl."
6. The "Tac" in Washington state's Sea-Tac airport; and, the state where you'll find Enid and Norman.
7. The country where you would find Oslo; and the ancient Roman city that was buried by an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.
8. The capital of Italy; and the Alaskan city that marks the end of the 1,161 mile Iditarod sled dog race.
9. A windswept island resort that lies about 17 miles off the coast of Venezuela; and the Caribbean island with the only communist government in the Western hemisphere.
10. The huge, frigid, sparsely populated region of Russia; and the African country settled by American slaves.
11. A major tourist center and leading resort city on the French Riviera; and the country that is the ancient birthplace of democracy, Western philosophy, the Olympic Games, Western literature, and much more.
12. The largest city and the center of finance and trade on mainland China; and the Indian city that was known as Bombay until 1995.
13. The capital of Peru; and the Japanese island that was the site of the iconic WWII photograph of six soldiers raising the US flag atop Mt. Suribachi.
14. The country where you'll find Buenos Aires; and the home of the Rose Bowl, Cal Tech, and, according to a 1960's pop tune, a fast-driving "little old lady."
15. The US state that is nicknamed "The Land of 10,000 Lakes"; and the Florida city that is found on the Gulf of Mexico between Venice and Bradenton.

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ANSWERS

1. Maine and Spain
2. Nebraska and Alaska
3. Austin and Boston
4. Albuquerque and Turkey
5. Waterloo and Kalamazoo
6. Tacoma and Oklahoma
7. Norway and Pompeii
8. Rome and Nome
9. Aruba and Cuba
10. Siberia and Liberia
11. Nice and Greece
12. Shanghai and Mumbai
13. Lima and Iwo Jima
14. Argentina and Pasadena
15. Minnesota and Sarasota