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Sentence Sleuth

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Overview:

A true Sentence Sleuth is able to find a word hidden somewhere within a sentence. In this game the word will be the name of a FLOWER. The correct answer could be spread over one, two, or more words. And when looking for the hidden word, you should ignore all punctuation, spaces, capital letters, etc.

Here's an example:

When breakfast was done, Jeff shouted to the kids, "Juice is in the fridge. Flapjacks are in the pan. Syrup is on the counter. Just help yourselves." The hidden word **PANSY** spans two words, a period, and two spaces. (... in the **pan. Syrup** is ...)

Instructions:

1. This game is best played if you can pass out printed copies of the clues, so that players can see the whole sentence.
2. Read the first sentence allowed.
3. This game can be played by individuals or in teams. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a player/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.
4. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the others may "buzz" in and answer.
5. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each hidden word has been correctly discovered.

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Instructions: Find the FLOWER hidden somewhere within each sentence.

1. “Are you planning to elope on your birthday, Margaret?” her mother asked in horror.
2. “Adele,” her cousin said, “I know the Honda is your current car, but what was the first car you ever owned?”
3. After watching the movie *Love, Actually*, Maria looked at Henry and sighed, “Ah, Liam Neeson is the best-looking actor of them all!”
4. Joey said he thought that *The Silence of the Lambs* was as terrifying a movie as *Psycho*.
5. The gemstone topaz, a leading export from Brazil, is usually colorless. Heat and irradiation are what give it color.
6. “In England,” said the vicar, “national pride in our health care system is very important.”
7. Every day I risk my life in Boston just crossing the busy street.
8. “Margie,” Mrs. O’Leary shouted, “get outside and sweep the porch. I don’t want to tell you again.”
9. A real hero seldom runs away from danger.

10. Junior couldn't wait to tell his dad what he learned in school today. "Pop, pyramids aren't found only in Egypt. Lots of civilizations, including Mexico, Cambodia, Sudan, and Nigeria have ancient pyramid structures."
11. When the six kittens turned eight weeks old, Clara put out a sign that said "Free Siamese Kittens," and they were all taken in three hours.
12. "Jimmy, you complain all the time," observed his brother Johnny, "and you are driving your wife crazy! If you bellyache at her all day long, she is going to leave you."

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ANSWERS

1. Peony “... to elope on your ...”
2. Daisy “... the Honda is your current ...”
3. Dahlia “... sighed, “Ah, Liam Neeson ...”
4. Aster “... was as terrifying.”
5. Azalea “... topaz, a leading ...”
6. Carnation “... vicar, “national pride ...”
7. Iris “Every day I risk my ...”
8. Orchid “... the porch. I don’t ...”
9. Rose “... hero seldom...”
10. Poppy “... Pop, pyramids aren’t ...”
11. Freesia “Free Siamese ...”
12. Heather “... bellyache he at her all day ...”