

2/12/23 Weekly Word Game

TOP it Off!

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

Overview:

All the answers in this word definition game contain the consecutive letters TOP.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first definition. 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 may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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QUESTIONS

1. The capital of Kansas.
2. Theme or subject matter.
3. This gem, which is the traditional birthstone for November, can be blue, brown, orange, yellow, and several other colors.
4. The art of clipping and training shrubs into shapes — like living sculptures.
5. Superior; first-rate; excellent.
6. Based on a two novels and a 1937 film, this 1950's television series featured a stuffy banker who is haunted by George and Marion Kerby, a pair of married ghosts.
7. With pizza, this might be pepperoni; with ice cream, sprinkles.
8. To collapse or fall over.
9. Another name for a portable computer.
10. This is sometimes referred to as the busiest defensive position in baseball — just ask Luis Aparicio, Cal Ripken, Jr., and Derek Jeter.
11. Term for a flight that goes directly from your starting point to your destination.
12. A mollusk with eight “arms.”
13. An imaginary place where everything is perfect.
14. A post-mortem examination.
15. A timepiece used for races.

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ANSWERS

1. Topeka
2. Topic
3. Topaz
4. Topiary
5. Topnotch
6. *Topper*
7. Topping
8. Topple
9. Laptop
10. Shortstop
11. Non-stop
12. Octopus
13. Utopia
14. Autopsy
15. Stopwatch