

3/19/23 Weekly Word Game

# The Spring EQUinOX

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

Happy Spring! All the answers in this word definition game either start with the letters EQU or end with the letters OX.

## 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. An old-fashioned machine, commonly found in diners, that played records for 10 or 25 cents per play.
2. The imaginary line that divides the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
3. Technology that preceded the refrigerator.
4. Related to horseback riding.
5. To make a photocopy ... or, the machine that makes the photocopy... or, the company that makes the machine that makes the photocopy.
6. A mathematical statement or expression that always contains an equal sign (=).
7. A crate used as a makeshift stand (either actually or metaphorically) by a public speaker; or, a motorless vehicle made from a crate for kids to drive or race.
8. To be vague or evasive; to use ambiguous language so as to conceal the truth.
9. Abbreviated word for the process of ridding the body of unhealthy, harmful, or addictive substances.
10. Slang term for a fairly large, but portable, sound system, including radios, cassettes, or CD players, which is usually carried by young people and is capable of powerful sound.
11. Following or conforming to traditional, established, and approved practices, especially related to religious traditions.
12. A horse or member of the horse family.
13. An infectious disease that was eradicated from the earth in 1980.
14. Collective term for the items (tools, technology, apparatus) that are necessary for a particular purpose.
15. A state in which opposing forces or influences are in balance.

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## ANSWERS

1. Jukebox
2. Equator
3. Icebox
4. Equestrian
5. Xerox
6. Equation
7. Soapbox
8. Equivocate
9. Detox
10. Boombox
11. Orthodox
12. Equine
13. Smallpox
14. Equipment
15. Equilibrium