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# Initial Game

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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:

All the answers in this game consist of two-word names or phrases that begin with the initials **RB**.

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. 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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1. Shaving necessity.
2. Mr. Elizabeth Taylor, twice.
3. This soda flavor, based on the sassafras plant, is almost exclusive to North America.
4. Robert DeNiro starred as boxer Jake LaMotta in this 1980 film.
5. This cereal is a top seller for Kellogg's.
6. A dictionary, encyclopedia, or almanac, for example.
7. He appeared in 40 *Little Rascal* short films (1939 – 1944), and he also played the title role in the television series *Baretta* (1975-1978).
8. This annual sports event occurs every New Year's Day in Pasadena, California.
9. If your computer freezes, pressing this is often the solution.
10. The English athlete who is still widely remembered as the first person to run a mile in less than four minutes (1954).
11. This 17th century Scottish poet wrote "(My Love is Like) A Red, Red, Rose."
12. In a Mexican restaurant, they're called "refritos."
13. The prolific author of science fiction stories such as *Fahrenheit 451*, *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, and *It Came From Outer Space*.
14. An unflattering (but not necessarily untrue) term for certain late 19th/early 20th century titans of industry, including Andrew Carnegie, Andrew Mellon, and J.P. Morgan.
15. The swath of the United States, running roughly from Central New York through Iowa, that is characterized by declining industry, aging factories, and a loss in population.
16. Introduced in 1987, this highly caffeinated beverage is the best selling energy drink in the world, with 3.6 billion cans sold in 2011.

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## ANSWERS

1. Razor Blade
2. Richard Burton
3. Root Beer
4. *Raging Bull*
5. Raisin Bran
6. Reference Book
7. Robert Blake
8. Rose Bowl
9. Reset Button
10. Roger Bannister
11. Robert Burns
12. Refried Beans
13. Ray Bradbury
14. Robber Barons
15. Rust Belt
16. Red Bull