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Number Idioms

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

Overview:

Overview: An idiom is a word or phrase that has a figurative meaning. For example, when we say, "It's raining cats and dogs," we don't mean that literally; it's a phrase that by common usage we know means that it's raining very hard.

In this game, all the idioms contain a number. Let's see if you can put _____ ***and*** _____ together to come up with the right answers. You'll be on ***cloud*** _____ if you get them all right!

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 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.
3. 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.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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Instructions: In this game, you need to fill in the number that is missing from each idiom, such as “back to square one” or “the whole nine yards.”

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1. In order to play marbles with the kids, Grandpa had to get down on all _____.
2. Caroline was in _____ heaven when she heard her daughter got a job at NBC.
3. Marilyn's high school has a _____ tolerance policy on bullying.
4. Carl changed his mind at the _____ hour.
5. Carla felt like a _____ wheel when she went to dinner with her sisters and their husbands.
6. When it comes to food and cooking, Bobby has a _____ track mind.
7. Suzanne told her husband to shave before dinner to get rid of his _____ o'clock shadow.
8. Dancing is not Franny's strong suit. She says it's because she was born with _____ left feet.
9. _____ letter words are not allowed in Harry's workplace.
10. When Stephanie came home late, her father gave her the _____ degree.
11. After the purchase of their dream house fell through, Neil and Margot had to go back to square _____.
12. Everyone assumed that George was guilty after he pled the _____ at the trial.
13. You can't believe anything that Ron says – he's as phony as a _____ dollar bill.
14. Mary couldn't wait to go to college so that she could get out of the _____ horse town she grew up in.

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ANSWERS

1. Fours
2. Seventh
3. Zero
4. Eleventh
5. Fifth
6. One
7. Five
8. Two
9. Four
10. Third
11. One
12. Fifth
13. Three
14. One

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