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# Odd Man Out

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

## Overview:

In this game, we provide a list of three to five items. All but one have something in common. You have to figure out which item on each list is the **Odd Man Out** – and explain why it doesn't fit in with the others.

For example, if the list contained: *Scarlet*, *Ecrú*, *Magenta*, and *Crimson*, the **Odd Man Out** would be *Ecrú*, because it is the only color in the list that is not a shade of red. (Ecrú is off-white.) That example was fairly obvious. Here's one that's a little more difficult: *Lion*, *Elephant*, *Tiger*, and *Wolf*. The **Odd Man Out** is *Elephant*, because it is the only animal on the list that is not a carnivore. Here's another hard one: *Juneau*, *Little Rock*, *Des Moines*, and *Phoenix*. The **Odd Man Out** is *Des Moines*, because it is the only capital city in the list that is not in a state that begins with the letter A.

This game can be challenging, so it might be a particularly good game to play in teams.

## Instructions:

1. Divide the players evenly into teams (or as closely as possible).
2. Read the first list of clues. 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 team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give one answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly.

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## QUESTIONS

1. Black, Doughnut, Goose, Button, Pigeon
2. Spit, Seesaw, Curve, Knuckle
3. Stonehenge, Brandenburg Gate, Westminster Abbey, Kew Gardens
4. Dominoes, Giant Panda, Grizzly Bear, Salt and Pepper
5. Alaskan, Hawaiian, Sicilian, Margherita
6. TORNADOS, Washing Machines, Digital Clocks, Toy Tops
7. Strikes, French Hens, Musketeers, Olympic Rings
8. Barbie Doll, Banjo, Yo-Yo, Tennis Racket
9. Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Princeton.

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## ANSWERS

1. *Goose* is the Odd Man Out. All the others complete the compound word or two-word phrase \_\_\_\_\_ *Hole*.
2. *Seesaw* is the Odd Man Out. It's a piece of playground equipment. All the others are types of pitches in baseball.
3. *Brandenburg Gate* is the Odd Man Out. It is a famous tourist attraction in Germany. All the others are in England.
4. *Grizzly Bear* is the Odd Man Out. All the others are black and white; the grizzly bear is not.
5. *Alaskan* is the Odd Man Out. It is the only one that is not a type of pizza.
6. *Digital Clocks* is the Odd Man Out. All the other items "spin."
7. *Olympic Rings* is the Odd Man Out. There are five Olympic Rings; all of the others are things that come in threes.
8. *Barbie Doll* is the Odd Man Out. All the other items come with strings.
9. *Princeton* is the Odd Man Out. It is an Ivy League school located in New Jersey. All the others are located in New England.