9/15/24 Weekly Word Game

PAR for the Course

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 begin with the consecutive letters **PAR**.

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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1. A stunt pilot's safety device.
2. Although these birds customarily nest on the ground, you might find one in a pear tree.
3. An umbrella that protects the user from the sun.
4. This winter jacket usually has a hood lined with fur to protect the face from cold and wind.
5. This popular household pet is known as a budgie in England and Australia.
6. Candles are made from this waxy substance.
7. *Fête* in French; *fiesta* in Spanish; in any language, it's a good time!
8. Polls showed that most Americans disapproved when Gerald Ford granted this to Richard Nixon in 1974.
9. In ancient times, this material, made from animal skins, was used like paper.
10. As an adjective, this word means "more important than anything else." As a noun, it's the name of Hollywood's oldest, still working, movie studio.
11. The main ingredient in this drug, once used to calm fretful children and ease teething, is opium.
12. The House of Lords and the House of Commons make up this legislative body in England.
13. Extremely thirsty or extremely dry.
14. This medically trained professional is usually charged with providing emergency on-scene treatment and transport of patients to the hospital.
15. Organisms that live in or on another organism. (Ticks and lice are good – or maybe horrible – examples.)
16. To imitate the style of a person (often a writer or artist) with deliberate exaggeration for comic effect.
17. These curved brackets set off a word or clause in a sentence (often indicating that it is an afterthought or note of explanation).

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ANSWERS

1. Parachute
2. Partridge
3. Parasol
4. Parka
5. Parakeet
6. Paraffin
7. Party
8. Pardon
9. Parchment
10. Paramount
11. Paregoric. Today, paregoric is classified as a narcotic and is little used.
12. Parliament
13. Parched
14. Paramedic
15. Parasites
16. Parody
17. Parentheses

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