10/6/24 Weekly Word Game

Y Not?

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 letter Y … because, Y not?

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. This contraption, usually made of wood, connects two work animals together in order to pull a plow or cart.
2. The second Mrs. John Lennon.
3. It's the fourth-most populous city in the state of New York – and the place where much of the action takes place in *Hello, Dolly!*
4. A long, distressful or dismal cry.
5. This word appears in the first line of the official song of the US Air Force.
6. This Japanese city near Tokyo has been a central port for foreign trade for more than 150 years.
7. This Day of Atonement is the holiest day of the year for Jews.
8. A large luxury boat.
9. The one-celled organism that makes bread rise and ferments beer.
10. What Fred Flintstone says when he's happy or excited.
11. Two of the top ten most popular websites begin with the letter Y. Can you name them?
12. This long-haired Tibetan cattle is is most likely an relative of the North American bison.
13. The skull cap worn by Orthodox Jewish men.
14. In Tibetan folklore, this large ape-like creature lives in the Himalayan mountains. (Perhaps he's a cousin of North America's Abominable Snowman.)
15. Two of the first three US National Parks begin with the letter Y. Can you name both?
16. This type of folk singing has a long tradition in the Alpine region of Switzerland, Austria, and southern Germany.
17. This food, thought to have been invented in Mesopotamia about 5000 BC, is produced by the bacterial fermentation of milk.

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ANSWERS

1. Yoke
2. Yoko (Ono)
3. Yonkers
4. Yowl
5. Yonder ("Off we go, into the wild blue yonder …")
6. Yokohama
7. Yom Kippur
8. Yacht
9. Yeast
10. Yabba-Dabba-Do!
11. Yahoo and YouTube
12. Yak
13. Yarmulke
14. Yeti
15. Yellowstone (1872) and Yosemite (1890)
16. Yodeling. Yodeling was probably created as a way to communicate between mountain peaks.
17. Yogurt

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