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Building Words

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

Overview:

Build three or four consecutive words by adding one letter to the start of the previous word. For example:

The plural of "is" (Answer: ARE)

A large member of the rabbit family (Answer: HARE)

A unit of equity in a stock (Answer: SHARE)

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first group of definitions. 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 their answers. 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. Underground metal; A tiny opening in the skin; A one-celled reproductive unit found in algae and fungi, for example.
2. Sound enhancer, for short; Highway exit; A painful, involuntary muscle contraction
3. In addition to; Safely hit the runway; Not spicy
4. Atmosphere; Head topper; Seat
5. Everything; Shopping center; Petite
6. Baseball referee, for short; Scary body bulge; Long losing streak
7. Fire residue; Irritating changes in the skin; Self-assertive in an overbearing way
8. Paintings, for one; A male red deer; Graph or table that contains data
9. This can be the lowest playing card; Walk back and forth anxiously; The boundless expanse of the universe
10. Long, slippery fish; A contemptible person; Device used by potters while shaping clay cylinders
11. Draw by scraping or scratching on a hard surface; A small two-masted sailboat; A quick drawing
12. Every one; Seep into; Strong whitener

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ANSWERS

1. Ore; Pore; Spore
2. Amp; Ramp; Cramp
3. And; Land; Bland
4. Air; Hair; Chair
5. All; Mall; Small
6. Ump; Lump; Slump
7. Ash; Rash; Brash
8. Art; Hart; Chart
9. Ace; Pace; Space
10. Eel; Heel; Wheel
11. Etch; Ketch; Sketch
12. Each; Leach; Bleach