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Fill In the Letters

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

May be suitable for visually impair players with some support from the host.

Overview:

In this game, players must fill in the underlined spaces with letters to make up common English words. For example, given the clue _ O _ R _, we found 15 possible correct answers: *BOARD, COBRA, DOORS, DOWRY, GOURD, HOARD, HOARY, HOURS, LORRY, MOORS, MOURN, SORRY, TOURS, WORRY, YOURS*. You'll notice that the letters and spaces must stay in their original positions. In the example _ A T, the words *CAT, FAT*, and *MAT* are all correct answers; but *COT* and *CUT* are not correct, because the clue indicates that only the first letter is changeable. In this game, no proper nouns or foreign words are allowed.

The number in parentheses indicates the number of correct answers we found.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first list of words. 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. * * R (23)

2. I * * (13)

3. * I G * (12)

4. * O I * (13)

5. * A S T * (16)

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ANSWERS

(Other, more obscure correct answers are possible.)

1. AIR, BAR, BUR, CAR, CUR, EAR, ERR, FAR, FIR, FOR, FUR, GAR, HER, JAR, MAR, NOR, OAR, OUR, PAR, PER, SIR, TAR, WAR
2. ICE, ICY, IFS, ILL, IMP, INK, INN, ION, IRE, IRK, ISM, ITS, IVY
3. SIGN, HIGH, SIGH, NIGH, DIGS, FIGS, PIGS, RIGS, WIGS, JIGS, GIGS, ZIGS
4. BOIL, COIF, COIL, COIN, FOIL, JOIN, LOIN, MOIL, NOIR, ROIL, SOIL, TOIL, VOID
5. BASTE, CASTE, CASTS, FASTS, HASTE, HASTY, LASTS, MASTS, NASTY, PASTA, PASTE, PASTS, PASTY, TASTE, TASTY, WASTE