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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

May be suitable for visually impaired players, with some assistance from the host.

Overview:

Given a grid of seemingly unconnected words, players must follow the instructions to first cross out a number of them and then rearrange the remaining words to reveal a wise quotation from *Mark Twain*.

Instructions:

1. Print out the grid and give a copy to each player.
2. Read the instructions out loud, one at a time, giving your players plenty of time to find and cross out the words.
3. When you have finished reading the instructions, tell your players that they now have to rearrange the words that are left over into a saying or proverb.
4. The first person to get the quote in the correct word order wins the game.

Note: This game can be challenging. To help your players, you might want to tell them how many words get crossed out for each instruction; and if they have trouble unscrambling the quotation, you could give them the first two or three words as a hint.

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Instructions: First, cross out all the correct answers to the questions below. Then, rearrange the remaining words (those that have not been crossed out) to reveal a quotation.

ACRYLIC	NURSE	SECRET	IS	BUDAPEST
WHALE	FLOUR	BASKING	PUFFBALL	HAMMERHEAD
GETTING	OYSTER	SODA	SPRING	CHANTARELLE
MINSK	OF	FLORSHEIM	DISH	POLYETHYLENE
ADIDAS	NIKE	REEBOK	THE	WRITE
STYROFOAM	PRAGUE	SON	HOLY	AHEAD
PIECE	GETTING	TIGER	STARTED	ZAGREB

1. Cross out all cities located in Europe.
2. Cross out all common names of plastic materials.
3. Cross out all species of sharks.
4. Cross out all names of shoe brands.
5. Cross out all words that are homophones (words that sound the same when spoken but have different meanings or spellings).
6. Cross out all species of mushrooms.
7. Cross out all words that complete the compound word or two-word phrase _____ water.

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ANSWERS

1. Prague, Budapest, Minsk, Zagreb
2. Styrofoam, Polyethylene, Acrylic
3. Tiger, Nurse, Whale, Basking, Hammerhead
4. Nike, Reebok, Adidas, Florsheim
5. Flour, Write, Piece, Son
6. Oyster, Chantarelle, Puffball
7. Soda, Spring, Holy, Dish

QUOTATION

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

Mark Twain