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Word Tower

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: See below; it depends on how you play the game.

Overview:

Come up with words that start with the letters **MA**, increasing the number of letters in each consecutive word by one letter. How far can you go before you get stumped? We made it to a word with 14 letters. (*Note: Proper nouns are not allowed, and you cannot just add an "s" to a word already used in order to make a longer word. For example, if your four-letter word is **MARK**, your five-letter word cannot be **MARKS**.*)

You're doing great if you reach a seven-letter word. More than that, and you're a Word Tower genius!

Instructions:

This game can be played in a number of ways:

Homework Game:

Print out the next page and have your players solve the quiz at home. You can discuss the answers they came up with at the next game session.

Timed Individual or Team Play:

1. Pass out page 2 of this document to each player or team of players.
2. Give them from one to five minutes to write down as many answers as they can.
3. When the time is up, go through the group and see what words they came up with.
4. Declare the players with the most correct answers to be the winners.

Group Play:

1. Project page 2 onto a screen or monitor, or write the contents of page 2 on a large pad or white board.
2. Allow players to shout out answers, and write them down as you hear them.
3. Try to complete as many words as possible.
4. There's no scoring in this version – just have fun!

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Instructions: Come up with words that begin with the letters MA, increasing the number of letters in each consecutive word by adding one letter.

QUESTIONS

1. **MA**
2. **MA** _
3. **MA** _ _
4. **MA** _ _ _
5. **MA** _ _ _ _
6. **MA** _ _ _ _ _
7. **MA** _ _ _ _ _ _
8. **MA** _ _ _ _ _ _ _
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12. **MA** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
13. **MA** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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ANSWERS

1. MA
2. MAT
3. MAID
4. MAPLE
5. MAGNET
6. MAILMAN
7. MACARONI
8. MATRIMONY
9. MATCHSTICK
10. MAGNIFICENT
11. MANUFACTURES
12. MATERIALISTIC
13. MATHEMATICIANS