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How Much Is?

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes.

Number of players: Unlimited.

Supplies needed: Pencil and paper for each player/team; Scoring board/pad; noisemakers.

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

This game involves simple addition – but you have to figure out which numbers to add up by answering the questions correctly. For example:

Q: How much is ... the number of Dalmatians in the children's book plus the number of items in a half-dozen?

A: 107 (101 + 6).

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. 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. How much is ... the number of dots on one die cube plus the number of outs in one inning of baseball?
2. How much is ... the number of years in a millennia plus the number of years in $2\frac{1}{2}$ centuries plus the number of years in $2\frac{1}{2}$ decades?
3. How much is ... the address (on Pennsylvania Avenue) of the White House plus the address (on Downing Street in London) of the residence of the prime minister of the United Kingdom?
4. How much is ... the number of railroads in the classic Monopoly game plus the total number of cards in a standard deck (not including jokers)?
5. How much is ... the number of “Heinz varieties” plus the number of Arabian nights in the classic collection of middle eastern folktales?
6. How much is ... the year the Declaration of Independence was signed plus the year in which D-Day occurred?
7. How much is ... the number of teaspoons in a tablespoon plus the number of cups in a quart?
8. How much is ... the value of the letter X in Scrabble plus the value of the letter J in Scrabble plus the value of two letter O’s?
9. How much is ... the number of the M*A*S*H unit featured in the TV series *M*A*S*H* plus the Beverly Hills zip code in the 1990’s teen drama named after that zip code?
10. How much is ... the number of years that are “four score and seven” plus the total number of days in November and June?

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ANSWERS

1. 27 ($21 + 6$)
2. 1,275 ($1,000 + 250 + 25$)
3. 1,610 (1600 Pennsylvania Avenue + 10 Downing Street)
4. 56 (4 railroads + 52 cards in a standard deck)
5. 1,058 (57 Heinz varieties + 1001 Arabian nights)
6. 3,720 ($1776 + 1944$)
7. 7 (3 teaspoons in a tablespoon + 4 cups in a quart)
8. 18 ($X=8 + J=8 + O=1 + O=1$)
9. 94,287 ($4077 + 90210$)
10. 147 ($87 + 30 + 30$)