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Spaced Out

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Overview:

Below is a list of very familiar sayings ... but they don't look right. To begin with, the spacing is all wrong: sometimes there's a space within a word; sometimes there's no space between words. But there's also another problem: in each saying, a letter (and every occurrence of that letter) is missing. Players need to determine what that letter is and come up with the correct saying. Here's an example:

O YSWI L LEOYS

Answer: In this example, the missing letter is **B**, and it occurs in three places. When the spacing is corrected, the right answer is **BOYS WILL BE BOYS**.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Show all players the first uncorrected saying. 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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INSTRUCTIONS: Correct the spacing and add the missing letter(s) to reveal the correct saying or proverb.

1. **BTT RS AFT HA NS OR RY**
2. **I MEW ILL ELL**
3. **EVE RYC OUDHA SAS I VER I NIN G**
4. **ON' TJU GE ABOO KB YIT SCOV ER**
5. **LO VESB LND**
6. **TEA CHH IS WN**
7. **AT HAT GIT TE RSISN' TG OLD**
8. **TI M FL IS**

9. **O PPO SIESA RAC**
10. **DN' TC RYV ERSPI LLE DMI LK**
11. **TI MH ALSA LLWO UN DS**
12. **HA TEMA KEW A TE**
13. **A LL 'SW LLTH ATN DSW L L**
14. **WH TGO ESR OUN DCO MESR OU ND**
15. **L L'SF IR INLO VEN DW R**
16. **HEW RI ING'SO N HEW ALL**
17. **AUG HT ERIST HEBE STME DI CINE**
18. **G NORA NCESBL S S**

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ANSWERS

1. E BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY
2. T TIME WILL TELL
3. L EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING
4. D DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER
5. I LOVE IS BLIND
6. O TO EACH HIS OWN
7. L ALL THAT GLITTERS ISN'T GOLD
8. E TIME FLIES
9. T OPPOSITES ATTRACT
10. O DON'T CRY OVER SPILLED MILK
11. E TIME HEALS ALL WOUNDS
12. S HASTE MAKES WASTE
13. E ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL
14. A WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND
15. A ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR
16. T THE WRITING'S ON THE WALL
17. L LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE
18. I IGNORANCE IS BLISS