

9/28/25 Weekly Word Game

NO Kidding!

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

All the answers in this word definition game begin with the consecutive letters NO.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first definition. 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. The inventor of dynamite.
2. Term describing animals that are active at night.
3. People who move from place to place to find fresh grassland for their livestock.
4. Schnozz.
5. An anesthetic often used by dentists.
6. A person, place, or thing.
7. A Yiddish word for snack.
8. Famous, but in a negative way.
9. A PBS science documentary series.
10. A person who is new to or inexperienced in a field; a neophyte.
11. A popular movie snack of small flat discs of chocolate with little white pellets of sugar decorating the top.
12. Standard; ordinary; typical.
13. A sudden, steep downward plunge by an airplane.
14. This former Marine was at the center of the Iran Contra scandal in the late 1980s.
15. Unbiased toward any political group; free from party affiliation.
16. A native of Scandinavia, Finland, or Iceland. This word is also used to describe cross-country skiing, as contrasted to alpine skiing.
17. A sentimental, and often idealized, longing for the past.

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ANSWERS

1. Nobel (Alfred)
2. Nocturnal
3. Nomad
4. Nose
5. Novocaine
6. Noun
7. Nosh
8. Notorious
9. *NOVA*
10. Novice
11. Nonpareils
12. Normal
13. Nosedive
14. North (Oliver)
15. Nonpartisan
16. Nordic
17. Nostalgia