

8/24/25 Weekly Word Game

OFF and ON

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 word ON or OFF.

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 beginning of something ... often unpleasant.
2. Not connected to the internet.
3. Continue forward!
4. A bit kooky; unconventional.
5. Traffic in your direction.
6. A pungent, edible bulb that is one of the most commonly used ingredients in all kinds of cooking.
7. Literally, this is a side branch of a plant. Figuratively, it's something that originated or developed from something else.
8. A nonparticipating observer; spectator.
9. Continuing; still in progress.
10. A fierce or destructive attack; the convergence of a large quantity of people or things that may be difficult to cope with.
11. The entrails and internal organs of an animal used as food.
12. To insult or upset someone; also, to commit an illegal act.
13. The formation of a word from the sound it is associated with: the *buzz* of a bee or the *sizzle* of a steak, for example.
14. A physician who specializes in treating cancer.

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ANSWERS

1. Onset
2. Offline
3. Onward!
4. Offbeat
5. Oncoming
6. Onion
7. Offshoot
8. Onlooker
9. Ongoing
10. Onslaught
11. Offal
12. Offend
13. Onomatopoeia
14. Oncologist