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# Whatzit or Whozee?

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes  
Number of players: Unlimited  
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers  
Suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

In this game, the word WHATZIT stands for a thing, and the word WHOOZY stands for a person. Players are given five clues, one at a time, and the goal is to guess the WHATZIT or the WHOOZY. The fewer the clues needed, the higher the points.

## Instructions:

To enable all players to participate, we suggest the following way to play WHATZITs and WHOOZYs:

1. Each player should have a piece of paper and a pencil.
2. Read the clues to Quiz #1 one at a time. After each clue is read, players should write down an answer. (It's okay to guess.)
3. After all the clues are read and answers written down, players can shout out what they think the correct answer is.
4. Ask if anyone got the correct answer on Clue #1. If so, they get 50 points. Ask if anyone got the correct answer on Clue #2. If so, they get 40 points. Continue until Clue #5 is scored. If a player fails to get the right answer, he or she gets no points.
5. Continue playing the rest of the quizzes.

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## WHOOZY #1

1. Born in 1961 in Fall River, Massachusetts, WHOOZY #1's father was a Greek Orthodox priest. WHOOZY #1's family lived for a short while in Purchase, New York and the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio where he graduated high school.
2. WHOOZY #1 received a bachelor's degree from Columbia University. While in college, he was a sports broadcaster for the university's radio station. After Columbia, WHOOZY #1 attended the University of Oxford in England as a Rhodes Scholar, earning a master's degree in theology in 1984.
3. After college, WHOOZY #1 moved to Washington, DC and worked in various congressional offices and election campaigns, including the presidential campaign of fellow Greek American, Michael Dukakis.
4. WHOOZY #1's role in the 1992 presidential campaign of Bill Clinton is portrayed in the documentary film *The War Room*. When Clinton was elected, WHOOZY #1's salary was a reported \$125,000 year as a senior advisor for policy and strategy to President Clinton. He was often in the position of defending Clinton against accusations and scandals.
5. After leaving the White House in 1996, WHOOZY #1 became a political analyst for ABC News, ultimately rising to Chief Anchor at ABC News from 2014 to the present.

## WHOOZY #2

1. WHOOZY #2 was born in Jersey City, NJ in 1941, the second of six children. WHOOZY #2's parents were both children of Polish immigrants.
2. At the age of 10, WHOOZY #2 worked as the occasional babysitter for the children of Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra of the New York Yankees. WHOOZY #2 also began modeling at a young age and continued to model, mostly for magazine ads, throughout college.

3. WHOOZY #2 attended Barnard College, originally planning to major in chemistry, but switching to art history, and later architectural history. A few years after college, WHOOZY #2 began a new career as a stockbroker, the profession of her then father-in-law.
4. WHOOZY #2 and her first husband bought and restored an 1805 farmhouse in Westport, Connecticut, and she started a catering business in her basement. Within a couple of years, WHOOZY #2 published a cookbook called *Entertaining*, which quickly led to more popular cookbooks, television appearances, and ultimately her own magazine and a television show.
5. At the height of WHOOZY's fame as "the goddess of domestic perfection," she was convicted of obstruction of justice and making false statements to federal investigators regarding an insider trading deal in which she was involved.

## WHATZIT

1. WHATZIT comes from a vegetable which is grown largely in the United States. In fact, one-third of the global total of this vegetable is grown in the USA.
2. WHATZIT is first dried before it is sold to be cooked and eaten.
3. When heated, WHATZIT makes a small explosive-like sound and changes significantly – increasing 20 to 50 times its original size.
4. WHATZIT is often topped with butter, but can also be enjoyed with a sweet coating, such as caramel.
5. WHATZIT is closely associated with movie watching, and is often sold in bags, boxes, or buckets.

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## ANSWERS

WHOOZY #1: George Stephanopoulos

WHOOZY #2: Martha Stewart

WHATZIT: Popcorn