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Add A Letter

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

May be suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

Transform a set of three or four given words into new words by adding one letter – the same letter – to each word. You may place the new letter anywhere in the given word, but you cannot rearrange the existing letters. In this example, the given words are:

HOSE BOTHER SINGE STAIN

The letter *R* can be placed in each word to make these new words:

HORSE BROTHER SINGER STRAIN

IMPORTANT NOTE: The letter "S" can never be added just to make words plural.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first set of words or write them on a pad or white board large enough for all to see.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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QUESTIONS

1. SALE; ACHE; FOAL; WITH
2. PEAL; RIVER; ANGER; POWER
3. GENE; MANLY; DEAL; NOSE
4. COMA; ARCH; HARE; OTHER
5. DOOR; WIDOWS; BAKER; METAL
6. COAL; HOSE; FAME; STATED
7. CANON; IRON; AWNING; COLON
8. BILE; GARAGE; TIMER; TRIAL
9. THIN; NIGHT; SINNED; SPAR

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ANSWERS

(Other correct answers are possible.)

1. C SCALE; CACHE; FOCAL; WITCH
2. D PEDAL; DRIVER; DANGER; POWDER
3. I GENIE; MAINLY; IDEAL; NOISE
4. M COMMA; MARCH; HAREM; MOTHER
5. N DONOR; WINDOWS; BANKER; MENTAL
6. R CORAL; HORSE; FRAME; STARTED
7. Y CANYON; IRONY; YAWNING; COLONY
8. B BIBLE; GARBAGE; TIMBER; TRIBAL
9. K THINK; KNIGHT; SKINNED; SPARK