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Colorful Differences

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, we provide the “colorful” words and phrases, and you must tell us what they mean.

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. What's the difference between a black out and a white out?
2. What's the difference between true blue and red-faced?
3. What's the difference between brown nose and blue blood?
4. What's the difference between in the pink and in the red?
5. What's the difference between a red flag and a white flag?
6. What's the difference if someone described you as yellow or as green?
7. What's the difference between gray matter and a pinky?
8. What's the difference between blackball and blackmail?
9. What's the difference between in the black and out of the blue?
10. What's the difference between a pink slip and red tape?
11. What's the difference between a green thumb and green around the gills?
12. What's the difference between a pink lady and a redneck?
13. What's the difference between a black sheep and a white elephant?
14. What's the difference between purple prose and yellow journalism?

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ANSWERS

1. A *black out* means a loss of electrical power, or a loss of consciousness. A *white out* occurs during a blizzard when visibility is reduced to zero because of the rapidly falling snow. (Note: WhiteOut is also Liquid Paper, a typing correction fluid.)
2. *True blue* means loyal. *Red-faced* means embarrassed.
3. *Brown nose* means to flatter a person in power to obtain favors. *Blue blood* means of very high class or royal birth.
4. *In the pink* means feeling very well or healthy. *In the red* means to be in debt.
5. A *red flag* is a warning signal. A *white flag* means to surrender.
6. If you're *yellow*, you're a coward. If you're *green*, you are young and inexperienced.
7. *Gray matter* refers to the brain. *Pinky* refers to the little finger.
8. *Blackball* is a way of preventing or denying someone entrance into a club or organization. *Blackmail* is a means of using information to extort payment or some other action from a person.
9. *In the black* means making a profit or out of debt. *Out of the blue* means something that is unexpected and/or unforeseen.
10. *A pink slip* is a lay-off or firing notice. *Red tape* is time-consuming bureaucratic paperwork or regulations.
11. A *green thumb* describes a person who is especially good at (or lucky at) gardening. *Green around the gills* describes a person who is feeling ill, often involving nausea.
12. A *pink lady* is a gin-based cocktail. A *redneck* is a derogatory term originally used in reference to poor white farmers in the South.
13. *A black sheep* is a person in a group or family that stands out or is different, usually in a negative way. A *white elephant* is a very valuable possession that costs more to maintain than it is worth and is therefore difficult to sell or dispose of.
14. *Purple prose* describes writing that is so extravagant, ornate, or flowery that it draws attention to itself. *Yellow journalism* employs exaggeration, scandal mongering, and sensationalism to increase the sale of newspapers.

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