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Counting Syllables

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

You probably know that a syllable is defined as “a unit of pronunciation that has one vowel sound with or without consonants.” For example; *eager* has two syllables (*ea•ger*); *injury* has three syllables (*in•ju•ry*); and *brick* has only one syllable.

In this game; players need to provide answers by the number of syllables they have. For example: *Name the two Brady Bunch kids with one-syllable first names.* Answer: *Jan* and *Greg*

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first clue. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game; a method to signal when a player/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 others may ‘buzz’ in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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QUESTIONS

1. Name all months with two-syllable names.
2. Name five US presidents with three-syllable last names.
3. Name four chain restaurants (past or present) with three-syllable names.
4. Name one breed of dog with a one-syllable name. *(Hint: We only found two.)*
5. Name the only presidential cabinet-level department that has only one syllable.
6. Name the presidential cabinet-level department that has the most syllables. *(Hint: Its full name has thirteen syllables.)*
7. Come up with ten colors with one-syllable names.
8. Name two animals (of any type) with four-syllable names.
9. Name four world capitals with two-syllable names.

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ANSWERS

(In some cases, other correct answers are possible.)

1. April; July; August
2. Buchanan; Harrison (Benjamin); Harrison (Wm Henry); Jefferson; Kennedy; Madison; McKinley; Obama; Roosevelt (Franklin); Roosevelt (Theodore); Van Buren; Washington
3. Applebee's; Au Bon Pain; Bertucci's; Bob Evans; Bojangles; Burger King; Carl's Jr.; Chick-fil-A; Chipotle; Dairy Queen; Domino's; KFC; McDonald's; Panera; Papa John's; Pizza Hut; Qdoba; Red Lobster; Taco Bell; Tim Hortons; Waffle House; Wahlburger's; White Castle
4. Pug; Spitz
5. State
6. Department of Housing and Human Development
7. Beige; Black; Blue; Brass; Bronze; Brown; Gold; Grape; Gray; Green; Jade; Lime; Mauve; Peach; Pink; Plum; Puce; Red; Rose; Rust; Tan; Taupe; Teal; White
8. Alligator; Armadillo; Barracuda; Caterpillar; Orangutan; Rhinoceros; Salamander; Tarantula
9. Athens; Baghdad; Beijing; Beirut; Berlin; Cairo; Dublin; Hanoi; Kabul; Lima; Lisbon; London; Madrid; Oslo; Paris; Stockholm; Tehran; Warsaw