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Double Trouble

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

Overview:

Every answer in this word game is either a compound word (two words put together, such as *hayloft* or *butterfly*) or a common two-word phrase. We've given the second half of the word or phrase, and you must come up with the first half. For example, if we give *nip*, *burglar*, and *fish*, you should think (blank) *nip*, (blank) *burglar*, and (blank) *fish*. The one word that completes those three words is *cat*: *catnip*, *cat burglar*, and *catfish*.

Note: This game can be challenging. If your players are stumped, give them the first letter of the answer as a hint.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first list of words. 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. _____ Kill, Map, Race, Runner
2. _____ Figure, Shift, Up, Ball
3. _____ Potato, Talk, Bread, Heart
4. _____ Bench, Force, Permit, Out
5. _____ Apple, Light, Bay, Thumb
6. _____ Year, Bulb, Weight, House
7. _____ Ball, Candy, Gin, Picking
8. _____ Roller, Ball, Box, Brush
9. _____ Smoke, Gang, Letter, Saw
10. _____ Alarm, Drill, Engine, Cracker

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ANSWERS

1. Road Road Kill, Road Map, Road Race, Road Runner
2. Stick Stick Figure, Stick Shift, Stick Up, Stick Ball
3. Sweet Sweet Potato, Sweet Talk, Sweetbread, Sweetheart
4. Work Work Bench, Work Force, Work Permit, Workout
5. Green Green Apple, Green Light, Green Bay, Green Thumb
6. Light Light Year, Light Bulb, Lightweight, Lighthouse
7. Cotton Cotton Ball, Cotton Candy, Cotton Gin, Cotton Picking
8. Paint Paint Roller, Paintball, Paintbox, Paintbrush
9. Chain Chain Smoke, Chain Gang, Chain Letter, Chain Saw
10. Fire Fire Alarm, Fire Drill, Fire Engine, Firecracker