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Endings & Beginnings

Estimated play time: Approximately 20 minutes
Number of players: Unlimited
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers
Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

In this game, players are given the first half of a compound word or a two-word phrase and the second half of another compound word or a two-word phrase. They must provide the one word that completes both. For example, given:

Credit _____ Trick

players should think *Credit Blank* and *Blank Trick*. The one word that completes both *Credit* and *Trick* is *Card* —making *Credit Card* and *Card Trick*. *Note: Proper names are acceptable in this game.*

Important Note: This game is fun but challenging. It may be best to give players the first letter of the answer; or if you think they might want to try before getting a hint, you can give them the first letter after it's clear that they're stumped. It will also help if you write the words on the board so that the players can see them.

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 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. Bowling _____ Cat
2. Shrimp _____ Party
3. Last _____ Berry
4. Kosher _____ Shaker
5. Little _____ Bottom
6. Alarm _____ Face
7. Crazy _____ Shoe
8. Cotton _____ Bar
9. Lamp _____ Office
10. Grand _____ Hood
11. Night _____ Boat
12. Pepper _____ Paint

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ANSWERS

1. Alley
2. Cocktail
3. Straw
4. Salt
5. Rock
6. Clock
7. Horse
8. Candy
9. Post
10. Child
11. Life
12. Spray