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Four-Letter Word Trivia

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, you must provide an answer for each letter of a given four-letter word. Take the word *DESK*, for example. If the first question were *Name an AUTHOR for each letter*, four correct answers might be: *Dickens (Charles); Eliot (T.S.); Steinbeck (John); King (Stephen)*.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played with teams or individuals.
2. Write the four-letter word on a large pad or whiteboard.
3. Read the first question for that word. 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. (And note: Once they buzz in, players must give their answers immediately.)
4. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. In this game, they are required to give all four correct answers to be awarded the points. If any of their four answers is incorrect, the others may 'buzz' in and answer. They, too, must give four correct answers (repeating a previous answer is allowed) in order to score points.
5. Keep score (10 points for each group of four answers) after each question is answered correctly.

Alternate way to play:

1. Print out the grid on the last page. Holding the grid horizontally and writing in the slightly shaded areas, place the four-letter word along the side (one letter per row), and write the subjects across the top.
2. Xerox a sheet for each player (or team of players) and pass them out.
3. Give your players five minutes to fill in as many correct answers as they can.
4. Allow players to keep their grids. Read the first category and the first letter aloud and have your players say their answers out loud. As they go along, players should score their own papers, receiving 2 points for every correct answer.

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QUESTIONS

Note: Wherever a person's name is asked for, we're looking for the last name unless otherwise indicated.

1. Four-Letter Word: **LARD**
 - a. Name a disease or condition for each letter.
 - b. Come up with a word for each letter that ends with the letter K.
 - c. Name a restaurant chain for each letter.
 - d. Name a famous person (living or dead) for each letter.

2. Four-Letter Word: **RICH**
 - a. Name a country for each letter.
 - b. Name a body of water for each letter.
 - c. Name color for each letter.
 - d. Name an automobile make or model for each letter.

3. Four-Letter Word: **CROP**
 - a. Name a plant or animal that lives in or on the ocean for each letter.
 - b. Name an animal that lives on land for each letter.
 - c. Name a non-US city for each letter.
 - d. Name a major league baseball team for each letter. (We're looking for the team name, not the city name.)

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ANSWERS

(Other correct answers are possible.)

1. LARD

- a. Leprosy; Appendicitis; Rubella; Diabetes
- b. Lack; Attack; Rack; Desk
- c. Little Caesars; Applebee's; Red Lobster; Denny's
- d. (Burt) Lancaster; (Jane) Austen; (Ronald) Reagan; (Bette) Davis

2. RICH

- a. Rwanda; Ireland; Canada; Haiti
- b. Rio Grande; Indian Ocean; Caribbean Sea; Hudson Bay
- c. Rose; Ivory; Crimson; Hunter Green
- d. Renault; Infinity; Chevrolet; Honda

3. CROP

- a. Clam; Reef; Oyster; Porpoise
- b. Camel; Raccoon; Ostrich; Pig
- c. Copenhagen; Rome; Okinawa; Paris
- d. Cubs; Reds; Orioles; Phillies
