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# Is or Isn't?

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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 just have to find the one thing in each list that is – or isn't – what we say it is ... or isn't.

## 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. Which of following ISN'T ... an actor who starred in the original *Star Wars* film? Mark Hamill; Harrison Ford; Alec Guinness; Jeff Bridges
2. Which of the following IS ... a kitchen tool? Mandolin; Mandarin; Mandible; Manifold.
3. Which of the following ISN'T ... a current or former professional baseball player? Oscar Robertson; Jackie Robinson; Johnny Bench; Johnny Damon
4. Which of the following ISN'T ... a breed of dog? English Cocker Spaniel; English Foxhound; English Shorthaired Poodle; English Setter
5. Which of the following IS ... a word that means “problem”? Cabal; Obtund; Conundrum; Obsecrate
6. Which of the following ISN'T ... a song recorded by the The Rolling Stones? “Satisfaction”; “Jumpin’ Jack Flash”; “Gimme’ Shelter”; “Good Vibrations”
7. Which of the following IS ... a shade of white? Ebony, Onyx, Alabaster; Eucalyptus
8. Which of the following ISN'T ... located in London? Covent Garden; Cambridge University; Wembley Stadium; Hyde Park
9. Which of the following ISN'T ... a movie directed by Steven Spielberg? *A Few Good Men*; *Jaws*; *Saving Private Ryan*; *The Color Purple*
10. Which of the following ISN'T ... a fictional woman? Jo March; Calamity Jane; Elizabeth Bennet; Clarice Starling

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## ANSWERS

1. *Jeff Bridges* was not in *Star Wars*.
2. *Mandolin* is a flat slicer. (Yes, it's also the name of a musical instrument.)  
*Mandarin* is a dialect of the Chinese language; *mandible* is the lower jaw bone; and *manifold* is an automobile part involved in the car's exhaust system.
3. *Oscar Robertson* is a former basketball player from 1960 to 1974.
4. The *English Shorthaired Poodle* is not a breed of dog. We made it up. ;-)
5. *Conundrum* means a problem or a perplexing or difficult question. *Cabal* is a secret political clique or faction; *obtund* means to lessen sensitivity or pain; *obsecrate* means to beg or plead.
6. "Good Vibrations" was recorded by the Beach Boys.
7. *Alabaster* is a shade of white. *Ebony* and *onyx* are shades of black, and *eucalyptus* is a shade of green.
8. *Cambridge University* isn't in London. Not surprisingly, it is in Cambridge, England.
9. *A Few Good Men* was not directed by Steven Spielberg; it was directed by Rob Reiner.
10. *Calamity Jane* was an actual person whose real name was Martha Jane Canary. Jo March is the protagonist in *Little Women*; Elizabeth Bennet is in *Pride and Prejudice*; and Clarice Sterling is the FBI agent in-training in *The Silence of the Lambs*.