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In A Word ...

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

Overview:

Sometimes a single word is closely identified with a specific person, movie, book, poem or TV show. In this game, we provide the word; can you come up with the association?

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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1. Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
2. Rosebud
3. Nevermore
4. Misunderestimate
5. D'oh!
6. Humbug!
7. Stella!
8. Plastics
9. Dy-no-mite!
10. Adrian!
11. Yabadabadoo!
12. NanuNanu
13. Bam!
14. Bazinga!
15. Inconceivable!
16. My Preciousssss!

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ANSWERS

1. *Mary Poppins* (1964 film)
2. *Citizen Kane* (1941 film). "Rosebud" is the last word uttered by the main character, Charles Foster Kane. It turns out to be the name written on his childhood sled, a symbol of his lost innocence.
3. *The Raven*, an 1845 poem by Edgar Allan Poe
4. Former president George W. Bush
5. Homer Simpson, from the animated TV series *The Simpsons*
6. Ebenezer Scrooge, from *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
7. Stanley Kowalski, from the Tennessee Williams' play *A Streetcar Named Desire*
8. *The Graduate* (1967 film)
9. J.J. Evans, played by Jimmie Walker, from the 1970's TV series *Good Times*
10. Rocky Balboa, played by Sylvester Stallone, in the 1976 film *Rocky*
11. Fred Flintstone, from the 1960's animated series *The Flintstones*
12. Mork, played by Robin Williams, from the TV show *Mork and Mindy*
13. TV Chef Emeril LaGasse
14. Sheldon Cooper, played by Jim Parsons, from the TV series *The Big Bang Theory*
15. Vizzini, played by Wallace Shawn, from the 1987 film *The Princess Bride*.
16. Gollum, a character from *The Lord of the Rings*