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Post Office Vocabulary

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

Overview:

This is a geography game and a vocabulary quiz blended together. All the answers are formed by the official two-letter abbreviations for one or more US states.

Here's a sample question: *The postal abbreviations for these two states spell a word meaning "dry."* Answer: *Arkansas and Idaho*. The word spelled by the postal abbreviations for those two states is ARID (AR + ID).

Note: Some states will be repeated in this quiz.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first definition. 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. The postal abbreviation for this state spells Mr. Gore's first name.
2. The postal abbreviations for these two states spell a "killer" marine mammal.
3. The postal abbreviations for these two states spell the object of a numismatist's interest.
4. The postal abbreviations for these two states spell the output of a volcano.
5. The postal abbreviations for these two states spells out what you're playing right now.
6. The postal abbreviations for these two states spell the second-most common source of electrical energy in the United States. (The first is natural gas.)
7. The postal abbreviations for these two states spell out the word for a large number of things.
8. The postal abbreviations for these two states spell out a formal agreement between individuals or countries.
9. The postal abbreviations for these two states spell the word for a current of air.
10. The postal abbreviations for these two states spell the word for a walk in shallow water.
11. The postal abbreviations for these three states spell a word that means frank or honest ... like Mr. Funt.
12. The postal abbreviations for these three states spell out a member of "The Few, The Proud ..."
13. The postal abbreviations for these three states spell out a place to play pinball or video games.
14. The postal abbreviations for these three states spell the word for salary or earnings.

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ANSWERS

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| 1. | Alabama | AL |
| 2. | Oregon and California | ORCA |
| 3. | Colorado and Indiana | COIN |
| 4. | Louisiana and Virginia | LAVA |
| 5. | Georgia and Maine | GAME |
| 6. | Colorado and Alabama | COAL |
| 7. | Massachusetts and New York | MANY |
| 8. | Pennsylvania and Connecticut | PACT |
| 9. | Wisconsin and North Dakota | WIND |
| 10. | Washington and Delaware | WADE |
| 11. | California, North Dakota, and Idaho | CANDID |
| 12. | Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Nebraska | MARINE |
| 13. | Arkansas, California, Delaware | ARCADE |
| 14. | Indiana, Colorado, Maine | INCOME |