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# Replace the Missing Letters

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Tokens (for scorekeeping); prizes (small) for winner(s)

## Overview:

Fill in the missing letters to reveal a list of **OXYMORONS**. (*Note: All of the oxymorons in this list consist of two words.*)

*Note: An oxymoron is a figure of speech that juxtaposes apparently contradictory elements to form a phrase that is not necessarily a contradiction in terms. For example, legendary comedian George Carlin often highlighted funny oxymorons, such as “jumbo shrimp” or “military intelligence,” in his routines.*

## Instructions:

1. Write the first clue on a white board or easel large enough for all to see. Be sure to place empty lines where the letters are missing.
2. Allow players to shout out answers.
3. Instead of scoring, you might consider passing out a token (for example, a poker chip, or a piece of cardboard, or a spare button) to the first person you hear shout out the correct answer.
4. When the game is over, the person with the most tokens wins the game. You might consider giving him or her a lottery ticket or a special chocolate bar for that achievement.

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1. \_\_ EE R\_\_T
2. I\_\_VI\_\_BLE I\_\_
3. FRI\_\_LY F\_\_R\_\_
4. \_\_IVI\_\_ F\_\_SS\_\_
5. SA\_\_TY \_\_AZA\_\_D
6. BO\_\_ESS \_\_IB\_\_
7. ORI\_\_AL \_\_OP\_\_
8. \_\_EFIN\_\_E MAYBE
9. \_\_CIE\_\_E F\_\_CT\_\_N
10. \_\_TUD\_\_T TE\_\_CH\_\_
11. CRI\_\_AL \_\_USTI\_\_
12. \_\_OIN\_\_ NOW\_\_E
13. DEA\_\_ING SIL\_\_E
14. \_\_RKIN\_\_ V\_\_C\_\_T\_\_N

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## ANSWERS

1. **FREE RENT**
2. **INVISIBLE INK**
3. **FRIENDLY FIRE**
4. **LIVING FOSSIL**
5. **SAFETY HAZARD**
6. **BONELESS RIBS**
7. **ORIGINAL COPY**
8. **DEFINITE MAYBE**
9. **SCIENCE FICTION**
10. **STUDENT TEACHER**
11. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**
12. **GOING NOWHERE**
13. **DEAFENING SILENCE**
14. **WORKING VACATION**