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Run the Alphabet

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Printed sheet, pencils, timer (3 to 5 minutes)

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

From *All in the Family* to *Zorro*, how many **NAMES OF TELEVISION SHOWS** (past or present) that begin with each letter of the alphabet can you come up with in the allotted time? Note: If the title begins with *A*, *An*, or *The*, the next word should be considered the “beginning” letter. For example, *The Wire*, for our purposes, begins with a “W.”

Instructions:

1. Print the following page of this document and pass a copy out to each player or team.
2. Set the timer – three to five minutes usually work best.
3. Announce the category as described in the overview above. The goal is to write down as many answers as possible, in the time allotted, that fit the category. Multiple answers for each letter is allowed. (If the players are working in teams, one person should be designated as the “writer.”)
4. When time is up, the answers should be revealed one letter at a time. For example, starting with the letter A, go around the room to each player (or team) asking for answers. Once an answer is announced, all players/teams who have that answer should write the score in the score box on their sheet. One point is scored for every correct answer. An extra two points are awarded for having a unique answer (i.e., a correct answer that no other player/team has).
5. Players should add up their own scores. Highest score wins.

Review of Scoring:

1 point for each correct answer

2 additional points for each unique answer

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	Answers	Score		Answers	Score
A			N		
B			O		
C			P		
D			Q		
E			R		
F			S		
G			T		
H			U		
I			V		
J			W		
K			X		
L			Y		
M			Z		

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ANSWERS (Other correct answers are possible.)

	Answers		Answers	Score
A	<i>Abbott Elementary</i> <i>The Andy Griffith Show</i>	N	<i>NOVA</i> <i>NYPD Blue</i>	
B	<i>Breaking Bad</i> <i>The Brady Bunch</i>	O	<i>The Office</i> <i>Orange is the New Black</i>	
C	<i>Curb Your Enthusiasm</i> <i>Cheers</i>	P	<i>The Pitt</i> <i>Perry Mason</i>	
D	<i>Deal or No Deal</i> <i>Downton Abbey</i>	Q	<i>Quantum Leap</i> <i>Quincy</i>	
E	<i>ER</i> <i>Everybody Loves Raymond</i>	R	<i>Roseanne</i> <i>Roots</i>	
F	<i>Friends</i> <i>The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air</i>	S	<i>Seinfeld</i> <i>The Sopranos</i>	
G	<i>Game of Thrones</i> <i>General Hospital</i>	T	<i>The Twilight Zone</i> <i>Ted Lasso</i>	
H	<i>Happy Days</i> <i>Hill Street Blues</i>	U	<i>The Untouchables</i> <i>Upstairs, Downstairs</i>	
I	<i>I Love Lucy</i> <i>I Dream of Jeanie</i>	V	<i>Veep</i> <i>The Vicar of Dibley</i>	
J	<i>The Jeffersons</i> <i>Jeopardy!</i>	W	<i>The West Wing</i> <i>Will & Grace</i>	
K	<i>Keeping Up Appearances</i> <i>Kojak</i>	X	<i>The X Files</i> <i>Xena: Warrior Princess</i>	
L	<i>Law & Order</i> <i>Late Night with David Letterman</i>	Y	<i>The Young and the Restless</i> <i>You Bet Your Life</i>	
M	<i>Masterpiece Theatre</i> <i>M*A*S*H</i>	Z	<i>Zorro</i> <i>Zoom</i>	