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# Sentence Sleuth

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

## Overview:

A true Sentence Sleuth is able to find a word hidden somewhere within a sentence. In this game, the word will be the name of a US CITY. The correct answer could be spread over one, two, or more words. And when looking for the hidden word, you should ignore all punctuation, spaces, capital letters, etc.

Here's an example: *Even though the doctor gave me a placebo, **I seemed to have much less pain.*** As you can see, the hidden city **Boise** spans three words and a comma.

## Instructions:

1. This game is best played if you can pass out printed copies of the clues, so that players can see the whole sentence.
2. Read the first sentence allowed.
3. This game can be played by individuals or in teams. 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.
4. 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.
5. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each hidden word has been correctly discovered.

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Instructions: Find the US City hidden somewhere within each sentence.

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1. Young Brian hid a forbidden version of the book *Peyton Place* under his mattress.
2. Bob brought four types of gumbos to northern cities to promote the benefits of okra.
3. Mr. Talbot saw that rocking chair in May, but he didn't buy it until the June auction.
4. After we moved to America, my Mamá often said, "Chica, go back to Costa Rica as often as you can so that you don't forget your roots."
5. Amy wondered why the flight crew first collected her passport, landed the plane, and then returned the passport to her.
6. "Mom, a hamster doesn't spread disease," said Shirley, hoping to convince her mother to buy her a pet.

7. After the tsunami, a million people were left homeless.
8. Christopher was stunned when he observed his brother rebuff a lovely woman who was clearly interested in him.
9. Children learn in school that a nomad is one who moves from place to place, like the ancient hunter-gatherers.
10. "Junior," said his stepmother, "give me the pipe or I am going to tell your father that you are smoking."
11. When she was in college, Maya studied the impact of the holocaust in Europe after WWII.

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## ANSWERS

1. Denver            forbiddenden version
2. Boston           gumbos to northern
3. Juneau            until the June auction.
4. Chicago           said, "Chica, go back
5. Portland          passport, landed
6. Omaha            "Mom, a hamster
7. Miami             tsunami, a million people
8. Buffalo            rebuff a lovely woman
9. Madison          nomad is one who
10. Peoria            pipe or I am going
11. Austin            holocaust in Europe