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Sentence Sleuth

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 HUMAN BODY PART. 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: *After Ed Ward, the fiction author, axed his agent, his career went down the tubes.* As you can see, the hidden body part is **thorax** (*fiction author, axed his*), which spans two 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 HUMAN BODY PART hidden somewhere within each sentence.

1. Carla had no idea what her mother was talking about when she said, "Put your thingamabob on, especially on such cold and windy days!"
2. When Jacob was a young roofer, he could climb ladder after ladder from morning to night. Now, not so much.
3. When she was given a memory test, Abigail could only remember three of Santa's reindeers: Dancer, Vixen, and Rudolph.
4. The city of Düsseldorf in Germany is a European mecca for its fashion industry and art scene.
5. Many scientists have warned the Italian government if Vesuvius should erupt again, the city of Naples could be in extreme danger.
6. When Mr. Devereaux's assistant asked him what language to write the bilingual history quiz in, he said, "Martin, test in English, it's their stronger language."
7. The art of origami originated in Japan. Creasing paper sharply after making the precise folds is the key to success ... without using cuts or glue.
8. When he went to Dallas, Tom achieved his lifelong dream to ride a mechanical bull for ten minutes.
9. "Christopher," said his mother crossly, "Close that book about the stupid hippopotamus, clean your room, and get dressed. We're going to Granny's."
10. After Abby Worthington broke up with her first serious boyfriend, her sister asked her, "Ab, do men always think of themselves first?"

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ANSWERS

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| 1. | Bones | thingamabob <u>b on, especially</u> |
| 2. | Bladder | clim <u>b ladder</u> after |
| 3. | Cervix | reindeers: Danc <u>er, Vixen</u> |
| 4. | Finger | Düsseldorf <u>in Germany</u> |
| 5. | Shoulder | Vesuvius <u>should erupt</u> |
| 6. | Intestine | said, "Mart <u>in, test in</u> English, |
| 7. | Pancreas | in Jap <u>an. Creasing</u> paper |
| 8. | Stomach | Dallas, <u>Tom achieved</u> |
| 9. | Muscle | hippopotam <u>us, clean</u> |
| 10. | Abdomen | her, " <u>Ab, do men</u> always |