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# Spaced Out

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

## Overview:

Below is a list of very familiar sayings ... but they don't look right. To begin with, the spacing is all wrong: sometimes there's a space within a word; sometimes there's no space between words. But there's also another problem: in each saying, a letter (and every occurrence of that letter) is missing. Players need to determine what that letter is and come up with the correct saying. Here's an example:

**O YSWI L LEOYS**

Answer: In this example, the missing letter is **B**, and it occurs in three places. When the spacing is corrected, the right answer is: **BOYS WILL BE BOYS**.

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Show all players the first uncorrected saying. 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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INSTRUCTIONS: Correct the spacing and add the missing letter(s) to reveal the correct saying or proverb.

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1. TL KIS CHE P
2. IV EA NDE ARN
3. LI EBE GIN SATOR TY
4. ST IL LWAT RSR UN DP
5. L KBE FREY ULE AP
6. IS ER YLO VESCO PA NY
7. CLO THS MA KTH MA N
8. DA DMN TL LNO TA LS

9. O EW SIS GO ODE WS
10. PRA TIE MA KESP ERF ET
11. HO NET YIT HEBET POL ICY
12. A'SF AI RINO VEA NDW AR
13. VAR ETY STH ESPC EOF LFE
14. BG GAR SCA N'TB CHO OS RS
15. SRI KEW HIL EHE IRO NIS HO
16. ARS NG TDEL FTS AL LBO ATS
17. BL O ODIS HICK ERH ANW AER
18. MN EYD ES N'TG RWN TRE ES

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## ANSWERS

1. A TALK IS CHEAP
2. L LIVE AND LEARN
3. F LIFE BEGINS AT FORTY
4. E STILL WATERS RUN DEEP
5. O LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP
6. M MISERY LOVES COMPANY
7. E CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN
8. E DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES
9. N NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS
10. C PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT
11. S HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY
12. L ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR
13. I VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE
14. E BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS
15. T STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT
16. I A RISING TIDE LIFTS ALL BOATS
17. T BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER
18. O MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES