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Spaced Out

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.

1. I VEA ND EA RN
2. HE RUT H HU RS
3. UE I TOR LO EIT
4. S ILN CI SGO LD N
5. O YSW ILL EO YS
6. LO SEB U TNO IG AR
7. UTF T HIS WR LD
8. SING ISB LIV IN G
9. F OMA GST OI CH ES
10. D N'T RC KT HE BAT
11. AS YC OM,A SY GO

12. **HI TOR YR EPE ATI TE LF**
13. **IA KE SW O OAN GO**
14. **YUS NZ E,YU LS E**
15. **BU R YHE H AC HE**
16. **SA VD BYT HB LL**

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ANSWERS

1. **L LIVE AND LEARN**
2. **T THE TRUTH HURTS**
3. **S USE IT OR LOSE IT**
4. **E SILENCE IS GOLDEN**
5. **B BOYS WILL BE BOYS**
6. **C CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR**
7. **O OUT OF THIS WORLD**
8. **E SEEING IS BELIEVING**
9. **R FROM RAGS TO RICHES**
10. **O DON'T ROCK THE BOAT**
11. **E EASY COME, EASY GO**
12. **S HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF**
13. **T IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO**
14. **O YOU SNOOZE, YOU LOSE**
15. **T BURY THE HATCHET**
16. **E SAVED BY THE BELL**