

4/5/26 Weekly Word Game

What's the MATter?

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes
Number of players: Unlimited
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers
Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

All the answers in this word definition game either begin or end with the consecutive letters **MAT**.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first definition. 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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QUESTIONS

1. Ambassador; Treaty-maker; Government emissary
2. Coin-op clothes cleaner.
3. A Passover food.
4. Bull fighter.
5. A performance that takes place in the daytime.
6. Shape; Layout; Design
7. Nuptials.
8. Restaurant with vending machines.
9. Entryway "welcomer" and shoe wiper.
10. Age or ripen.
11. "Waltzing _____" is considered the unofficial national anthem of Australia.
12. Andy Griffiths second TV hit in the 1980s in which he plays a folksy, but smart, defense attorney.
13. Sealy or Stearns & Foster.
14. Occupation of Dolly Levi in *Hello, Dolly!*
15. Fabric or textile.
16. The woman at the head of a family.

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ANSWERS

1. Diplomat
2. Laundromat
3. Matzoh
4. Matador
5. Matinee
6. Format
7. Matrimony
8. Automat
9. Doormat
10. Mature
11. Matilda
12. Matlock
13. Mattress
14. Matchmaker
15. Material
16. Matriarch