

6/7/26 Weekly Word Game

CAN You or CAN'T You?

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 contain the consecutive letters CAN or CANT.

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. Empty; not being used; not lived in.
2. This culinary nut is native to the Southern United States.
3. This is the second-largest country in the world ... and the one with the longest coastline.
4. In Roman mythology, this was the god of fire (or volcanoes). It's also a fictional race of people in *Star Trek* (as Mr. Spock well knows).
5. A high-energy music hall dance, popular in French cabarets.
6. In formal Jewish worship, this person sings solo verses to which the choir or the congregation responds.
7. Sweet cheese-filled Italian dessert.
8. Barely sufficient or inadequate in amount.
9. A substance, usually greasy, used to reduce friction.
10. Important or meaningful; having great impact.
11. This large waterbird is characterized by a large, long beak and deep throat pouch used for catching prey by scooping it up then draining out the water.
12. This French satire, published by Voltaire in 1759, features the title character who was brought up to be an optimist, but discovers disillusionment as he experiences the real world.
13. This sweet, true melon has orange flesh and a brownish-greenish rind.

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ANSWERS

1. Vacant
2. Pecan
3. Canada
4. Vulcan
5. Cancan
6. Cantor
7. Cannoli
8. Scant
9. Lubricant
10. Significant
11. Pelican
12. Candide
13. Cantaloupe