

8/16/26 Weekly Word Game

Going BANanas

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 **BAN**.

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. Noises that a firecracker makes ... or, the hair that hangs over your forehead.
2. Descriptor for a city or metropolitan area.
3. A rigid metal bracelet.
4. To force someone to leave a country or place as an official punishment.
5. A four- or five-stringed instrument, commonly used in folk and bluegrass music.
6. A lightweight structure near a beach or swimming pool.
7. A head-covering made by wrapping a long piece of cloth around the head, which often has deep cultural meaning, particularly among Sikhs and Islamic men.
8. To leave something behind, such as a child or a pet, with no plan to return.
9. The capital of Thailand.
10. Male spouse.
11. Chickpea.
12. Term for goods or items that are illegal to own, make, or trade, most often referring to items smuggled across national borders.
13. A staircase handrail.
14. A legal mechanism through which debtors seek to get out of their financial obligations.

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ANSWERS

1. Bangs
2. Urban
3. Bangle
4. Banish
5. Banjo
6. Cabana
7. Turban
8. Abandon
9. Bangkok
10. Husband
11. Garbanzo
12. Contraband
13. Bannister
14. Bankruptcy