

10/11/26 Weekly Word Game

Good DOG!

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 **DOG**.

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. A means to identify your puppy ... or, neckwear for military personnel.
2. A principle, or a set of rules that are considered core principles, which must be upheld by all its followers.
3. Leftovers packed up to take home after a restaurant visit.
4. This hardwood tree, which blooms in the spring with pink or white flowers, is more common in the eastern US than in the west.
5. Very stubborn and determined to continue trying, even when something is hard or takes a long time.
6. Where you might find a husband in trouble with his wife.
7. A person, team, or group that is expected to lose a contest, or is at a major disadvantage in society.
8. Acronym for the US Department headed by Elon Musk in 2024.
9. An expensive and wasteful project or activity that serves little or no practical purpose and is often funded by taxpayer or public money.
10. Description of a small cuddly pet such as a pug, chihuahua, shih tzu, or toy poodle.
11. Nowadays, this occupation is called an Animal Control Officer.
12. Vehicles pulled by huskies at the Iditarod.
13. Idiom for very heavy precipitation.
14. Comic or nonsense poetry, usually not considered important enough to be "literary."
15. This 1975 film starring Al Pacino was about a robbery and hostage situation in a Brooklyn bank.
16. This popular Drake's pastry, first created in 1926, was made up of vanilla icing spread between two elongated cakes with no frosting.
17. This designation for conservative and moderate Democrats originated in Texas in the early 20th century.

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ANSWERS

1. Dog tags
2. Dogma
3. Doggy bag
4. Dogwood
5. Dogged
6. Doghouse
7. Underdog
8. DOGE, which stood for Department of Government Efficiency. According to the Government Accounting Office, the CATO Institute, and even Elon Musk himself, DOGE was not a successful initiative.
9. Boondoggle
10. Lapdog
11. Dogcatcher
12. Dogsleds
13. Raining cats and dogs
14. Doggerel
15. *Dog Day Afternoon*
16. Devil Dog
17. Blue Dog