

10/4/26 Weekly Word Game

It's OCTober!

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 OCT.

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. The shape of a stop sign, for example.
2. The eight-note “musical” distance between low C and high C on a scale.
3. To seafood lovers, this eight-legged mollusk is called *polpo* in Italian and *pulpo* in Spanish.
4. To make something by mixing different ingredients or elements; or, to invent a story, an excuse, or a plan.
5. Another term for a Ph.D. degree.
6. A group of eight, especially in music.
7. A person who supervises student test-takers, especially in a university.
8. A formal set of beliefs or principles that is accepted, taught, and/or followed.
9. The term applied to animals that are mostly active during the night, such as owls or racoons.
10. A person who is between the age of eighty and ninety. (For extra points, spell the answer.)
11. Big beer celebration held annually in Munich, Germany.
12. The multiple award-winning author of the book, film, and Broadway musical *Ragtime* (1975), the book *Loon Lake* (1980), and the book and movie *Billy Bathgate* (1991).

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ANSWERS

1. Octagon
2. Octave
3. Octopus
4. Concoct
5. Doctorate
6. Octet
7. Proctor
8. Doctrine
9. Nocturnal
10. Octogenarian
11. Oktoberfest
12. E. L. Doctorow