

3/15/26 Weekly Word Game

Happy St. PATrick's Day!

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 **PAT**.

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. Chopped liver ... in French.
2. Kitchen tool that helps to mix, spread, or lift food from a hot pan.
3. Having strong feelings of support for and devotion to one's country.
4. To set free; make independent; liberate.
5. A French bakery.
6. Job; profession; career.
7. Wretched; pitiful; miserably inadequate.
8. Louie De Palma's job in the TV series *Taxi*.
9. The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
10. The kneecap.
11. A person who is easily taken advantage of, especially by being cheated or blamed for something.
12. This shoe accessory was worn by men in the late 19th and early 20th centuries to protect shoes from mud or rain.
13. Eager; restless; unable to wait.
14. A disease, usually infectious, that is characterized by inflammation of the liver.
15. To take part; engage; join in.
16. Having no interest, enthusiasm, or strong feelings one way or the other.
17. Description of two people who are so different that they are incapable of existing together.
18. Carly Simon is very familiar with this feeling of hopeful waiting.

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ANSWERS

1. Pate
2. Spatula
3. Patriotic
4. Emancipate
5. Patisserie
6. Occupation
7. Pathetic
8. Dispatcher
9. Empathy
10. Patella
11. Patsy
12. Spats. (The word "spats" comes from "spatterguard.")
13. Impatient
14. Hepatitis
15. Participate
16. Apathetic
17. Incompatible
18. Anticipation