

5/3/26 Weekly Word Game

# Goodbye ApRIL, Hello MAY

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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 RIL or MAY.

## 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. Creamy condiment.
2. A brand of steel wool scouring pad.
3. An elected leader of a town or city.
4. Largest member of the great ape family.
5. In radio communications, this word is a distress signal indicating that the speaker needs help. Convention requires the word be repeated three times in a row during the initial emergency declaration.
6. Today, more than 11 million people in Southern Mexico and northern Central America are descendants of this ancient indigenous group.
7. A military exercise that is repeated over and over; or, a tool that makes holes.
8. An important part of your nose.
9. Perhaps; possibly; not definitely.
10. Free from biological contaminants.
11. Adorned or decorated with an abundance of ruffles, lace, or wavy edges.
12. Very shiny or very smart.
13. Disappointment; sadness; consternation.
14. Tiny shrimp-like marine creature that some whales eat by the ton.
15. Chaos; disorder; pandemonium.
16. Dangerous; hazardous; not safe.

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## ANSWERS

1. Mayonnaise
2. Brillo
3. Mayor
4. Gorilla
5. Mayday
6. Maya (Mayan)
7. Drill
8. Nostril
9. Maybe
10. Sterile
11. Frilly
12. Brilliant
13. Dismay
14. Krill
15. Mayhem
16. Perilous