

5/10/26 Weekly Word Game

What THE ...?

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 **THE**.

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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1. To hate or despise.
2. A person who does not believe in any gods or deities.
3. To respire.
4. Tanned animal hides.
5. This North American large cat has a black coat with black spots, which makes it look solidly black.
6. Term that encompasses the current (or predicted) state of the atmosphere, including temperature, humidity, precipitation, wind, and so on.
7. There are 41 of these in New York City, primarily in the Times Square area.
8. This substance makes surgery possible by controlling awareness of pain.
9. Control device that regulates the temperature by switching heating and cooling systems on and off to maintain a desired setpoint.
10. A substance or material, such as a textile or chemical, that is not natural but produced artificially.
11. A formal term for an actor or actress.
12. Machete; cutter; sickle
13. A 40+ stringed musical instrument with a flat soundboard and no neck, found especially in the Alps.
14. Typically, this is a large, historic, architecturally significant Christian church that functions as the focal point for a bishop's ministry.
15. Frothy foam produced by agitating soap or detergent in water.
16. An insulting term for a person who does not belong to a major religion – Christianity, Judaism, or Islam.

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ANSWERS

1. Loathe
2. Atheist
3. Breathe
4. Leather
5. Panther
6. Weather
7. Theaters. A theater must have 500 or more seats to be considered an official Broadway house.
8. Anesthesia
9. Thermostat
10. Synthetic
11. Thespian
12. Scythe
13. Zither
14. Cathedral
15. Lather
16. Heathen