

1/4/26 Weekly Word Game

BravA!

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 end with the letter **A**.

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. Africa is home to three species of *equus* (the horse family): the Wild Ass and two types of this other zoo favorite.
2. *La Traviata*, *La Bohème*, or *Madame Butterfly*, for example.
3. Exploration equipment largely invented by Jacques Cousteau.
4. A very soft, fluffy yarn made from the hair of a particular breed of goat or rabbit.
5. Condition often caused by iron deficiency.
6. Capital of the Philippines.
7. One-celled microorganisms, some of which cause disease such as tuberculosis, pneumonia, or strep throat.
8. A set of reference books on many different subjects, usually arranged alphabetically.
9. The formation of a word that sounds like the noise it describes, for example: the “buzz” of the bee, the “hiss” of the snake, the “boom” of the thunder.
10. This dangerous condition occurs if your body temperature drops below 95 degrees Fahrenheit.
11. This type of medication makes surgery possible.
12. Liberace was known for adorning his piano with one of these.
13. Biased information used to promote a particular cause or to manipulate public opinion.
14. This little breed of dog originated in Mexico.
15. This circle dance, often performed at Jewish weddings, is usually accompanied by the music of “Hava Nagila.”
16. This science documentary series premiered on PBS in 1973 ... and is still going strong.

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ANSWERS

1. Zebra
2. Opera
3. Scuba
4. Angora
5. Anemia
6. Manila
7. Bacteria
8. Encyclopedia
9. Onomatopoeia
10. Hypothermia
11. Anesthesia
12. Candelabra
13. Propaganda
14. Chihuahua
15. Hora
16. *NOVA*