

5/24/26 Weekly Word Game

# Happy MEM-OR-IAL Day!

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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:

The answers in this word definition game either begin with the consecutive letters **MEM**; have the consecutive letters **OR** in the middle (ish); or end with the letters **IAL**.  
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## 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 learn by heart.
2. Logan and O'Hare.
3. A soft fluffy yarn that comes from a goat or a rabbit.
4. A kangaroo, koala, or opossum, for example.
5. Eating disorder that involves extreme food intake restriction.
6. A specialized botanical garden largely dedicated to trees.
7. Washing dishes, sweeping, and doing laundry, for example.
8. Refusal to accept the truth or the reality of a situation.
9. A decorative element at the top of an object; the "crowning touch" at the top of a lamp or the end of a curtain rod.
10. An object kept as a reminder of a person, place, or event.
11. A parka
12. A type of autobiography that focuses on a pivotal event or time in a person's life.
13. A business-related message that can be written to one person or to an entire workforce.
14. In botany, this term describes a plant that returns each year without replanting.
15. A legal proceeding.
16. Of little value, importance, or significance.
17. A tall thin breed of dog with a long silky coat, formerly known as the Russian Wolfhound.
18. Politely pleasant; warm; friendly.

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## ANSWERS

1. Memorize
2. Airports
3. Angora
4. Marsupial
5. Anorexia
6. Arboretum
7. Chores
8. Denial
9. Finial
10. Memento
11. Anorak
12. Memoir
13. Memorandum or Memo
14. Perennial
15. Trial
16. Trivial
17. Borzoi
18. Cordial