

4/26/26 Weekly Word Game

RUN for the ROSEs

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes
Number of players: Unlimited
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers
Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

It's almost the first Saturday in May, when world-class racehorses will gather at Churchill Downs for the running of the Kentucky Derby. In the end, only one of those magnificent competitors will step into the winner's circle, to be draped in a dazzling garland of hundreds of red roses. So in honor of the 152nd Kentucky Derby, all the answers in our quiz this week will contain either the consecutive letters RUN or ROSE.

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. The step of a ladder.
2. A dried plum.
3. The opposite of poetry.
4. What happened to the wool sweater after it was washed in hot water.
5. A public service lawyer who initiates criminal proceedings and presents a state's case against defendants.
6. A tree and an elephant both have one.
7. Common dishes for this late-morning meal might be eggs benedict or chicken and waffles.
8. A liquid fuel commonly used for heating, lighting, and cooking, especially for camping gear.
9. An aromatic herb used to flavor meats, stews, and potatoes.
10. A ruffled, stretchy band used to hold hair in a ponytail.
11. This is the largest of the three Maritime Provinces of Eastern Canada.
12. Composed of one glucose and one fructose molecule linked together, this is the scientific name of sugar (table sugar, cane sugar, beet sugar, etc.).
13. A person who is romantically attracted to a person of the opposite gender.
14. Sullen; moody; very unhappy

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ANSWERS

1. Rung
2. Prune
3. Prose
4. Shrunk
5. Prosecutor
6. Trunk
7. Brunch
8. Kerosene
9. Rosemary
10. Scrunchie
11. New Brunswick
12. Sucrose
13. Heterosexual
14. Morose