

2/8/26 Weekly Word Game

It's MADness!

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 start with the consecutive letters MAD.

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. A young unmarried woman in Paris.
2. An appellation (that is, a name or title) for Mary, the mother of Jesus.
3. The large island off the southeast coast of Africa.
4. Spanish for “mother.”
5. The Manhattan thoroughfare that is synonymous with the American advertising industry.
6. Former football player, former coach of the Oakland Raiders, and former color commentator for NFL telecasts, John _____.
7. The capital of Spain.
8. The former name of Chennai, the capital city of a southeastern Indian state; or, a type of lightweight cotton fabric, usually in a plaid design, that originated there.
9. Meaning crazy, wacky, or nutty, this term is often applied to comedy films.
10. Late 18th/early 19th century wax sculptor and founder of a famous wax museum in London (now with branches in other cities around the world).
11. A region of Portugal, and the name of a wine that comes from there.
12. This very small French cake evoked memories of his youth for author Marcel Proust.
13. A Renaissance and early Baroque song, usually involving three to six voices.
14. This 1979 dystopian film, set in a future Australia in which law and order has broken down following a major energy crisis, propelled actor Mel Gibson to international fame.

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Name

ANSWERS

1. Mademoiselle
2. Madonna
3. Madagascar
4. Madre
5. Madison Avenue
6. Madden
7. Madrid
8. Madras
9. Madcap
10. Madame Tussaud
11. Madeira
12. Madeleine
13. Madrigal
14. *Mad Max*