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What's the Word?

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

May be suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

Can you identify the missing three-letter word that completes each set of words?

For example, given the clues:

____ NERS AL ____ AC HU ____ ____ SION,

the correct answer is *MAN* (MANNERS; ALMANAC; HUMAN; MANSION).

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Write down the four clues on a white board or large pad of paper. (You could also Xerox the next page and pass it out to the players.)
3. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a player/team is ready to answer should 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.
4. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the others may "buzz" in and answer.
5. Keep score (10 points for each correct answer). Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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1	P _ _ _	F _ _ _ Y	A _ _ _ A	F _ _ _ UNE
2	S _ _ _ E	SO _ _ _	COL _ _ _ E	HO _ _ _ AY
3	_ _ _ RY	SUL _ _ _	_ _ _ IOUS	_ _ _ NACE
4	_ _ _ LE	_ _ _ OLO	_ _ _ ANTIC	_ _ _ ABYTE
5	W _ _ _ KEY	_ _ _ TORY	C _ _ _ EL	HAS _ _ _ H
6	SH _ _ _	SM _ _ _	QU _ _ _	_ _ _ SOME
7	SU _ _ _	_ _ _ LIC	VINE _ _ _	MAR _ _ _ INE
8	B _ _ _ CH	WAR _ _ _ T	VIB _ _ _ T	U _ _ _ IUM

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ANSWERS

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| 1. | ORT | PORT; FORTY; AORTA; FORTUNE |
| 2. | LID | SLIDE; SOLID; COLLIDE; HOLIDAY |
| 3. | FUR | FURRY; SULFUR; FURIOUS; FURNACE |
| 4. | GIG | GIGGLE; GIGOLO; GIGANTIC; GIGABYTE |
| 5. | HIS | WHISKEY; HISTORY; CHISEL; HASHISH |
| 6. | IRK | SHIRK; SMIRK; QUIRK; IRKSOME |
| 7. | GAR | SUGAR; GARLIC; VINEGAR; MARGARINE |
| 8. | RAN | BRANCH; WARRANT; VIBRANT; URANIUM |