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Word Lists

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

Overview:

In this game, we provide you with a list of four one-word clues. First, remove one letter from each given word – it can be any letter anywhere in the word, but only ONE letter can be removed. Next, rearrange the remaining letters to form a new word. Once you have done that for each word in the list, you must then identify the theme that all the new words in each clue refer to.

For example: Given *Bugle*, *Plumper*, *Nerd*, *Energy*, you can form the following words by removing one letter: *Blue* (G is removed), *Purple* (M is removed), *Red* (N is removed), and *Green* (Y is removed). All the new words are names of COLORS, which is the theme of that list.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first clues. 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. GOLD, LINGO, KOSHER, EXTORT
2. BOAT, LABEL, HAPTIC, LIFTED
3. BUYER, REPLAY, POLKA, DRAGNET
4. SALADS, SEWING, NOUGAT, NETBALL
5. COED, HAUNT, RAKISH, TUTORS
6. ERUPT, CHAINS, PAINTS, FURNACE
7. SHOVE, ROBOT, SMOCK, FAULTS

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ANSWERS

1. ANIMALS: Dog (L), Lion (G), Horse (K), Otter (X)
2. BASEBALL: Bat (O), Ball (E), Pitch (A), Field (T)
3. GEMSTONES: Ruby (E), Pearl (Y), Opal (K), Garnet (D)
4. DANCE: Salsa (D), Swing (E), Tango (U), Ballet (N)
5. FISH: Cod (E), Tuna (H), Shark (I), Trout (S)
6. COUNTRIES: Peru (T), China (S), Spain (T), France (U)
7. SHOES: SHOE (V), BOOT (R), SOCK (M), FLATS (U)