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Wordship

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

Overview:

In this game, you are given a single word. You must create one or more new words by changing just one letter, and without moving any of the existing letters. For example, given:

THE _____

You must make four new words by changing only one letter. You can change the first letter to make *SHE*, the second letter to make *TIE*, *TEE*, or *TOE*, and the third letter to make *THY*. Here are some other examples:

1. *DUEL* _____
2. *CRUISE* _____
3. *SIGN* _____

The correct answers are 1. *FUEL*, *DUAL*, *DULL*, *DUET*, *DUES*; 2. *BRUISE*; 3. *SIGH*

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Write the first clue word on a white board or large pad of paper and the number of blank spaces called for (big enough for all players to see).
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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QUESTIONS

(In most cases, other correct answers are possible.)

1. SKY _____
2. AIL _____
3. WHO _____
4. STOP _____
5. TART _____
6. HAIR _____
7. OVEN _____
8. SHORT _____
9. COMPUTE _____
10. ACCENT _____

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ANSWERS

(In some cases, other correct answers are possible.)

1. SKY SAY, SHY, SLY, SOY, SPY, STY, SKI
2. AIL NIL, OIL, ALL, AWL, AID, AIM, AIR
3. WHO WOO, WHY
4. STOP ATOP, SHOP, SLOP, STEP, STOW
5. TART CART, PART, DART, WART, HART, FART, MART, TORT, TAUT, TACT, TART, TARO, TARP, TARS
6. HAIR FAIR, PAIR, LAIR, HEIR, HAIL
7. OVEN EVEN, OPEN, OMEN, OXEN, OVER
8. SHORT SPORT, SNORT, SHIRT, SHOOT, SHOUT, SHOAT, SHORE, SHORN
9. COMPUTE COMMUTE, COMPETE, COMPOTE
10. ACCENT ASCENT, ACCEPT