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Homophone Pairs

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

Homophones are words that sound alike, such as *ad* and *add*; *allowed* and *aloud*; or *days* and *daze*. Given a quirky definition, can you come up with a pair of homophones – and spell them, too? For example: *A cake ingredient made from chrysanthemums*. Answer: *F-l-o-w-e-r / F-l-o-u-r*. Or: *Uncooked bread for female deer*. Answer: *D-o-e / D-o-u-g-h*

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. Secretariat or Seabiscuit with a scratchy voice.
2. A prohibited music group.
3. A naked grizzly.
4. A darling woodland animal.
5. Sixty minutes that belong to us.
6. The main leader of a school.
7. Story about the part of a dog that wags.
8. A fragile seven-day period.
9. To scribble in the correct way.
10. A bean-based stew from a South American country.
11. A rough or crude route or pathway.
12. A feeble seven-day period.
13. The entire opening.
14. Squeezes the liquid out of finger jewelry

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ANSWERS

1. Hoarse Horse
2. Banned Band
3. Bare Bear
4. Dear Deer
5. Our Hour
6. Principle Principal
7. Tail Tale
8. Weak Week
9. Write Right
10. Chile Chili
11. Coarse Course
12. Weak Week
13. Whole Hole
14. Wrings Rings