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Rhyming Pairs

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

Overview:

Brain-drain; even-steven; higgledy-piggledy. Those are three rhyming pairs. Given a brief definition, can you come up with some more rhyming pairs? (*Note: The rhyming pair can consist of either a pair of words or of rhyming syllables.*)

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. An important and influential person. (Or, a large hairpiece?)
2. The sound of crying. (Or, what a ghostly owl might say?)
3. Nonsense words used by magicians.
4. A vagrant or tramp.
5. A portable two-way radio.
6. Very small. (Like a yellow polka-dot bikini?)
7. Wealthy people who travel by air frequently for business or pleasure.
8. A person who is fussy, old-fashioned, and a conformist.
9. Mischievous behavior, often in connection with sexual activity.
10. Words that are meaningless and often cause confusion.
11. Weak; feeble; boring; insipid.
12. A minor car accident.
13. A foolish or stupid person.
14. Chubby; plump.

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ANSWERS

1. Bigwig
2. Boo hoo
3. Hocus pocus (*Abacadabra is also correct.*)
4. Hobo
5. Walkie-talkie
6. Itsy bitsy (*Teenie weenie is also correct.*)
7. Jet set
8. Fuddy duddy
9. Hanky panky
10. Mumbo jumbo
11. Namby pamby
12. Fender bender
13. Nitwit
14. Roly poly