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Sentence Sleuth

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Overview:

A true Sentence Sleuth is able to find a word hidden somewhere within a sentence. In this game, the word will be the name of a vegetable. The correct answer could be spread over one, two, or more words; and when you're looking for the hidden word, you should ignore all punctuation, spaces, capital letters, etc.

Here's an example, "After Anne's turn, I propose that we stop for dinner," said Mary. In this case, the word **turnip** spans three words and a comma (Anne's turn, I propose).

Instructions:

1. This game is best played if you can pass out printed copies of the clues, so that players can see the whole sentence.
2. Read the first sentence allowed.
3. This game can be played by individuals or in teams. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a player/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 others may "buzz" in and answer.
5. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each hidden word has been correctly discovered.

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Instructions: Find the name of a vegetable hidden somewhere within each sentence.

1. The auto mechanic told Oscar, "Rotate and balance your tires once a year, and they'll last much longer."
2. As soon I became a college grad, I shed my cap and gown and headed for the airport.
3. When my brother ripped half my doll's hair off, he told me to give it to Ma to fix.
4. When my daughter Carole insisted that Justin Bieber is really smart, I choked on my sandwich.
5. Marie was impressed when Sue said she painted all the walls, and that her husband Glen tiled the kitchen and bathroom floors.
6. "If you're afraid you'll forget to take the payment," said Mrs. Walters, "pin a check to the corkboard near the door."
7. When Mollie had her wedding shower, Amy gave her a teapot, a toaster, and a blender for her kitchen.

8. When we went to the museum in Austin, I couldn't pay the admission. I only brought five dollars, and it cost fifteen.
9. "Break a leg" actually means "good luck" to superstitious theater actors.
10. Most mystery books are predictable. Before I get to the end, I've already figured out "whodunit."

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ANSWERS

1. Carrot told Oscar, “Rotate”
2. Radish college grad, I shed
3. Tomato give it to Ma to fix.
4. Artichoke smart, I choked on
5. Lentil husband Glen tiled the kitchen
6. Spinach Walters, “pin a check to
7. Potato teapot, a toaster, and
8. Onion admission. I only brought ten
9. Kale “Break a leg”
10. Endive the end, I’ve already