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Vivienne's Vowels – Phrases

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Overview:

Vivienne has a strange problem — she hates vowels. She leaves out the letters A, E, I, O, and U whenever she writes anything. Lately she's been keeping a written collection of some of her favorite idioms and sayings. Can you help decipher Vivienne's list by putting back the correct vowels?

In this game, we've provided two options: **CHALLENGE LEVEL DIFFICULT** and **CHALLENGE LEVEL AVERAGE**. The difference is that the harder level does not have a space between words. You might try the more challenging level first, and then, if your players get stuck, move on to the average challenge. Let's give one a try:

If you put the vowels back in **MSRYLVSCMPNY**, what answer do you get?

If that's too hard, try the average challenge level: **MSRY LVS CMPNY**

Did that help you find the correct answer? **MISERY LOVES COMPANY**

(Note to game host: It would be best to write each clue on a large pad or white board so that the players can see the letters and work out the answers.)

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Show the first clue. 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 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. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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CHALLENGE LEVEL DIFFICULT

1. STRKWHLTHRNSHT (6 words)
2. LLTHTGLTTRSSNTGLD (6 words)
3. DN'TTKNYWDNNCKLS (5 words)
4. THRLYBRDCTCHSTHWRM (6 words)
5. NGTSNGLRY (4 words)
6. YGTWHTYPYFR (6 words)
7. XPRNCSTHBS TTCHR (5 words)
8. THSQKYWHLGTSTHGRS (6 words)
9. NSNRSDTHNDN (5 words)
10. QTTRS NVRWNNDWNNRSNVRQT (7 words)

CHALLENGE LEVEL AVERAGE

1. STRK WHL TH RN S HT
2. LL THT GLTTRS S NT GLD
3. DN'T TK NY WDN NCKLS
4. TH RLY BRD CTCHS TH WRM
5. N GTS N GLRY
6. Y GT WHT Y PY FR
7. XPRNC S TH BST TCHR
8. TH SQKY WHL GTS TH GRS
9. N SNR SD THN DN
10. QTTRS NVR WN ND WNNRS NVR QT

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ANSWERS

1. STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT
2. ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD
3. DON'T TAKE ANY WOODEN NICKELS
4. THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM
5. NO GUTS, NO GLORY
6. YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR
7. EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER
8. THE SQUEAKY WHEEL GETS THE GREASE
9. NO SOONER SAID THAN DONE
10. QUITTERS NEVER WIN AND WINNERS NEVER QUIT