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Is or Isn't?

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

In this game you just have to find the one thing in each list that is – or isn't – what we say it is ... or isn't.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first clue. 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.
3. 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.
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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QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following IS yellow?
a. Citrine, b. Vermillion, c. Azure, d. Periwinkle
2. Which of the following ISN'T a mammal?
a. Kangaroo, b. Aardvark, c. Bat, d. Penguin
3. Which of the following ISN'T a character played by Tom Hanks?
a. Josh Baskin, b. Jimmy Dugan, c. Ray Kinsella, d. Forrest Gump
4. Which of the following ISN'T a type of shoe?
a. Espadrille, b. Cortland, c. Clog, d. Mary Jane
5. Which of the following states IS on the border with Canada?
a. New York, b. Massachusetts, c. Iowa, d. Wyoming
6. Which of the following ISN'T a Nobel Prize winner?
a. Albert Einstein, b. Ernest Hemingway, c. Franklin Roosevelt, d. Winston Churchill
7. Which of the following IS an event that occurred in 1969?
a. Partial meltdown of the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor in Pennsylvania,
b. the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles, c. the murder of Israeli athletes at the Munich Summer Olympics, d. The Woodstock Music Festival
8. Which of the following IS a bird?
a. Sneezeweed, b. Nightjar, c. Bladderwort, d. Cow Vetch
9. Which of the following ISN'T a character from books by Mark Twain?
a. Becky Thatcher, b. Tom Canty, c. Tom Sawyer, d. Fitzwilliam Darcy

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ANSWERS

1. a. Citrine is a shade of yellow. Vermillion is a shade of red; azure is a shade of blue; and periwinkle is also a shade of blue.
2. d. The penguin is a bird. All the others are mammals.
3. c. Ray Kinsella was a character in *Field of Dreams* played by Kevin Costner (not Tom Hanks). Hanks played Josh Baskin in *Big*, Jimmy Dugan in *A League of Their Own*, and Forrest Gump in the movie *Forrest Gump*.
4. b. Cortland is a type of apple. All the rest are types of shoes.
5. a. New York shares a border with Canada. All the others do not.
6. c. Franklin Roosevelt never won a Nobel Prize. Albert Einstein won for Physics in 1921; Ernest Hemingway took the Literature Prize in 1954; and Winston Churchill won in 1953 – perhaps surprisingly, not for Peace, but for Literature.
7. d. The Woodstock Music Festival occurred in the summer of 1969. The Three Mile Island nuclear accident occurred in 1979; Robert Kennedy was assassinated in 1968; and the murders of eleven Israeli athletes occurred in 1972.
8. b. The nightjar is a bird; all the others are plants.
9. d. Fitzwilliam Darcy is a character from Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. All the others are characters from books by Mark Twain.