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ACRONYMS

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

Overview:

Just about every field of human endeavor uses acronyms or initialisms — letters that stand for a word, phrase, concept, or name. In this game, we provide the letters, and you must identify what they stand for. For example, the meaning of the acronym **PDQ** is *Pretty Darn (or Damn) Quick*.

In this quiz, all of the acronyms refer to business, government, and non-profit organizations.

Note: Most of the clues in this quiz are pronounced according to their letters. **FBI** (*Federal Bureau of Investigation*), for example, is pronounced by its letters (*ef•be•eye*). But other acronyms, such as **FLOTUS** (*First Lady of the United States*), are pronounced as a word (*float•iss*).

Instructions

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. 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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Instructions: Given a familiar acronym (or initialism) and no other clues, can you identify what the letters stand for?

QUESTIONS

1. AT&T
2. IBM
3. UPS
4. TGIF
5. NBC
6. CNN
7. HP
8. GE
9. P&G
10. ACLU
11. BBB
12. (US) EPA
13. NRA
14. WHO
15. CVS
16. BMW
17. 3M
18. GEICO
19. ESPN
20. TCBY
21. VRBO

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ANSWERS

1. American Telephone and Telegraph Company
2. International Business Machines
3. United Parcel Service
4. Thank God It's Friday
5. National Broadcasting Company
6. Cable News Network
7. Hewlett-Packard
8. General Electric
9. Procter & Gamble
10. American Civil Liberties Union
11. Better Business Bureau
12. (United States) Environmental Protection Agency
13. National Rifle Association
14. World Health Organization
15. Consumer Value Stores
16. Bavarian Motor Works
17. The Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company
18. Government Employees Insurance Company
19. Entertainment and Sports Programming Network
20. The Country's Best Yogurt
21. Vacation Rentals by Owner