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Building Words

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

Overview:

Build three or four consecutive words by adding one letter to the previous word – without changing the order of the letters. For example:

A large primate such as a gorilla or chimpanzee (Answer: APE)

A recessed area in a church that usually contains the altar (Answer: APSE)

A temporary failure of concentration, memory, or judgment (Answer: LAPSE)

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first group of definitions. 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 their answers. 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. Common size of a wine bottle (about 1.75 pints); Trash left on streets and sidewalks; Sparkly material used to decorate arts and crafts
2. Success brought about by chance, not skill; To remove feathers from a bird; showing determined courage in the face of difficulties
3. To grow older; Very wise; An actor's milieu
4. The opposite of win; To cease operation for the day, or to shut down entirely; a place for clothes and shoes
5. The rear, toward the tail of a plane or ship; A flat-bottomed watercraft; A preliminary sketch, outline, or version
6. Small (especially in Scotland); A dandelion, for example; A woolen textile, sometimes woven with flecks of color, that is the iconic fabric of the United Kingdom
7. The result of adding numbers; A poor, densely populated, urban area; A long losing streak
8. Something you scratch; She flies around on a broom; To make a one-for-one exchange
9. Board game whose goal is to conquer the world; How police determine if a suspect is armed; Playfully energetic, like a kitten or puppy

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ANSWERS

1. Liter; Litter; Glitter
2. Luck; Pluck; Plucky
3. Age; Sage; Stage
4. Lose; Close; Closet
5. Aft; Raft; Draft
6. Wee; Weed; Tweed
7. Sum; Slum; Slump
8. Itch; Witch; Switch
9. Risk; Frisk; Frisky