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By Any Other Name ...

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

Overview:

All the answers in this quiz are “capitonyms,” words that have a different meaning when capitalized. In this quiz, all of the answers are first names of famous people (capitalized) plus a second definition (not capitalized). Here’s an example question: Ms. Dee ... or, a red precious gem. The answer is Ruby.

Instructions:

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

1. Ms. Bailey ... or a gem from an oyster.
2. Ms. Arden ... or the night before an event or occasion.
3. Mr. Glenn ... or a slang term for the bathroom.
4. Mr. Nolte ... or a small shaving cut.
5. Mr. Pitt ... or a small wire nail.
6. Mr. Hackett ... or a pal or chum.
7. Mr. Martin ... or the head of a college department.
8. Ms. Hill ... or a strong belief.
9. Ms. Rogers ... or a root spice often used in cookies and dessert breads.
10. Ms. Kelly ... or elegance and poise.
11. Mr. Armstrong ... or a long, spear-like weapon.
12. Mr. Harmon ... or a smudge, smear, or scratch.
13. Mr. Wallace ... or short for a voice amplifying tool.
14. Mr. Romano ... or a stream of light.
15. Mr. Williams ... or a bird that lays blue eggs.
16. Ms. Murdoch ... or the colored part of the eye.
17. Mr. Cliburn ... or a vehicle used to transport goods or small groups of people.
18. Mr. Wilder ... or the biological unit that controls inherited characteristics.
19. Mr. Mature ... or a winner, conqueror, or champion.

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ANSWERS

1. Pearl
2. Eve
3. John
4. Nick
5. Brad
6. Buddy
7. Dean
8. Faith
9. Ginger
10. Grace
11. Lance
12. Mark
13. Mike
14. Ray
15. Robin
16. Iris
17. Van
18. Gene
19. Victor