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# Fun With Funny Words

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

## Overview:

Some words just sound inherently funny: bumfuzzle, flibbertigibbet, bumbershoot, bushwhack, or lollygag, for example. In this quiz, we provide the first two or three letters of a funny word ... and 2) put them in a sentence that should give you context for the word's meaning ... and 3) include a brief definition.

For example: Everyone loved your dad when he was a kid, even though he was an incorrigible *scal* \_\_\_\_\_ (a rascal; a person who misbehaves but in an amusing way).

Given all that, can you identify the word? (The example answer is *scallywag*.)

## 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 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:** We provide the first two or three letters of a funny word ... and place them in a sentence that provides context for the word's meaning. Let's see if you can identify the word?

## QUESTIONS

1. After playing in the yard all day Billy looked like a *rag*\_\_\_\_\_ (*a shabbily clad street urchin*).
2. Mom told me to open the toolbox and hand her the *th*\_\_\_\_\_ (*word used when the name of an item is forgotten or unknown*).
3. Grandpa said he would never take any advice from a young *whi*\_\_\_\_\_ (*a young and inexperienced person considered to be presumptuous or overconfident*).
4. One summer we lived in a *ram*\_\_\_\_\_ (*a state of severe disrepair*) old cabin that hadn't been used for years.
5. When he was studying to become an engineer, math was Ernie's big *bu* \_\_\_\_\_ (*something that causes fear or distress out of proportion to its importance*).
6. Joe was *flu*\_\_\_\_\_ (*completely confused*) trying to understand the electronics in his new car.
7. To an ordinary person, the instructions were incomprehensible. They were just *gob*\_\_\_\_\_ (*nonsense using words that make no sense; gibberish*).
8. I was *bam*\_\_\_\_\_ (*tricked or deceived through confusion*) by the computer hacker to give him my social security number.
9. It was chaos downtown yesterday. There was a huge *hul*\_\_\_\_\_ (*commotion or fuss*) created by the war protestors.
10. The town meeting ended in a *brou*\_\_\_\_\_ (*a noisy, overly excited reaction to a situation*) over the controversial school proposal.
11. Mary didn't like being told she was *mol*\_\_\_\_\_ (*treating someone in an indulgent or overprotective way*) her son when he had a small cut.
12. Her furniture was a *hod*\_\_\_\_\_ (*a confused mixture*) of modern and antique pieces.
13. The boy *sk*\_\_\_\_\_ (*departed hurriedly*) away when there were chores to be done.

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## ANSWERS

1. Ragamuffin
2. Thingamajig/Thingamabob
3. Whippersnapper
4. Ramshackle
5. Bugaboo
6. Flummoxed
7. Gobbledygook
8. Bamboozled
9. Hullabaloo
10. Brouhaha
11. Mollycoddling
12. Hodgepodge
13. Skedaddled