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Homophone Pairs

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

Overview:

Homophones are words that sound alike, such as *ad* and *add*; *allowed* and *aloud*; or *days* and *daze*. Given a quirky definition, can you come up with a pair of homophones – and spell them, too? For example: *A cake ingredient made from chrysanthemums*. Answer: *F-l-o-w-e-r / F-l-o-u-r*.

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. A musical group not allowed to play in Boston.
2. A thick oily lubricant used in Athens.
3. A naked grizzly.
4. An uninterested long flat piece of wood.
5. To abandon after-dinner cakes and pies.
6. A more confident and courageous large rock.
7. To cut Tic Tacs into many tiny pieces.
8. A small car with two doors made out of a chicken shelter.
9. Consumed more than seven but less than nine.
10. A written bank order in Prague.
11. A neck brace for an ox made out of the yellow part of an egg.
12. A long, high-pitched complaint from a bottle of Merlot.
13. A conceited blood vessel.
14. To say hello to a side of beef.
15. An artificial enemy.

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ANSWERS

1. Banned Band
2. Greece Grease
3. Bare Bear
4. Bored Board
5. Desert Dessert
6. Bolder Boulder
7. Mince Mints
8. Coop Coupe
9. Ate Eight
10. Czech Check
11. Yolk Yoke
12. Wine Whine
13. Vain Vein
14. Meet Meat
15. Faux Foe