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Odd Man Out

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players

Overview:

In this game, we provide a list of three to five items. All but one have something in common. You have to figure out which item on each list is the **Odd Man Out** – and explain why it doesn't fit in with the others.

For example, if the list contained: *Scarlet, Ecrú, Magenta, and Crimson*, the **Odd Man Out** would be *Ecrú*, because it is the only color in the list that is not a shade of red. (Ecrú is off-white.) That example was fairly obvious. Here's one that's a little more difficult: *Lion, Elephant, Tiger, and Wolf*. The **Odd Man Out** is *Elephant*, because it is the only animal on the list that is not a carnivore. Here's another hard one: *Juneau, Little Rock, Des Moines, and Phoenix*. The **Odd Man Out** is *Des Moines*, because it is the only capital city in the list that is not in a state that begins with the letter A.

This game can be challenging, so it might be a particularly good game to play in teams.

Instructions:

1. Divide the players evenly into teams (or as closely as possible).
2. Read the first list of clues. 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 team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give one answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly.

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QUESTIONS

1. Allen, Guthrie, Harrelson, Baez, Herman
2. Bacon, Jelly, Egg, Kaiser
3. Buttigieg, McConnell, Blinken, Yellen, Mayorkas
4. Chop, Yard, Garage, Hockey, Bread
5. Argentina, Haiti, Canada, India, Panama
6. CIA, CPU, RAM, USB
7. Stanley, Fire, World, Dixie, Butter
8. Brazil, York, Mexico, Orleans, Hampshire
9. Dipper, Bang, Brother, Apple, Necktie

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ANSWERS

1. *Baez* is the Odd Man Out. All the other clues are last names of people who go by the first name Woody.
2. *Bacon* is the Odd Man Out. All the other clues are types of *rolls*.
3. *McConnell* is the Odd Man Out. He is the Republican Minority Leader in the US Senate. All of the others are members of President Biden's cabinet.
4. *Garage* is the Odd Man Out. It is the only word in the list that is not a type of *stick*.
5. *Haiti* is the Odd Man Out. It is the only country in the list that doesn't end with the letter A.
6. *CIA* is the Odd Man Out. It is a US federal agency. All the other acronyms are related to computers.
7. *Fire* is the Odd Man Out. All the other clues are types of *cups*.
8. *Brazil* is the Odd Man Out. All the other clues are locations that start with the word *New*.
9. *Necktie* is the Odd Man Out. All the other clues can be preceded by the word *big*.