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Games, Nature, & Experiments

Five in Ten Game

Estimated Time: 5 – 10 minutes

Age range: All grades

What you need: paper, writing utensil, scrap paper, timer (or a way to record seconds), enough participants to make two teams

Background Information:

Five in Ten is a fun game that you can play with friends and family, anytime—anywhere. Similar to charades, you will have a set amount of time to work with. Your goal is to name up to five items within a specific category!

See the instructions on the next page to get started.

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Instructions:

1. If you're playing with more than two people, divide the group in half. These are your two teams!
2. The challenge of this game is to list five things within a category in under ten seconds! Use a timer (or count the seconds out loud) to record the time.
3. Write some categories down on scrap pieces of paper and throw them into a hat or bowl. Be sure to create enough categories for your game. We recommend at least one category for each participant. Some example categories are listed below, but feel free to come up with your own!
4. Pick a player to go first. The player will close their eyes and choose a new category before beginning the ten second 'timer' for their turn. Once their time runs out, a player from the opposing team will have a chance to pick a category (and earn points for their team)!
5. Points are awarded for the number of correct things, within each category, that a player can list (in under ten seconds). A player can only list a maximum of five things each turn—for a total of five points.
6. Keep playing until all players have had a chance to earn points for their team (or until a team reaches a predetermined number of points). Feel free to record the points—or play without keeping track!

Category examples:

- State capitals
- Cities in California
- Cities in Nevada
- Things you'd find in the kitchen
- Spices
- Types of fruit
- Avenger heroes
- Pokémon
- Flavors of ice cream
- Things that swim
- Things with wings
- Instruments with strings
- Percussion instruments