

Instructions for the fun and challenging game cherished by know-it-alls around the galaxy.

Objective: to ask a question for which your opponent does not know the answer. You get one point for each question you ask that your opponent cannot answer correctly. The game is won by the person who gets 20 points with the least number of questions asked.

Rules:

1. All questions must be about something real. Therefore, questions about fictional or mythological subjects are not qualified. This means that a question about constellations would be unqualified, because constellations are mythical. But a question about a specific star would be qualified.
2. This is not trivia. Questions must be about something meaningful. Since that is a very subjective requirement, it is advisable for the players to agree beforehand on what they accept as being meaningful.
3. All questions must be in one of the following categories: History; Art; Life Sciences; Physical Sciences; Government & Law.
4. A person can win only 4 points from each category.
5. The person asking the question must know the correct answer.
6. An authoritative source must be agreed as arbiter in case of any dispute. This may be a judge or panel of judges, an encyclopedia, or technical reference.
7. The question must have a definite, unambiguous answer. A question such as: "what is the age of the universe?" would be unqualified since the age of the universe is not agreed upon by the experts on that subject.
8. If a player asks an unqualified question, it shall be counted as the other player answering it correctly. So it will count as a question asked, but no point awarded.
9. Each person shall ask the same number of questions. So if one player reaches 20 points after 25 questions, and the other person has asked only 24 questions, then the other person can ask one more question.
10. If both players reach 20 points with the same number of questions, then they shall continue to play to 25 points. And each additional question shall be from a different one of the 5 categories.