

# Odd Man Out

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

## 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 is 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: Shark, 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. Argentina, Haiti, Canada, India, Panama
2. Douglas, Lancaster, Fox, Jackson
3. Scarsdale, South Beach, Amsterdam, Atkins
4. Shirred, Florentine, Coddled, Quilted
5. Charles, James, Gary, Jordan
6. Manchego, Vizsla, Basenji, Saluki
7. The Treasure of Sierra Madre, A Fistful of Dollars, High Noon, The Philadelphia Story
8. 25, 5, 33, 10, 1
9. Lieberman, Kennedy, Edwards, Bentsen
10. Morse, bar, sergeant, area, zip
11. Murphy, double, teaspoon, feather
12. (Note to host: It would be best to write these words on a blackboard or large pad.) Drof, yellort, adnoh, adzam, ovlov

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## ANSWERS

1. Haiti is the odd man out. It is the only country in the list that doesn't end with the letter A.
2. Lancaster is the odd man out. All of the others are famous people named Michael.
3. Amsterdam is the odd man out. It is a city in The Netherlands. The rest are names of weight-loss diets.
4. Quilted is the odd man out. All of the others are ways to prepare eggs.
5. Gary is the odd man out. It's a city in Indiana. All of the rest are names of rivers.
6. Manchego is the odd man out. It is a Spanish cheese. The rest are breeds of dogs.
7. The Philadelphia Story is the odd man out. It is a romantic comedy. The other movies are all westerns.
8. 33 is the odd man out. All of the others represent the value of different US coins (quarter, nickel, dime, penny).
9. Kennedy is the odd man out. All of the others ran for US vice president and lost.
10. Sergeant is the odd man out. All of the other are "codes."
11. Teaspoon is the odd man out. All of the others are types of beds.
12. Yellort is the odd man out. It spells "trolley" backwards. All the rest spell the name of car manufacturers backwards (Ford, Honda, Mazda, Volvo).