Mental Whoopee

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20 Sets of 7 Party Games to Keep Parties Going Till the Milkman Comes
MENTAL WHOOPEE
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These Whoopees test your observation, concentration and sense of deduction in novel and painless ways. They are most fun when played by six or more people.

After you have selected the Whoopee you want to play first, give each player a sheet from that Whoopee and supply him with a pencil.

Inasmuch as each Whoopee is played as a competitive game, all the players must start at the same time and therefore must be cautioned not to read the directions until everyone is ready.

The player who is finished first shouts “whoopee,” which puts him first in line as winner if his paper is correct. The other players continue until three more shout “whoopee,” and that Whoopee is then over, note being taken of the order in which the four players have finished. The answers are then read and the four players check their papers. Accuracy counts more than speed and consequently the first one of the four who is most accurate wins. The person who reads the correct answers upon the completion of each Whoopee should be the only one who has access to the answers. Never let the players see the answers until they have finished all the Whoopees they are going to play.

A few of the Whoopees may be changed to fit the occasion, for example: the Largest Ten Whoopee can be played by listing the ten largest cities in order of size, or by listing the ten largest without regard to their relative order.

If several of these Whoopees are played at one time, it is suggested that more than four players be allowed to finish and individual time scores be kept.

The answer to all Whoopees will be found on one sheet in the box.

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Imagine a clock cut into 12 pieces the way you cut a pie. The pieces are so cut as to fit into one another like a jig saw puzzle. Each piece should have the number of the hour on it as, for example, No. 12. Of course No. 1 (or 1 o'clock) is not next to No. 12—that would be too easy. The pieces are all mixed up. See if you can piece them together visually (do not cut them out) to form the dial of the clock and see what time it is. As you find each piece write the hour in it to avoid confusion.
CONCENTRATION WHOOPSE

Follow directions carefully. Don't get excited. Do everything you are told to do and don't do anything you're not told to do.

On the back of this paper write Toledo.

To the right of Toledo write Boston.

If New York is not smaller than Chicago write Philadelphia under Boston.

If it is farther from San Francisco to Los Angeles than it is from Seattle to Chicago cross out Philadelphia and write Detroit over Toledo.

If Baltimore is larger than Salt Lake City cross out Boston and write Omaha to the left of Toledo.

If St. Louis is north of New Orleans write Cincinnati over Omaha.

Do not cross out Toledo unless Cleveland is in Indiana.

If Milwaukee is west of Detroit cross out Cincinnati unless Providence is larger than Bridgeport in which case cross out Omaha and write Washington under Philadelphia.

If Pittsburgh is not the capital of Pennsylvania write Springfield over Boston unless you have already crossed out Boston, in which case cross out Washington and leave Cincinnati alone.

Write Atlanta over Toledo only if Reno is the capital of Nevada.

If you have not crossed out Philadelphia write Denver under Toledo unless Toledo is west of Denver in which case write Richmond to the right of Boston.
Observation Whoopee

If you were present for three minutes at the scene of the hold up pictured below, and later were questioned as a witness, how many questions relating to it could you answer? Study this picture carefully for three minutes; then take the page in this package marked Observation Whoopee and without referring to the picture again, answer as many of the questions as you can.
OBSERVATION WHOOPEE
QUESTIONS

1. In what town did the hold-up occur?
2. What was held up?
3. What is its correct address?
4. On the corner of what two streets is it?
5. Is the thief in the picture?
6. Where is he?
7. How much money did he steal?
8. Did the policeman see the hold-up?
9. What is he doing about it?
10. What is the name of the taxi company?
11. What is the number of the taxi?
12. In what direction is the taxi going?
13. What time did the hold-up take place?
14. What is the date?
15. How many people are shown?
16. How many are aware of the hold-up?
17. What kind of store is next to the bank?
18. Who owns it?
19. What is its correct address?
20. What kind of store is on the corner?
21. Who owns it?
22. What is the number of this store?
23. At the intersection of what two streets is it?
24. Which of these two is the one-way street?
25. In what direction does traffic go on this street?
26. Where is the hydrant?
27. What does the sign on 20th Street advertise?
28. What is the price of the advertised product?
29. Is there a letter box shown?
30. On what street are the car tracks?
MIXED UP GENIUS WHOOPEE

The following letters spell the names of some of the greatest men in their particular fields. Only one of these men is living today. Fill in the names as fast as you can.

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The following was overheard at the Yankee Stadium:

- don't think —— possible for the Athletics to win or even —— the score. They can’t —— the Yanks’ pitcher who is striking them out with ease and it looks as if the game will be over in a ———. One has to give ——— to the Yanks for the good work they have done and I ——— that unless the Babe becomes ——— the pennant will come to New York. It is safe to ——— that in spite of the tendency to ——— the excellent work done by the Yanks, they will be the world champions.

The following was overheard in a phone booth:

She would rather —— in —— poverty than lower her ——— by accepting aid from him. He had ——— her devotion by disloyalty and she was in ——— as she saw all her hopes of a ——— gradually ———.
THE LARGEST 10 WHOOPEE

The winner of this whoopee will obviously be the one who gets all the cities correct in their correct order. As very few people can do this, it is best to rate the paper according to the greatest number of correct cities in the greatest number of correct places.

Name the 10 largest cities (according to population) in the United States:

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Name the 10 largest cities (according to population) in the world:

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LOGIC WHOOPEE

Jack Donovan was killed on a lonely road 2 miles from Trenton at 3:30 A.M., March 17, 1933. Shorty Malone, Tony Verelli, Hank Rogers, Joey Freiberg and Red Johnson were arrested a week later in Philadelphia and questioned. Each of these men made 4 simple statements, 3 of which were absolutely true and only 1 false. One of these men killed Donovan. See if you can deduce who it is.

Remember: only 1 statement in each group is false.

Shorty said: I was in Chicago when Donovan was murdered. I never killed anyone. Red is the guilty man. Joey and I are pals.

Hank said: I did not kill Donovan. I never owned a revolver in my life. Red knows me. I was in Philadelphia the night of March 17th.

Tony said: Hank lied when he said he never owned a revolver. The murder was committed on St. Patrick’s day. Shorty was in Chicago at that time. One of us 5 is guilty.

Joey said: I did not kill Donovan. Red has never been in Trenton. I never saw Shorty before. Hank was in Philadelphia with me the night of March 17th.

Red said: I did not kill Donovan. I have never been in Trenton. I never saw Hank before now. Shorty lied when he said I’m guilty.