

Jeopardy Rules and Instructions

Running the Game

It is suggested to have three people administer the game: Host, Scorekeeper, and Game Operator.

-Host

The host is responsible for introducing the game, reading the categories at the start of each round, reading the clues, and judging the answers. The answers do not appear on the Jeopardy board, they are given only in the Host Manual. If no correct response is given to a clue, the host is responsible for reading the correct response.

-Scorekeeper

The scorekeeper is responsible for keeping score for all of the teams. If a team provides the correct response to a clue, they earn the value of the clue. If they answer incorrectly, the value is subtracted from their score.

-Game Operator

The Game Operator is responsible for running the PowerPoint game board and identifying the first team to indicate they know the answer (whether via a buzzer system, raising hands, etc.).

The Board

The Jeopardy “board” is a set of Microsoft PowerPoint presentations. To use the board, open the Jeopardy round. The second slide in the presentation is the grid of categories and clue values.

Each clue value is hyperlinked to the corresponding clue in the system. For example, if you click on Stands for It, 200 you will be taken to slide 19, which displays the appropriate clue. Once the clue has been played, click anywhere on the slide to go back to slide 2. You will be able to tell which clues have been played by the change in font color of the values on slide 2.

Teams

We've found that up to 6 teams of 2-4 people works well

General Play

A team is randomly chosen to go first, and begins the game by selecting a category and monetary value (e.g. "Fabulous Fields for \$100"). The host then reads the clue, after which any player on any team can buzz in.

**When we allowed teams to buzz in at any time, they tended to buzz in even before the clue was read, under the assumption that they could figure out the answer. Not only is this less fun, but then players and audience members don't have much time to think about the question.*

The Game Operator recognizes the first team to buzz in, and the Host calls on that team for a response. As in the official Jeopardy game, contestants must give the response in the form of a question (for example, "Who is Albert Einstein?").

Teams are allowed to discuss responses prior to buzzing in, but all conversation must stop when someone buzzes in. The person that hits the buzzer must be the same person that gives the response. A correct response earns the dollar value of the clue, and gives the answering team the right to select the next clue. If the player gives an incorrect response or fails to answer in time, that amount is deducted from the team's score and another team may buzz in and respond. If no correct response is given, the host reads the correct response, and the team who originally chose the question maintains control of the board.