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DEBATING TOPICS

With the changing times in which we live, there are many issues of education and care of families which are worth debating. Form teams and debate one of these topics, or a similar topic of your own choice:

1. It should be illegal throughout the world for a couple to have more than two children.
2. Our Government should be paying mothers/fathers to stay home and care for their young children.
3. We should be offering "Enjoying Leisure Time Constructively" as a senior high school subject.
4. We should make schools non-compulsory.
5. Intelligence is undervalued in this country.



BEAUFORT SCALE OF HAPPINESS

Just as we have the Richter Scale for earthquakes, so too we have a scale for wind strength. In 1805, Admiral Beaufort of the British Navy worked out this 12 point scale of wind speeds:

Beaufort number	Description or name of wind	Knots/hour	Effects of wind
0	Calm	less than 1	Smoke rises straight up.
1	Light air	1-3	Smoke drifts gently.
2	Light breeze	4-6	Wind felt on face.
3	Gentle breeze	7-10	Leaves and twigs move.
4	Moderate breeze	11-16	Small branches sway. Dust moves.
5	Fresh breeze	17-21	Small trees sway, waves break on lake.
6	Strong breeze	22-27	Large branches move.
7	Moderate gale	28-33	Whole trees move. Walking difficult.
8	Fresh gale	34-40	Twigs break off trees.
9	Strong gale	41-47	Loose shingles/chimneys blow off.
10	Whole gale	48-55	Trees are uprooted.
11	Storm	56-63	Widespread damage.
12	Hurricane	More than 64	Violent destruction.

Make up a scale of your own, similar to the Beaufort Scale, for either:

happiness

anger

boredom

or

frustration



TWO-WORD CHAIN MAIL

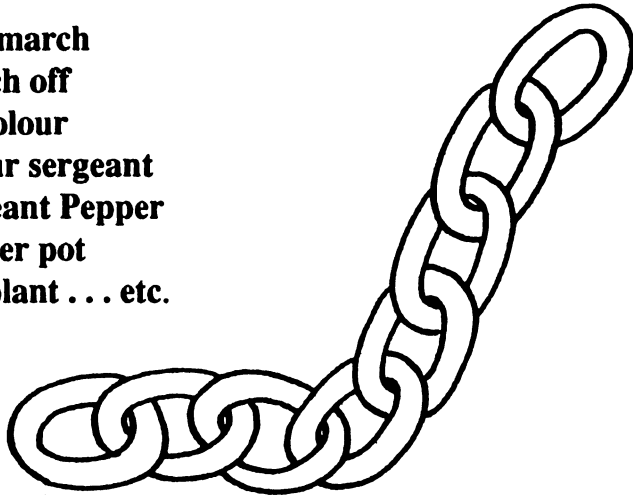
This is an oral word game for two or more players.

One begins by saying a word (for example frog).

The next person must add a related word to that (for example frog march).

The next person takes the newest word and adds to that, and so on, so that a sequence may go:

frog
frog march
march off
off colour
colour sergeant
sergeant Pepper
pepper pot
pot plant . . . etc.



Points may be deducted from a starting number, for any faltering of longer than 2 seconds, or any word pair offered which is not genuinely a word match.

A variation allows a word to be added to either the front or back of the last word.