



GAME

Read My Lips

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OVERVIEW

While being bombarded with Christmas music, contestants will attempt to read the lips of their teammate to decipher Christmas-related phrases.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 2 sets of headphones (Something sound-cancelling works best!)
- Fun Christmas music and a way to play it for each set of headphones
- Around 40 index cards
- A pen
- A volunteer to record the score
- A timer
- Around 20 Christmas phrases or words
- 4 (or more depending on the size of your group) middle schoolers split into pairs of two
- A volunteer to keep score

HOW-TO

PREP

- Choose a variety of Christmas phrases or words that contestants will have to guess. (We recommend finding around 20!) When creating your phrase list, try thinking about Christmas song lyrics, movie names, and food/drinks. Make most of them short and easy to guess, but feel free to throw in a few tricky ones!
- Divide your index cards into two piles of 20 cards each. With the pen, write down the Christmas phrases on one set of cards, and then write down the same phrases in the same order on the second set.
- Compile a Christmas song playlist and prepare it for each set of headphones. (The music should be fun and energetic, not slow and quiet.)

PLAY

Call up your teams to play and your volunteer to keep score.

Let each team choose who will be their "Reader" and who will be their "Listener." Explain that the Listener will be challenged to guess what the Reader is saying.

Give the Listeners the headphones and blast some Christmas music in their ears. (NOTE: Be sure to test the music's volume to make sure it's loud enough where the Listener can't hear the Reader, but quiet enough where it won't damage their hearing!) Give each Reader a stack of the Christmas phrase cards and put 90 seconds on the clock. On your "GO!" the Reader will begin reading off the phrases while the Listener attempts to guess what they're saying. Ask your volunteer to keep score as the game is played. Contestants will get one point for every phrase they guess correctly, and they can pass if they don't know the answer. The team with the most correct answers wins!

Variant: This game can also be played with mouth retractors instead of the music and headphones!