

The Vowel-Family Game

Instructions: Given the first letter and the first vowel of five English words, complete each of the fifteen sequences below using five of the six vowels in English. Here's a poor example: "pag, peg, pig, pog, pug." This fails the test because Google says "pag" is not in any English dictionary; the other four pass muster: a "peg" is something to hang your hat on; "pig" is a swine; "pog" is a cardboard milk cap; and a "pug" is a boxer or dog breed. Slang, dialect, and names of all kinds are acceptable; abbreviations are not. Play as teams or individuals; first to finish wins.

1. 3: ba_, be_, bi_, bo_, bu_
2. 3: ba_, be_, bi_, bo_, bu_
3. 3: pa_, pe_, pi_, po_, pu_
4. 4: pa_, pe_, pi_, po_, pu_
5. 4: ma_, me_, mi_, mo_, mu_
6. 4: la_, le_, li_, lo_, lu_
7. 4: ba_, be_, bi_, bo_, bu_
8. 4: ba_, be_, bi_, bo_, bu_
9. 3: ba_, be_, bi_, bo_, bu_
10. 3: Da_, de_, di_, do_, du_
11. 3: ga_, ge_, gi_, go_, gu_
12. 4: ma_, me_, mi_, mo_, mu_
13. 3: ta_, te_, ti_, to_, tu_
14. 4: pa_, pe_, pi_, po_, pu_
15. 4: Da_, de_, di_, do_, du_, dy_

Bonus: What's unique about the words "facetiously" and "abstemiously"?