

THE CABINET DEPARTMENTS

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The “Fly Swatter Game”

1. Put the 15 cabinet department names on the board (scattered randomly)
2. Divide the class into 2 teams.
3. Teams will compete one member at a time, going head to head to answer a question.
 - a. Teacher will read a Cabinet description or sample duty.
 - i. The first of the two students to “hit” the right answer with their flyswatter scores a point for their team.
 - b. Rules
 - i. Each student gets 3 incorrect hits. After making their third incorrect hit, the other participant gets a “free” turn in which to take their time and think before hitting. (If they get it wrong, the other student can hit again.)
 - ii. If neither participant can correctly answer in 3 tries, the audience can then provide help (they should be quiet up until such a point).

Questions

This department...

1. Manufactures coins and paper money (Treasury)
2. Promotes international trade (Commerce)
3. Includes the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Defense)
4. Manages the mining of natural resources (Interior)
5. Manages Medicare/Medicaid (Health and Human Services)
6. Makes money available for mortgages
7. Head is they Attorney General (Justice)
8. Works to develop clean coal technology (Energy)
9. Protects citizens traveling abroad (State)
10. Collects taxes (Treasury)
11. Extends financial credit to farmers (Agriculture)
12. Ensures safe working conditions (Labor)
13. Secures and manages U.S. borders (Homeland Security)
14. Maintains national highways (Transportation)
15. Is the largest department, with its headquarters in the Pentagon (Defense)
16. Oversees programs to promote equal opportunities among students (Education)
17. Provides educational programs to benefit former soldiers and their families (Veteran’s Affairs)
18. Coordinates the Census (Commerce)
19. Represents the U.S. at the UN (State)
20. Safeguards the nation’s food supply (Agriculture)
21. Ensures the safety of food and drugs (Health and Human Services)
22. Provides transmission of electricity and natural gas between states (Energy)
23. Protects national parks (Interior)
24. Creates programs to promote literacy, science and math, and the involvement of girls in athletics (Education)
25. Protects the minimum wage (Labor)
26. Secures cyberspace (Homeland Security)
27. Includes the Secret Service (Treasury)
28. Administers national cemeteries (Veteran’s Affairs)
29. Staffs U.S. Embassies abroad (State)
30. Provides block grants to develop communities (Housing and Urban Development)