

DICTIONARY
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CHARACTERS

CHRIS	man or woman (40s or older)
TONI	man or woman (same age)
PAT	man or woman (same age)

SETTING

The action takes place at a game table.

TIME

present day

(Lights up on Chris and Toni seated at a game table.)

CHRIS

Here, here, gimme the dictionary!

TONI

No! She's almost back!

CHRIS

I wanna look something up real quick.

TONI

She'll catch us!

CHRIS

OH! Found it! Okay, I remember. Mine is about bears.

TONI

Right!

CHRIS

And yours is about robots.

TONI

Hurry, hurry, put it on the table.

CHRIS

Shhhh...she's coming!

PAT

(enters from kitchen)

Are you two cheating?

CHRIS

What?!

TONI

How can you ask that?

PAT

You guys always cheat.

CHRIS

No, we don't.

TONI

Certainly not!

PAT

Since we were in elementary school.

CHRIS

Just bullshit.

TONI

Total crap!

PAT

Okay, back to the game.

CHRIS

Remember, if someone else guesses the correct definition when you were “it,” you get a point, and if someone else guesses your fake definition when someone else was “it,” then you also get a point.

TONI

Right, right!

PAT

I’ll score first. Hand me your index cards. Thank you, thank you...Okay, the word I chose is “scincoid.” Is the correct definition:

- A) of or like a skink?
- B) dumpy?
- C) vengeful, spiteful?

TONI

C!

CHRIS

B! It is SO “dumpy.”

PAT

Wrong! The correct answer is A, “of or like a skink.” Neither one of you get a point!

TONI

My turn!

CHRIS

Dang!

TONI

Index cards please. My word was “unimate.” Is the correct definition:

- A) to twitch uncontrollably?
- B) the first industrial robot, built 1961?
- C) to very finely chop in cooking?

CHRIS

A!

TONI

CHRIS!

CHRIS

OH, right! Robots! B! It's B!

PAT

Cheaters!

CHRIS

My turn, my turn! Okay, score is currently... Toni, ONE! Chris, ONE! Pat, NADA!

PAT

Crooks!

CHRIS

Index cards! Fork 'em over. Thanks. Thanks. So, my word was "Denning." Is the correct definition:

- A) Denning, Charles. First cinematographer to receive an Academy Award?
- B) One international nautical mile?
- C) Hibernating bear cub?

TONI

OOO, C! C!

PAT

It *sounds* like it would be the hibernating bear cub so it's *probably* the cinematographer. A! I choose A!

CHRIS

NOPE!

PAT

CHEATERS! CHEATERS!

TONI

NO! It's C!

PAT

How do *you* know?! She hasn't said yet!

TONI

Oh! Well... just a strong hunch!

PAT

What a couple of no-good...

CHRIS

Okay, final score is... Toni, TWO! Chris, TWO! Pat, ZILCHEROONI!

PAT

Okay, I'm leaving.

TONI

C'mon... don't be that way!

PAT

Leaving to go buy you each a one-way ticket to the Cincinnati Home for the Terminally Malfeased!

TONI

Malfeased is not a word!

PAT

Tis!

CHRIS

Oh! Hey Pat! Don't forget the HoHos for next week.

PAT
(exiting)

On it! Night you two criminals!

CHRIS AND TONI

We won! We won! We won!

END OF PLAY