

Instructions

You know how it is with chromosomes. They're very complicated. Just one piece of just one chromosome gets omitted, or duplicated, or changed somehow. And that changes everything. Well, that's what happens here.

- For this game, we need geneticists, henceforth known as cluers. Each cluer will be given a slip of paper with a well-known saying, quote, or title. Think of this as the genetic code. But the genetic code is still a very mysterious process, so if you're the cluer, keep it to yourself.
- First, the cluer must do ONE THING to ONE LETTER in ONE WORD that turns that word into another word:
 - EITHER delete one letter: for example, change BET to BE
 - OR duplicate one letter: for example, change CUTER to CUTTER (but you may not delete the single-letter words "A" or "I" and you can't just take off a final "s" or a final "d")
 - OR change one letter to another letter: for example, change DIG to DOG
 - In all cases, the new word must be a real word.
 - Remember, this is still a mysterious process, so don't say anything – just do it in your head.
- Changing the letter changes the word, which changes the phrase. Now: This is where the results of the anomaly come out in the open for everyone to observe. The cluer gives a definition of the NEW PHRASE – NOT THE OLD ONE.
 - You can define the new phrase word by word or you can define it by giving the general sense, or you can act it out – you can define it any way you want. HOWEVER:
 - You may NOT use any of the words in the actual phrase (other than articles, conjunctions, pronouns, etc.)
 - For instance, if the original phrase were "Reader, I married him," you could change "married" to "carried," which would give you "Reader, I carried him" and you could say, "hey! You with the book! I schlepped this guy!" Or you could change "him" to "hit," which would give you "Reader, I married hit." Which doesn't make much sense, but hey, you're the one playing God with the genetic code here, and if you want to try to clue that, go ahead. Just remember, somebody's going to have to try to guess it. Which leads to the next instruction:
- Everyone must try to guess the NEW PHRASE.
- If no one can guess it, the cluer may keep giving definitions.
- Time and genetics wait for no one. You have one minute for the whole process, from when the cluer steps up to when the audience correctly guesses the new phrase.
- Geneticists, take your marks, get set, go.

Words, Phrases & Quotes:

Let there be light

A stitch in time saves nine

Three blind mice

A rose by any other name would smell as sweet

Brevity is the soul of wit

Like father, like son

A rolling stone gathers no moss

A fool and his money are soon parted

Money is the root of all evil

For better or for worse

It's a small world after all

Where there's a will there's a way

Luke, I am your father

Raiders of the Lost Ark

Little House on the Prairie

We all live in a yellow submarine

So long and thanks for all the fish

I have a dream

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times

I came, I saw, I conquered

The land of the free and the home of the brave

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

Gone With the Wind

The Sound of Music

Here comes the bride

Love at first sight

All that glitters is not gold

Someday my prince will come

Absence makes the heart grow fonder

April showers bring May flowers

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me

I see dead people

Let sleeping dogs lie

Let your fingers do the walking

Love me tender

A watched pot never boils

Beware of Greeks bearing gifts

And they all lived happily ever after