

## *Heard on the Silver Screen*

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There are eleven large sheets on the walls around the room with posters from these movies on them:

*A Few Good Men*   *Apollo 13*   *Citizen Kane*   *Gone with the Wind*

*Jerry Maguire*   *On the Waterfront*   *The Shining*   *The Sixth Sense*

*Tarzan, the Ape Man*   *The Terminator*   *The Wizard of Oz*

Please visit each sheet and write on it the most famous quotation you can remember from that movie (leave some space on the right). If somebody has already written the *exact* quotation you remember, do not write it again, but put a check mark next to it. If a version of it is there, but you remember a slightly different wording, write the version you remember, even if it differs by only a word or two. For example, most people think the quotation from *Field of Dreams* is “If you build it, they will come.” In fact, the correct quotation is “If you build it, *he* will come.”

We’ll take about ten minutes to write in the quotations, then we’ll pass out cards. Each card will contain a definition on the front and a letter or number on the back. Underneath the definition on the front will be a box in which to write the answer. Write your answer on your card in large letters so everybody else can read it. Don’t worry about the letters on the back – they’ll come into play later.

Next, try to form a quotation from one of the eleven movies by finding other cards to combine with yours. If you think you know which movie your quotation comes from, stand under that movie’s poster on the wall. Once you have all the cards for your movie’s quotation, stand in a row, shoulder to shoulder, such that your quotation scans from left to right as people are facing you. When all eleven quotations have been formed, wait for the signal then read your answer word out loud in sequence. Next, flip over your cards. Together, the 53 cards will spell out a final puzzle for you to solve as a group. When you have all solved it, say the answer in unison!

The quotations will be formed phonetically, though some of the individual answers will not be phonetic (the vast majority will, however). Here’s an example of one we didn’t use:

time long past, usually follows “days of” (4)	yore
pistol (3)	gun
grandfathers, in Italy (5)	nonni
expression of stupidity (3)	duh
large (3)	big
parsley or sage (4)	herb
a Quaker’s favorite cereal? (3)	oat

*“You’re gonna need a bigger boat” (Jaws)*