ASTEF Red Herring

Red Herring is a popular gaming app you can play on your phone. The goal is to try and put common words into categories thus finding the common thread.

List below are some common terms. Your job is to find the common thread. Once that has been found, see if you can identify what each term is referring to.

First, what do these words have in common?

Georgia

Austin

James Madison

Wednesday

Mars

Green

Flowers or fruit

Calling birds

Houston

Jack

Parts of football

Dollar

Quarts

April

Square

Score

Have the common thread?

Now, list what each one represents.

Answers:

Common thread – FOUR

Georgia 4th state to enter the Union

Austin 4th largest city in Texas

James Madison 4th President of the U. S.

Wednesday 4th day of the week

Mars 4th planet from the sun

Green 4th color in the rainbow or 4th color in color wheel

Flowers or fruit traditional gift given on a 4th wedding anniversary

Calling birds 4th item my true love gave to me

Houston 4th largest city in the U.S.

Jack 4th highest card in a deck of playing cards

Parts of football 4 quarters in a game

Dollar 4 quarters make a dollar

Quarts 4 quarts in a galloon

April 4th month of the year

Square Four square- game played on playgrounds or 4 equal sides

Score “Four score and seven years ago,” Lincoln.

Presentation

All of these words relate to the word for (F O R), four (F O U R), or even fore (F O R E)

For, four, and fore are all homophones. They sound the same but are spelled and mean something different.

Some experts argue that these words are not pronounced the same but for most of us, especially us Southerners, do say them the same more often than not.

F O R means to indicate the object, aim, or purpose of an action or activity.

F O U R is something having four parts, units, or members.

F O R E is something that is located at or toward the front.

Now you might wonder, why is this important? Well, all forms of four can be associated with DKG Texas’ Educational Foundation. The Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation, ASTEF, as it is commonly called was founded nearly 13 years ago as a means to support Texas members, chapters, areas, and even coordinating councils. Just like the many chapters who received project stipends in Lubbock this past June these funds are supporting educators and students across the State.

F O R is linked to ASTEF as the aim and purpose is to provide funding and support for Scholarships, Leadership, and Projects

F O R E is linked to ASTEF as it is located in the front of many members, chapters, and areas minds as they look for funding to support Texas educators and students.

F O U R is linked to ASTEF as it has four parts. The three major parts of ASTEF are Scholarships, Leadership, and Projects but the fourth part is YOU. Nothing could be done without participation, support, and funding from members just like you.

Everyone was asked to bring a dollar to help support ASTEF during ASTEF’s Giving Month going on right now. I guess we could have asked for everyone to bring four quarters, but who wants to count all those quarters. Feel free to make a donation of $4, $14, $24, or more as it all goes back to Texas members, educators, students, and children.

I encourage you to learn more about the Foundation, by going to [www.astef.org](http://www.astef.org)

Also, if you like games like this one, check out the Red Herring from your app store where you will get a daily category game that can be played on three levels of expertise.

Now when I think of four, and I bet some of you do too, I think of the cheer 2 bits. Say it with me,” 2 bits, FOUR BITS, 6 bits, a dollar. All for ASTEF stand up and holler!”