

NHCC Valentine's Day activity!

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To play, the reader asks each writer to call out a word to replace each adjective, noun, name, etc. to fill out the blank spaces in the story. The reader should not tell anyone what the story is about, and the result will surely be a funny and interesting story!

Part 1

1. Adjective
2. Adjective
3. Family/friend's name
4. Body part
5. Adjective
6. Plural noun
7. Adjective
8. Number
9. Number
10. Color
11. Noun
12. Noun
13. Adjective
14. Song title
15. Song title
16. Song title
17. Verb
18. Plural noun
19. Adjective
20. Family/friend's name
21. Family/friend's name
22. Number
23. Noun
24. Number
25. Work task (Ex: Staple paper, make a timeline)
26. Place
27. Restaurant
28. Positive adjective
29. Positive adjective
30. Positive adjective
31. Positive adjective
32. Snack
33. Street name
34. Street name
35. Adjective that ends in -y
36. Food
37. Something you can smell
38. Plural noun
39. Plural noun
40. Number
41. Number
42. Number

43. Number
44. Number
45. Number

Part 2

46. Comparative length of time
47. Adjective
48. Verb-ing
49. Adjective
50. Length of time
51. Verb-ing
52. Plural noun
53. Event from NHCC
54. Verb
55. Verb
56. Family/friend's name
57. Animal
58. Female celebrity name

59. Present-tense verb
60. Color
61. Adverb
62. Verb
63. Noun
64. Adverb
65. Verb
66. Family/friend's name
67. Verb-ing
68. Pronoun of person listed before
69. Adjective
70. Adjective

Part 3

71. Exclamation in Spanish or English
72. Type of furniture
73. Emotion
74. Body part - plural
75. Number
76. Adjective
77. Action Verb
78. Present tense verb
79. Family/friend's name
80. Positive adjective
81. Same person as before
82. Adjective
83. Job title
84. Something at NHCC (Ex:the fountain, building, parking lot)
85. Same person as before
86. Adjective ending in -ly
87. Year in the future
88. Child star
89. Same job title as before
90. Number

91. Adjective
92. Verb
93. Number
94. Plural noun
95. Adjective
96. Color
97. Object - plural
98. Favorite food
99. Musical group/performer
100. Nursery rhyme
101. Type of dance

Part 4

102. Color
103. Fabric/material
104. Verb ending in -ing
105. Green vegetable
106. Planet
107. Beverage
108. Accessories
109. Summer month
110. Number between 50 & 70
111. Color
112. Complimentary adjective
113. Verb-ing
114. Color 1
115. Color 2
116. Color 3
117. Exclamation!
118. Body parts
119. Same body parts as before
120. Tropical/humid country
121. Staff member's name
122. Same tropical/humid country
123. Spanish word

- 124. Past tense verb
- 125. Something soft/fuzzy
- 126. Type of cosmetics (Ex: eyeshadow, lipstick)

Part 5

- 127. Adjective
- 128. Adjective
- 129. Adjective
- 130. Adjective
- 131. February event at NHCC
- 132. Adjective
- 133. Adjective
- 134. Decorative object
- 135. Different decorative object
- 136. Adverb ending in -ly
- 137. Color
- 138. Color
- 139. Adjective
- 140. Onomatopoeia
- 141. Family/friend's name
- 142. Family/friend's name
- 143. Family/friend's name
- 144. Color
- 145. Adjective
- 146. Size
- 147. Color
- 148. Name of band
- 149. Name of musician
- 150. Name of dance group
- 151. Color
- 152. Adjective
- 153. Family/friend's name
- 154. Adjective
- 155. Same person as before

- 156. Adjective
- 157. Synonym of “says” (present tense)
- 158. Positive adjective
- 159. Positive adjective
- 160. Adjective
- 161. Name
- 162. Name
- 163. Name
- 164. Name
- 165. Name
- 166. Name
- 167. Name
- 168. Plural noun
- 169. Positive adjective
- 170. Negative adjective

Part 6

- 171. Verb
- 172. Color
- 173. Family/friend's name
- 174. Adverb
- 175. Verb
- 176. Adjective that starts with an “S”
- 177. Verb
- 178. Color
- 179. Name of type of Latin dance
- 180. Adjective
- 181. Adjective
- 182. A word you would say to mean “goodbye”
- 183. Adverb
- 184. Adventurer 1's name
- 185. Adventurer 2's name

An NHCC Valentine's Day Adventure!

Part 1.

The day of amor approaches in the year 2021 and people the world over are ready for a new and 1. _____ beginnings. Unfortunately, the 2. _____ pandemic still characterizes daily life so a few creative souls, with 3. _____ take matters into their own 4. _____ and invent a ... ValenTime Machine! Once perfected, the time machine allows 5. _____ couples and throuples, as well as loving life-long 6. _____, to travel into the future to celebrate all the places they love but cannot visit due to this 7. _____ pandemic. Finally, the time machine is finished. It stands about 8. _____ feet tall and can fit a group of 9. _____, socially distanced of course. It is 10. _____ and made of 11. _____ and 12. _____. For power, the machine requires a steady dose of 13. _____ chocolates and a playlist of love songs like: 14. _____, 15. _____, and 16. _____. The time machine creators 17. _____ out across New Mexico to see which brave 18. _____ want to take the first trip in the 19. _____ ValenTime Machine. A couple of adventurers, fierce and down, decide they have what it takes to venture out on the time machine's test run. 20. _____ and 21. _____ have known each other since they were 22. _____ and have been through many ups and downs side-by-side. "Who better?" they thought, "We should go first since we can handle any 23.

_____ that comes our way!” The adventurers' first task is to decide where they want to go. They think long and hard for 24. _____ seconds, they make spreadsheets and 25. _____, they schedule zoom calls and attend webinars, and many options come to mind. To the top of Machu Picchu in Perú? To the place where it all started, Eden? Or perhaps 26. _____? Or 27. _____? Or, is there a place that would allow travelling the world all at once? That settles it! The adventurers decide that the 28. _____ place to visit is the National Hispanic Cultural Center in their hometown. They know that at the NHCC, they can experience 29. _____ performances, read 30. _____ books in the library, and see 31. _____ art from across the globe. They would be able to connect with friends, old and new, and finally enjoy 32. _____ from Pop Fizz again. Operation ValenTime Machine launch is scheduled for noon sharp on February 12. The adventurers arrive at the secret spot off 33. _____ and 34. _____ right on time. They step into the ValenTime Machine and encounter the 35. _____ scent of Bueno green chile and 36. _____ mixed with a little 37. _____ and knew right away they had made the right choice. They buckled their 38. _____ and set the 39. _____ 40. _____ just right. Time for countdown... 41. _____, 42. _____, 43. _____, 44. _____, 45. _____, takeoff!!!!!!

Part 2.

The first thing the adventurers notice is that the time machine takes 46. _____ than expected, and it has a 47. _____ smell. As we all know, sometimes adventures don't go according to plan, but that doesn't stop the adventurers from 48. _____. The time machine has 49. _____ seats, so the adventurers wait for the time machine to land. After spending about 50. _____ 51. _____ at each other, they reminisce on times they spent at the NHCC, the 52. _____ that they hope to return to. They remember 53. _____ where they were able to 54. _____ and 55. _____, and they look forward to seeing how 56. _____ is doing with their new pet 57. _____ named 58. _____. At long last, the time machine 59. _____ and rattles, puffing out 60. _____ smoke, and the doors 61. _____ open. The 62. _____ is shining, and the branches of the cottonwood trees sway in the soft wind. For the first time in a long time, the adventurers can finally 63. _____. After landing, the adventurers 64. _____ 65. _____ up to the Welcome Center and find 66. person's name from NHCC 67. _____ at the front desk. "Hi," 68. _____ says. "Welcome to the Intergalactic Hispanic Cultural Center. Oh, and 69. _____ Valentine's Day!" "Wow," adventurer 1 whispers, "The NHCC looks totally 69. _____. I guess they call it IHCC now. I wonder what else they changed."

Part 3.

The IHCC? “70. _____” they thought. “How far into the future did we travel?” Our intrepid duo look first at each other and then back at the colleague who had welcomed them. The image behind the 71. _____ flickers and then blinks out, they’re a hologram! The adventurers realize that something must have gone amiss with the ValenTime Machine settings for them to have ended up far enough into the future for the Center to be intergalactic, but they remain 72. _____, hold each other’s 73. _____, take 74. _____ deep breathes, and forge onward, they have always been 75. _____ under pressure. Thinking quickly, the adventurers decide it might be best to catch up on what they’ve missed, so they 76. _____ over to HLA to learn all about a history that, for them, has yet to happen. The moment they enter the building another hologram 77. _____ in front of them, it’s 78. _____! They look 79. _____. 80. _____ greets the adventurers with a 81. _____ smile and offers their assistance. Our heroes burst into a flurry of questions; they want to know everything. What year is it? Who’s the 82. _____? How has the 83. _____ changed so much? The 84. _____ hologram 85. _____ answers all of their questions. The year is 86. _____, 87. _____ is 88. _____, again, and the IHCC has simply grown and changed with the community over the years. The adventurers spend the next 89. _____ minutes asking questions before they feel ready to continue their adventure. Armed with 90. _____ knowledge, the pair 91. _____ arm-in-arm into the courtyard and right into the thick of a Valentine’s day fiesta. The courtyard is packed, there must be over 92. _____ 93. _____ in attendance! Although the futuristic clothes are trippy, the adventurers spot one woman

wearing 94. **a** _____ 95. _____ 96. _____ as earrings. The familiar scent of 97. _____ reminds them of home. 98. _____ starts to play through the sound system. The adventurers hear 99. _____, turn to each other and grin, “That’s our song!” they shout in unison. Immediately they start doing the 100. _____, the traditional dance of the NHCC.

Part 4.

That song led to another and another until finally the adventurers needed to sit and kick up their 102. _____, 103. _____ Chucks® for a bit. 104. _____, giggling, and perspiring, they high-five each other celebrating this shared adventure. Refreshed, they are deciding if they want to continue to dance or keep touring the IHCC, when suddenly the ground begins to rumble heavily. Earthquake in Burque? A burquake? The sound of a high-pitched engine meant only one thing...the time machine was engaged! They throw down their 105. _____ empanadas, guzzle the last of their 106. _____ 107. _____, grab their Que Chola 108. _____ and book it back to the time machine. Once secure inside and in control, they notice the date indicator is reading 109. _____, 20- 110. _____. Then, they hear the doors unlock. They take a deep breath, chuckle and exchange that familiar “ride or die” look, and open the doors. What the?! ¡Aye que humido! Wait, this isn’t Albuquerque! Not even during monsoons! We’re in the 111. _____ jungle! The adventurers see a group of people approaching 112. _____ dressed, 113. _____ and smiling. What’s with all the

decorations? Such intense, rich colors of 114. _____, 115. _____ 2
and 116. _____ 3. All these people are cheering. Did the adventurers end
up somewhere, interrupting a ceremony? 117. " _____!" The friendly
welcoming committee explained that all grandeur is for them. The
adventurers stand closer together and grab each other's 118. _____. "We
have been anxiously awaiting your momentous arrival. We welcome you
and your 119. _____ to 120. _____." The crowd erupts with applause
and cheers. The adventurers are in awe. A 121. _____ clone in the center
steps forward and says, "Today is the grand opening of the NHCC in 122.
same country. You come from the Mother Site, in Albuquerque, USA. Our
people open their hearts to you. Bienvenidos and welcome! The crowd goes
crazy and begins chanting 123. _____. The adventurers are greeted with
a fascinating tour of the Center, and then escorted to a large sculpture,
honoring the Albuquerque NHCC Staff of 2020, who survived and
124. _____ through the COVID-19 pandemic. Each of the satellite NHCC
locations across the galaxy have a memorial dedicated to all of the 2020
Staff. Inspiring. The time machine once again starts winding up and the
adventurers know it's time to get back to it. What a trip! A gracious and
emotional farewell, the adventurers were showered with 125. _____ as
they boarded the time machine. While waving and blowing besos, the
cheering fades as the doors close. Fed up with the time machine starting up
on it's own, adventurer 2, a certified mechanic and electrician, not to
mention a 126. _____ expert, finds and repairs the short circuit, and the
adventurers decide to...

Part 5.

Make their next time jump. The jungle satellite NHCC spin off institution was so 127. _____ . The 128. _____ lush, humid and 129. _____ tropicalness reminded the adventurers of another 130. _____ and seasonal celebration produced each year by the Performing Arts Program....Carnaval always happens with 131. _____ in February. The 132. _____ rhythms and the 133. _____ costumes adorned with feathers, beads, 134. _____ and 135. _____ always cheered them up during the middle of winter. They knew at once they needed to feel that connection and comradery again! They jumped into the ValenTime Machine, 136. _____ turned the 137. _____ dials with speed and lots of 138. _____ glitter, and went back to before the International Hispanic Cultural Center had become 139. _____ and galactically acclaimed and famous. With a “WOOSH” and a “140. _____!” all of a sudden they were in the the Roy E. Disney Center for Performing Arts lobby! 141. _____, 142. _____, and 143. _____ were all there, wearing 144. _____ and greeting ticket holders. It was so great and 145. _____ to see everyone again. The adventurers purchased their 146. _____ and 147. _____ tickets and went inside. At the beginning of the celebration featuring 148. _____, 149. _____, and 150. _____, a special announcement was made. As a 151. _____ spot light focused on a small but 152. _____ group in the front row, the adventurers heard the MC, 153. _____, announce the 154. _____ carnival program for the evening. 155. _____ asks the audience to join them in a very 156. _____ round of applause and 157. _____ a big thanks to our fabulous and 158. _____ co workers in custodial, security,

maintenance, and Admin. The MC said, these 159. _____ colleagues often go unnoticed. We appreciate them so much. They solve all sorts of 160. _____ problems and issues behind the scenes to keep the NHCC going. The MC says: “Thank you to 161. _____, 162. _____, 163. _____, 164. _____, 165. _____, 166. _____, 167. _____, and so many more. Please give them a round of 168. _____ for their service in the 169. _____ times and 170. _____ times to the NHCC.

Part 6.

Pretty soon the maintenance and security crew 171. _____ out of their 172. _____ seats and start a Conga dance line with 173. _____ leading them to the stage. All of the custodial team members 174. _____ 175. _____ into shiny costumes and start to do a 176. _____ samba! Admin staff can't help themselves and 177. _____ over their 178. _____ seats to join the 179. _____ line up and everyone dances up and down the aisles of the theater. It is a/an 180. _____, happy and 181. _____ moment! After the performances, the adventurers say “182. _____” and 183. _____ walk back into the ValenTime Machine. “Where should we go now?”, they asked each other? “Let's go back to February 12, 2021” said 184. _____. “Agreed,” said 185. _____. Now that we have traveled so far, around the world and around the galaxies, we know how happy and successful the future for the NHCC will be. Let's go where no cultural center has gone before.....