

THE ULTIMATE CHILDREN'S GAMES GUIDE SAMPLE WORD GAMES



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WORD GAMES

Acrostic Sentences

8+ years

2+ players

Need – pencils, paper.

A fun game for all to play

Before starting the game, choose a category, e.g. fruit, animals, flowers, cities.

The first player selects a 5, 6 or 7 letter word from the chosen category, e.g. TIGER.

Each player has to write a sentence with the first letter of each word spelling out TIGER, e.g. The irate **g**oats **e**ach **r**ushed.

This game can be played just for fun or points can be awarded to the faster player to make a sentence.

Alphagrid

9+ years

2 players

Need – two different colored pencils, paper.

A great family game for all to play

The object of the game is to make as many words as possible. Each letter can only be part of one word.

Draw a grid of 8 squares X 8 squares.

Players take turns putting letters into the grid.

Players can put any letter that they choose into any square that they choose when it is their turn. Each player uses their own color of pencil.

As players add letters they try to make words of 4 letters or more and to stop their opponent from making words. Words can read across or down.

The game finishes when the grid has been filled and all of the words are counted.

A player can only count words that are in his color. A letter can only be used in one word.

HINT – Use strategies such as blocking the other player with a letter that you can use yourself. Or try putting 3 letters in a row like **ree** so that if you are blocked at the start or end, you can still make **tree** or **reed**.

Banned Word

7+ years

2+ players

One to make everyone think! More fun if played quickly!

IT chooses a word to be the Banned Word. It is best if the word is a small common word, e.g. the, it, on, in, and.

IT then asks the other players questions who must answer quickly but are not permitted to say the banned word.

When a player says the Banned Word, she is out. Last player left is the winner.
