



Games to Play Using Scrabble Tiles

Write individual letters on post-it notes/pieces of paper if you don't have Scrabble at home!

Scavenger Hunt	<p>Pick a tile from the bag. How many items in the house/garden can you find that start with that letter?</p> <p>One player – time yourself! Can you beat your score each time you start with a new letter?</p> <p>Multi-player – who can find the most items starting with the letter or who can find a suitable item the fastest?</p>																																				
Countdown	Sort the tiles into vowels and consonants. Choose 9 tiles – a combination of vowels and consonants. How many words can you make in 5 minutes using the letters shown?																																				
Anagrams	Display all the tiles face up. Take it in turns to use the tiles to build a 3 letter word of your choice. Scramble the letters up and ask your partner to work out what your word is. Move on to 4 letter words if they guess correctly... then 5 letter words... keep going!																																				
Categories	<p>Choose 5 categories (e.g. countries, fruit, animals, film titles and sport). Select five random tiles (no duplicates). Draw a grid like the one below to write answers in. In this game you have to write a word/phrase for each category beginning with each letter. The first person to complete the grid is the winner!</p> <p>E.g.</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Country</td><td>Fruit</td><td>Animal</td><td>Film</td><td>Sport</td></tr><tr><td>A</td><td>Argentina</td><td>Apple</td><td>Ape</td><td>Aladdin</td><td>Archery</td></tr><tr><td>L</td><td>Latvia</td><td>Lemon</td><td>Lemur</td><td>Leroy and Stitch</td><td>Lawn tennis</td></tr><tr><td>C</td><td>Canada</td><td>Clementine</td><td>Cat</td><td>Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs</td><td>Cricket</td></tr><tr><td>R</td><td>Romania</td><td>Raspberry</td><td>Rabbit</td><td>Raya and the Last Dragon</td><td>Rugby</td></tr><tr><td>S</td><td>Spain</td><td>Strawberry</td><td>Sloth</td><td>Sonic the Hedgehog</td><td>Sailing</td></tr></table>		Country	Fruit	Animal	Film	Sport	A	Argentina	Apple	Ape	Aladdin	Archery	L	Latvia	Lemon	Lemur	Leroy and Stitch	Lawn tennis	C	Canada	Clementine	Cat	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Cricket	R	Romania	Raspberry	Rabbit	Raya and the Last Dragon	Rugby	S	Spain	Strawberry	Sloth	Sonic the Hedgehog	Sailing
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Bananagrams	Place all tiles face down on the table. Each player takes 21 letters. Any player can start the game by saying “SPLIT!” Everybody then turns their tiles face up and starts forming their own crossword collections of intersecting and connecting words. When a player successfully uses all their letters in a crossword, he or she says “PEEL!” and takes a tile from the bunch. When this happens, everybody has to take a tile and add it to																																				

	<p>their collection of letters. At any time (and as often as they like), a player can return a troublesome letter back to the bunch (facedown, of course). The catch is that they must take three letters in return. The player declares this by saying “DUMP!”. Play continues until there are fewer tiles in the bunch than there are players. At that point, the first player with no remaining letters shouts “BANANAS!” and is the winner!</p>
Boggle	<p>Arrange 16 tiles in a 4x4 grid. You have three minutes to find as many words as you can in the grid, according to the following rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The letters must be adjoining in a 'chain'. Letter tiles in the chain may be adjacent horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. • Words must contain at least three letters. • No letter tile may be used more than once within a single word.
Word Ladder	<p>The player is given a start word and an end word. In order to win the game, the player must change the start word into the end word progressively. Each step consists of a single letter substitution. E.g. turn ‘cold’ to ‘warm’ by forming cold – <u>c</u>ord – <u>c</u>ard – <u>w</u>ard – <u>w</u>arm.</p> <p>Try these:</p> <p>Turn ‘slow’ to ‘down’</p> <p>Turn ‘bats’ to ‘wing’</p> <p>Turn ‘farm’ to ‘milk’</p> <p>Turn ‘seed’ to ‘grow’</p> <p>Turn ‘hide’ to ‘find’</p>
Word Staircase	<p>Select a random tile and build a staircase using words starting with the same letter. Each new word needs to be one letter longer than the previous word.</p> <p>E.g.</p> <p>naughty</p> <p>nearly</p> <p>nasty</p> <p>nine</p> <p>net</p> <p>no</p> <p>n</p>
Draw It	<p>Choose a tile and draw something that begins with that letter. Can your partner guess what you have drawn? Provide clues if they get stuck.</p>