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# WORDZ

Who can find the most words



A play on words for 2 to 10 players  
aged 8 years and up

  
**moses.**

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# Contents

- 1 game board
- 1 hourglass (60 seconds)
- 1 black die
- 10 white dice



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## Aim of the game

Try to form words – the longer the better – to earn as many points as possible.

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## Game setup

Put the game board in the middle of the table so that everyone can see it, and put the hourglass next to it. Each player will need a sheet of paper and something to write with. The eldest player begins by rolling the black die and then places it in the middle of the game board with the rolled letter facing up. Then, in turns and in a clockwise direction, each player rolls one of the 10 white dice and lays it – also in a clockwise direction – on the markings on the game board. It doesn't matter on which marking you put the first white die. Before you begin, agree on how long you want to play. 10 rounds will take approximately 15 minutes.

*Note:* If two of the same vowels are directly next to one another in the circle, you can separate them by exchanging them with a neighboring consonant!





On the game board there are some letters that are joined by lines. You have to form words with the letters. But, only the words whose letters are joined directly by a line count. You can use the letter on a die in one word as often as you like. But, you have to use at least one letter from another die in between. Are you ready? Turn over the hourglass. You have 60 seconds to write down as many words as you can on your sheet of paper. Make sure that a word has at least 3 letters. The longer the words are, the more points you get for them. As soon as the time runs out, lay down your pencils. If you've already started writing down a word when the time runs out, you're allowed to finish writing it. Review all your words, one player at a time. The eldest player begins. In the next round, you change turns in a clockwise direction. Cross out all the words that two or more players

have written down that are the same. No points are rewarded for these. For all the other words, you receive points depending on the number of letters as follows:

A word with 3 letters .....	1 point
A word with 4 letters .....	2 points
A word with 5 letters .....	4 points
A word with 6 letters .....	6 points
A word with 7 letters .....	8 points
A word with 8 or more letters .....	10 points

Write down the points on your sheet of paper. A new round begins. Roll the dice again and lay them on the game board.

What words can you form in the example illustration above?

OAR (1 point)

RAP (1 point)

STAR (2 points)

PEST (2 points)

PEAR (2 points)

PASTA (4 points)



Of course, several other words are possible...

*Special case: QU, CH, CK, ST count as two letters, SCH as three letters.*

*Can't find a word?* If no one can find a word, roll all the dice again. Lay them on the game board as described in the Game setup.

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## Which words are allowed?

You can agree on that together before you begin. We recommend allowing only words that you can find in a standard dictionary. Names, places, abbreviations and foreign languages are not allowed. However, declensions (inflections) and plurals are allowed.

*Example: ran, called, mistakes, simple, tables, etc.*

*Tip: If you want to make it a little more difficult, only allow nouns.*

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## End of game

Have you already played the agreed number of rounds? Then count up your points. The player with the most points wins. There can be more than one winner.

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## Simplified game variation (suitable for 8 to 10-year-olds):

The game follows the same rules as in the basic game with the following changes: Words that two or more players have the same are also allowed. You don't have to cross them out. And, you don't have to count the number of letters in the words: each word is worth 1 point.

## Game variation without any time pressure:

You can also play WORDZ without the hourglass. You have more time to find longer words for even more points. Otherwise the same rules apply as for the basic game.

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