

SCRABBLE®

BRAND CROSSWORD GAME

CLASSIC

CONTENTS

- 1 Tile Bag
- 4 Tile Racks
- 100 Letter Tiles
- 1 Playing Board

THE LETTER TILES

There are 98 alphabet tiles with score values indicated by the number next to each letter.

There are also two blank tiles — that have no score value — which can be used as any letter desired. Once played, the letter it represents cannot be changed during a game.

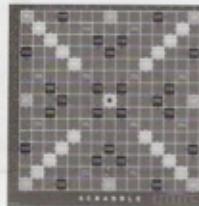
SET UP

Open the Scrabble® side of the board in the middle of the play area.

Place all the tiles in the tile bag. To determine who goes first, each player takes a tile out of the bag. The player with the letter closest to 'A' starts. (A blank tile beats the 'A'.) Return those tiles to the bag when done.

Each player, in turn, draws seven new tiles and places them on their racks.

Use a pen and paper to keep score.



RULES OF PLAY

Placing The First Word

As the first player, combine two or more of your tiles to form a word and place them on the board to read either across or down with one tile on the centre square (star). Diagonal words aren't permitted.

To score, add up all the values of the numbers on the tiles, plus any premium values from using the premium squares.

For Example

Player 1 has **A**, **E**, **I**, **T**, **R**, **N**, **R** on their rack and they play: **T**, **R**, **A**, **I**, **N**.



In this case T scores 1 and is doubled to 2 because it is on a Double Letter square; R is 1; A is 1; I is 1; N is 1 = **6**.

Note: The centre square counts as a Double Word square, so the whole score is doubled to **12** points.

Complete your turn by giving your score to the scorekeeper.

At the end of every turn, draw as many new tiles as you've played to keep seven tiles on your rack.

Next Player's Turn

The second player and then each player in turn plays by adding one or more tiles to tiles already on the board to make new words of two or more letters. The player may also choose to pass or to exchange tiles.

All tiles played in this and later turns must be in one continuous line across or down.

If letters touch other letters in adjacent rows, they must form complete words crossword fashion.

You may not add tiles to various words, or form new words in different parts of the board in the same turn.

You get the full score for ALL words formed or modified by your play. If more than one word is formed in a single turn, the common letters are counted (with full premium value, when they are on premium squares) in the score for each word.

Board Premium Squares

There are special premium squares on the board with bonus score values. Their values are printed on the board.

If a word crosses both premium letter and word squares, all the bonus letter values are added up before the complete word score is doubled or tripled.

The bonus scores of the premium squares only apply to the turn in which the tiles are placed on them.

When a blank is placed on a Double or Triple Word square, the sum of the tiles in the word is doubled or tripled even though the blank itself has no score value. When it is placed on a Double or Triple Letter square, the value of the blank tile is still zero.

How To Play Words

There are **five different ways** that new words can be formed:

1. Adding one or more tiles to the beginning or end of a word already on the board, or to both the beginning and end of that word.

For Example

TRAINER becomes **STRAINERS**.



The first S is on a Triple Word so the score is **9 x 3 = 27**. The Double Letter under the A and the Double Word of the centre square do not count.

2. Placing a word at right angles to a word already on the board. The new word must use one of the letters of the word already on the board.

For Example

Adding HROB to the T already on the board to make THROB.



THROB scores **12**.

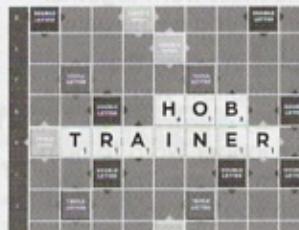
T₁, **H₄**, **R₁ x3**, **O₁**, **B₃**

Total: $1 + 4 + (1 \times 3) + 1 + 3 = 12$

3. Placing a complete word parallel to a word already played so that adjoining tiles also form complete words.

For Example

Adding HOB also forms HI, ON and BE.



HOB scores $4 + 1 + (3 \times 2) = 11$,
HI scores 5,
ON scores 2,
BE scores $(3 \times 2) + 1 = 7$.
Total: $11 + 5 + 2 + 7 = 25$

In this example, more than one word is formed in the same turn and each word is scored. The common letters are counted (with full premium value, when they are on premium squares) in the score for each word.

4. The new word may also add a letter to an existing word.

For Example

THROBS is played with the S linking onto TRAINER to make STRAINER as well.



S in STRAINER is on a Triple Word, scoring $8 \times 3 = 24$,
S is also on a Triple Word in THROBS (with H on Double Letter) scoring $15 \times 3 = 45$.
Total: $24 + 45 = 69$

5. The last variation would be to "bridge" two or more letters from two words that are parallel on the game board. (This can only happen on the 4th move or later in the game.)

For Example

CO, QUE and T is fitted between an N and an S on the board to make CONQUEST.



CONQUEST is played for 19 points with Q over the Double Letter for an extra 10 points & then tripled to 87 points & then tripled again for a total of 261 points!

Sometimes a word may cross two premium word squares. The word score is doubled then re-doubled — 4 times the complete word score; or tripled and then re-tripled — 9 times the complete word score!

Exchanging Tiles

You may use your turn to replace any or all of the tiles in your rack. Exchanging tiles counts as a turn.

Passing (Missing a Turn)

You may decide to pass your turn, whether or not you can play a word. (Should all players pass twice in a row, the game ends.)

Permitted Words

You may play any words listed in a standard English dictionary except those only spelt with an initial capital letter, abbreviations, prefixes and suffixes, words requiring apostrophes and hyphens, and words recognised as hate speech.

Once a tile has been placed on the board, it may not be moved unless the word is successfully challenged.

Challenging Words

A word may be challenged by another player by checking a previously agreed upon dictionary. If the word being challenged is unacceptable, the player removes all tiles they just played and loses their turn. If the challenged word is valid, the relevant word remains and ten points are deducted from the player who challenged it.

Note: A dictionary or word guide may not be used while a game is in progress to search for words to fit the tiles on your rack.

Added 50-Point Bonus

Any player who plays all seven of their tiles in a single turn scores a premium of 50 points in addition to the regular score for the turn. The 50 points are added on AFTER doubling or tripling a word score.

End Of The Game

The game ends when:

- all the tiles have been drawn AND one of the players has used all the tiles in their rack
- all possible plays have been made
- all players have passed twice in consecutive turns

After all the scores are added up, each player's score is reduced by the sum of their unplayed tiles, and if one player has used all their tiles, their score is increased by the sum of the unplayed tiles of all the other players.

e.g. If Player One has an X and an A left on their rack at the end of the game, their score is reduced by 9 points. The player who used all their tiles adds 9 points to their final score.

The player with the highest final score wins!

RULE CLARIFICATIONS

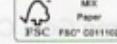
- The same word can be played more than once in a game.
- Pluralised words are allowed.
- The bonus scores of the premium squares only apply to the turn in which the tiles are placed on them.
- When one player has used all their tiles and the tile bag is empty, the game is over. In some games, no player succeeds in using all their tiles. In this case the game continues until all possible moves have been made. If a player is unable to move, they pass their turn.

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Games



SCRABBLE

TOGETHER™

BRAND CROSSWORD GAME

In this cooperative game, players work together to complete word challenges while learning Scrabble® basics at the same time!

CONTENTS

- 1 Tile Bag
- 4 Tile Racks
- 56 Cards (50 Goal Cards, 6 Helper Cards)
- 100 Letter Tiles
- 1 Playing Board

OBJECT

Work as a team to complete 20 Goal Cards before the game ends.

THE PLAYING BOARD

The Scrabble Together™ side of the playing board contains several differently coloured "premium squares." Some Goal Cards will ask you to play words across a premium square of a certain colour.



THE LETTER TILES

There are 98 letter tiles with point values in their corners. Some Goal Cards will ask you to play a word using a letter of a certain point value.

There are also two blank tiles - these can be used as any letter you like, but once played, the letter it represents cannot be changed.

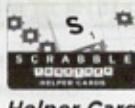
SET UP

Open the Scrabble Together™ side of the board in the middle of the play area.

Remove the 6 Helper Cards from the deck and place them faceup beside the board.

Shuffle the remainder of the deck (the Goal Cards) and deal out a stack of 20 cards beside the board. This is the draw pile. Return the remaining cards to the box—they won't be used this game.

First Time Players: For an easier game, use the 20 cards marked with the starter symbol instead.



Helper Card



Starter Symbol — ★

Goal

Tips on each card teach basics of the classic Scrabble® game

Goal Card

Flip over the top three Goal Cards and place them in a row next to the draw pile. These are the **current goals**. Leave a space nearby to place **Goal Cards you have completed**.

Place all the letter tiles in the tile bag. Each player, in turn, draws seven tiles and places them on their racks.

After reviewing the current goals, decide who will go first.

LET'S PLAY! ▶

What Is a Cooperative Game?

Scrabble Together™ is a cooperative game, meaning you all win or lose as a group. Everyone must work together to complete 20 Goal Cards before the end of the game.

That being the case, you should play in a way that helps each other complete goals. For example, if you see that one of the current Goal Cards is "Play on a 'red' premium square," you could play a longer word to help the next player reach a red premium square. There are just a few limits on the information you can share:

- You cannot show your letter rack to the other players.
- You cannot mention which letters you have or do not have on your rack.

Completing Goals

Each Goal Card has a task you complete by playing a word in a specific way. **For example:** "Play on a square at the edge of the board," or "Play a horizontal word."

Sometimes you may be able to complete more than one goal at a time. Using the example above, you could complete both goals by playing a horizontal word that touches a square at the edge of the board.

Every word you play must complete one or more of the current Goal Cards. Place completed Goal Cards into the completed goal pile, then replace them with new cards from the draw pile. There should always be three current Goal Cards next to the deck.

If you cannot complete a goal, you must use a **Helper Card** (see the next column).

If you cannot complete a Goal Card **and** there are no Helper Cards left, the game ends in a loss.

Playing the First Word

The first player combines two or more of their tiles to form a word that completes one or more current Goal Cards and places the tiles on the board either across or down - no diagonals - with one tile on the star square in the centre.

You don't score points for building words. Some goals reference the point value of letters, but beyond that, the point values shown on the letter tiles are not used in Scrabble Together™. The only "score" you need to worry about is how many Goal Cards you have completed.

At the end of every turn, draw as many new tiles as you've played to keep seven tiles on your rack and replace any completed Goal Cards.

Next Player's Turn

The second player, and then each player in turn, adds one or more tiles to those already on the board. Tiles added must form new words at least two letters long and complete one or more current Goal Cards.

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Helper Cards

Helper Cards provide a little powerup, allowing you to perform special actions that may help you or another player. Each Helper Card can only be used once and must then be removed from play. If, after using a Helper Card, you are able to play a word that completes one or more Goal Cards, you may play that word as normal. Otherwise your turn ends.

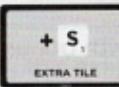
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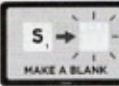
Complete a Goal Card: Select one faceup Goal Card and put it into the completed goal pile as if you had completed it, then replace it with a new card.



Exchange Tiles: Replace any or all the tiles in your rack. First set aside all the tiles you wish to exchange from your rack, then draw that many new tiles from the bag and place them on your rack. Finally, place the tiles you set aside in the bag.



Extra Tile: Each player draws an 8th tile and adds it to their rack. Players refill back to 7 tiles as normal at the end of their turn.



Make a Blank: Flip over one of the tiles on your rack. That tile counts as a blank tile for the rest of the game.



Refresh Goal Cards: Put all the current Goal Cards on the bottom of the deck and replace them with new cards.



Trade Tiles: Select any number of tiles from your rack and place them faceup on the table in front of you so everyone can see. The other players decide which tiles each of them wants to take, giving you one tile from their rack for each tile they take. All tiles you placed on the table **must** be taken. Show the tiles you receive to the other players before placing them on your rack.

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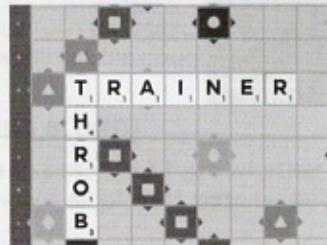
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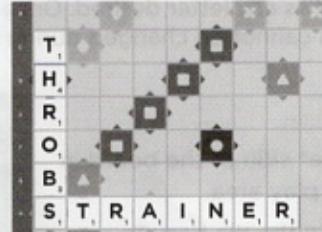
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4. Place a new word so it adds a letter to an existing word.

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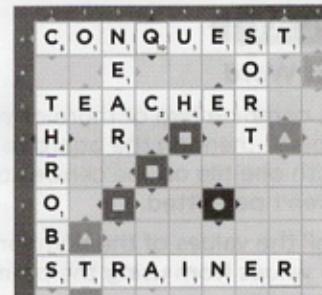
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ENDING THE GAME

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- If you cannot complete a Goal Card on your turn and there are no Helper Cards left, everyone loses. Try again!