

# Escape of the Alpha Bats

## Solo Word Game

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A colony of **Alpha Bats** is lost inside a vast cavern. This unique species of bats has letters painted on their backs. The bats can only get out if they decode a set of escape words. However, these bats are illiterate!

Fortunately, the cave is full of “**Litter Bugs**” who poop out “**Alpha Bits**” onto the cave floor. The Alpha Bits contain edible word fragments that help make the bats smarter so that they can escape.

*The Alpha Bats and Litter Bugs have a very beneficial, symbiotic relationship.*

You see, each bat carries a unique letter on its back, that when combined with Alpha Bits forms an escape word. By forming all 25 escape words, the enlightened, and now much smarter bats can find their way out at night.

All of the bats must work together to find and digest the right combination of letters to form a perfect set of 25 escape words that will facilitate their nightly escape from the cave.

**Escape of the Alpha Bats** is a solo PnP word game where you must precisely combine letters to form 25 3-, 4- and 5-letter words. For ages 8+, the average play time is 15 minutes.

**PnP Version:** One sheet of paper per game comprising a bat cave with random groupings of Alpha Bit letters. Cut out the A-Z bats and tape or glue onto small tokens like dimes.

Alternatively, use a pencil and eraser to write down letters, without Alpha Bats cut out.

Two levels of play: with scrambled Alpha Bits (harder) or unscrambled (easier) groups of letters.

**Tactile Version:** A tactile version will comprise 25 lasercut wooden bats and 20 initial bat cave forms.

To print a game, visit: [www.Brainy.games/alphabats](http://www.Brainy.games/alphabats)

Sample Bat Cave:

# ESCAPE OF THE ALPHABATS

Here are your Alpha Bits to combine with the Alpha Bats:



*Alpha Bit letters are in their correct fragmented order.  
Add your Alpha Bat letter to the start or end to form a word.*

## Lasercut Components:

- 25 lasercut Alpha Bats with letters A-Z (no “Q”)
- 20 initial bat caves of various complexities
- 20 initial solutions
- web app to generate new bat caves for endless play.

Alpha Bat:



AlphaBits:



## Setup:

- Grab a “bat cave” form.
- Place the 25 A-Z bats face up beside the form.

## Game Play:

1. Examine the groups of letters in the bat cave.
2. Determine where some A-Z letters can be placed to form escape words. Note that “Q” is not used.
3. For each of the 25 bats, place it on top of a letter grouping such that the unscrambled combination of all the letters forms a valid word.
4. Rearrange and move bats as needed.
5. Repeat until 25 words have been formed.

# Intentional Ambiguity:

Most Alpha Bit fragments will accept multiple letters. This ambiguity makes the game very challenging. For example, "RY" can form CRY, RYE, TRY, FRY, DRY, PRY.

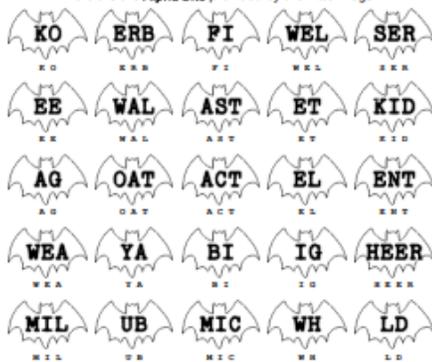
## 20 Starter Bat Caves:

Two PDF's (B&W and colour) are available to print, each containing 20 bat caves and their solutions. Find them on the website: [www.Brainy.games/alphabats](http://www.Brainy.games/alphabats)

### ESCAPE OF THE ALPHABATS

#### Cave #1

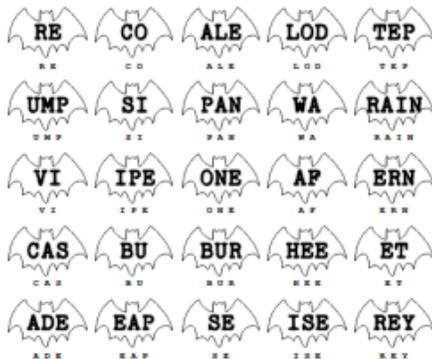
Here are the Alpha Bits provided by the Litter Bugs:



Add an Alpha Bat's letter to either the start or end of an Alpha Bit to form an escape word. The Alpha Bit word fragments are in their correct order.

#### Cave #2

Here are the Alpha Bits tossed out by the Litter Bugs:



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#### Cave #11

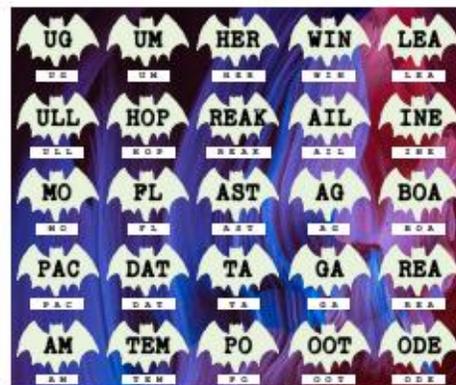
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#### Cave #12

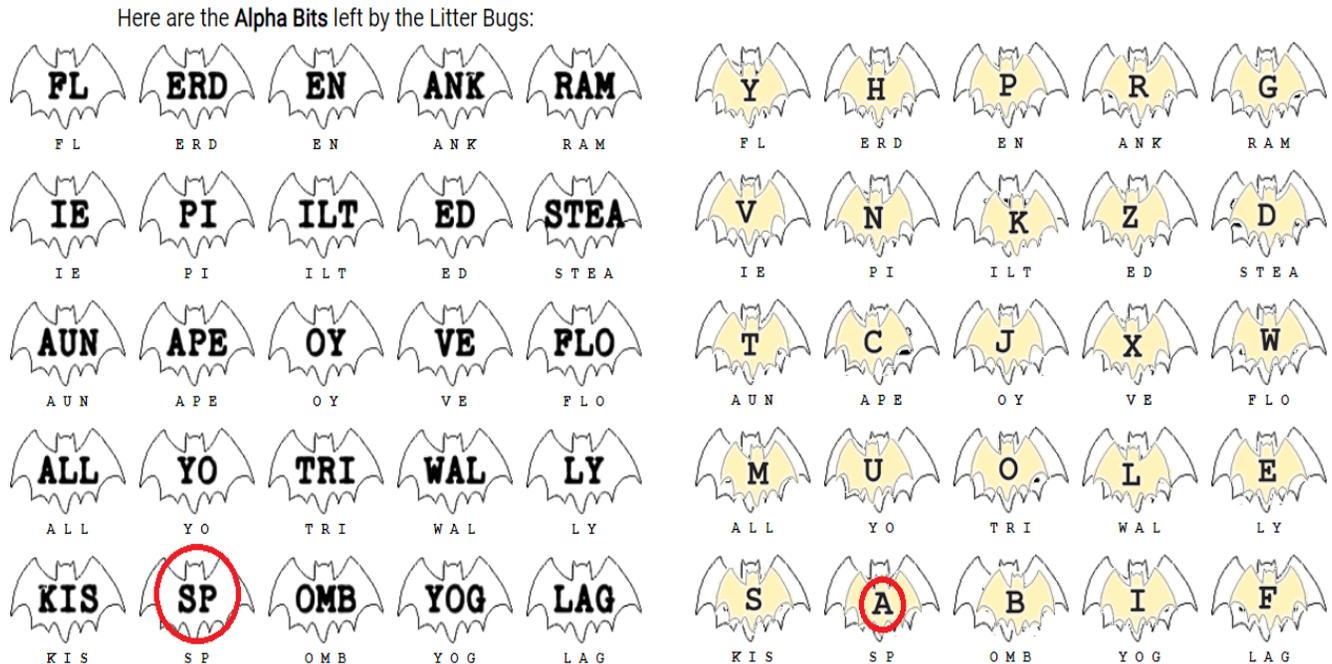
Here are the Alpha Bits made by the Litter Bugs:



Add an Alpha Bat's letter to either the start or end of an Alpha Bit to form an escape word. The Alpha Bit word fragments are in their correct order.

## Example of Solving a Game:

Move the Alpha Bats' letters on top of the Alpha Bits' fragmented letters to form sets of valid escape words. In this example, letters are placed either at the beginning or end of a fragment. Start with uncommon letters like J or Y as they will have less placement possibilities, like "JOT" or "MAY".



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### ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION:

**SPA** BOMB CAPE STEAD LYE FLAG GRAM HERD YOGI JOY KILT WALL MALL PIN  
TRIO PEN RANK SKIS AUNT YOU VIE FLOW FLY ZED VEX

### More Bat Caves:

Visit the website [www.Brainy.games/alphabats](http://www.Brainy.games/alphabats) to randomly generate and print new bat caves. You will be able to print one bat cave per standard 8x11 sheet of paper or two if you change the scale to 75%.