

Connect Five

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CONNECT FIVE is a simple crossword game played with only five letters at a time. It's fast, strategic and fun. Claim the most points after one or more rounds. For one to four (or more) players.

Components: The game comes with 48 lasercut 2x2 cards. All you need is a table and some people. No board is required.

Goal: Be the player with the most points after a predetermined number of rounds.

SETUP

Shuffle the cards and place them face down. Draw five cards and place face up between all players.

Give each player a pencil and paper for scoring. Dry erase score cards are available at www.DryErase.games.

Decide upon the **end of game condition**: either the number of rounds to play or a target score to exceed.

GAME PLAY

In turn, each player will:

1. Draw one card.
2. Place the card next to the five cards.
3. Rearrange five cards to form one, two or three interlinked crossed words. A five-letter word will not be connected.
4. Discard the card not used.
5. Score all the new words made.

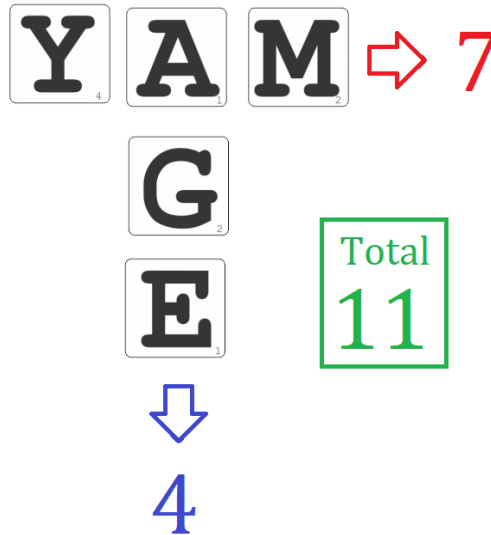
Play until the end of game condition has been met.

When playing alone, follow the same instructions except play only one round.

SCORING

Each word is scored by adding up the points on the individual letter cards. Treat each word separately when scoring.

For example, if you made YAM crossed with AGE, score each word to accumulate a total score.

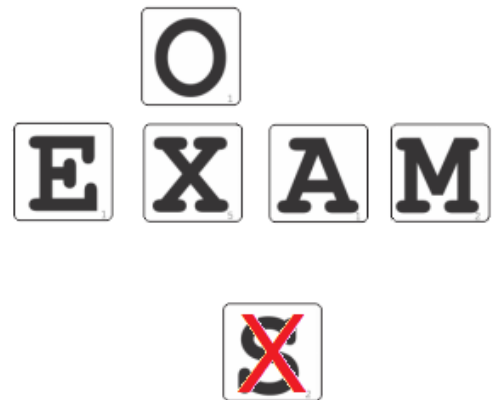


In this case, [A] is scored twice.

Maintain your score on your score board by adding and marking the new points.

TIP: To maximize your score, cross the highest scoring letters like K or X when you have that option.

In this example, forming OX and EXAM yields more points (15) than forming just EXAMS (11)



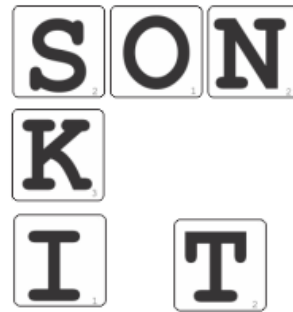
EXAMPLES



Five cards drawn for initial setup. Randomly scattered.



Rearranged to show possible words worth 11 points ...
 SON = 2
 SKI = 6.



Player One draws [T]. Rearranges the letters to form two new words for 11 points.



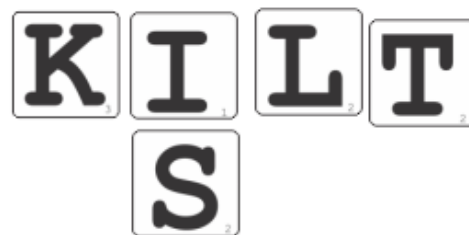
Discards [N]. Scores ...
 KITS = 8
 TO = 3.

Player Two draws the letter

L and can form either ...



for 10 points or ...

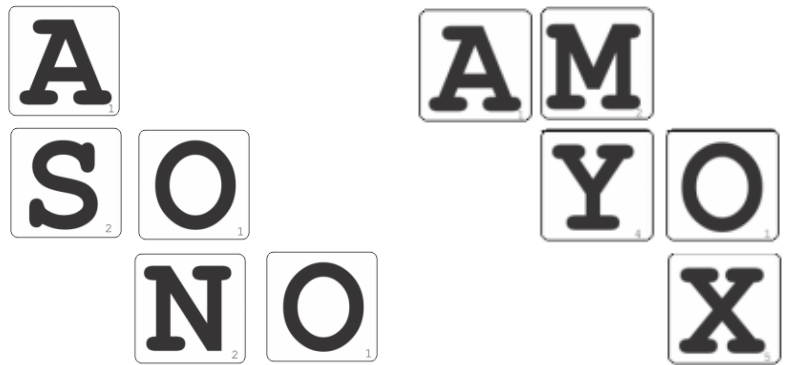


KILTS and IS for 13 points.

discarding the [O] afterwards.

It is possible to make four 2-letter words.

Scores here are 12 and 20 points.



Options

1. For a more challenging game, do not allow the same word to be scored more than once. Keep track of the words played. The other word(s) can be scored to end a turn.
2. Decide upon whether to allow the use of proper nouns, names and/or abbreviations. For example, Cuba, Betty, USA.
3. Decide whether to score only new words made.

Online Game

Play a solo game online at www.CROSSWxRDS.com

CONNECT FIVE!

A Wordy Brainteaser of a Puzzle

Arrange five letters into interlinked words.

		P ₂		
	G ₂	I ₁	F ₂	T ₂

11 in Draw Pile

S₂

DISCARD AND VALIDATE

WORDS MADE
AN AS BIG BIT CAME DART
DIG DIRT FIG GRIM HI IF
IT LAME LIT MA ME MI
PINT PIT RIG SAME SCAM
SCRAM SIT SLAM SMART
TAME TRIM

POINTS FOR THIS SET: 0 | OVERALL SCORE: 155

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