

# TRIPLETS

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**TripLets** is a simple word building game where players compete to make three-letter words within a 3x3 grid. For two or more players ages 6+, plus a solo mode.

## COMPONENTS

- 5-inch wooden gameboard with 3x3 magnetic grid
- 81 magnetic letter tiles
- Online list of valid and optional 3-letter words
- Optional: 4 dry erase trackers & dry erase marker.

## GOAL:

Score the highest points by making three-letter words. It's like a word search with three-letter words.



## **SETUP:**

1. Shuffle and place the letter tiles face down between the players.
2. Give each player a scoreboard or pen and paper to keep track and score words made.
3. Take four random tiles and place within the game board, one tile per corner.

## **GAME PLAY:**

Playing in turns, a player picks up a random tiles and can perform one of two actions:

Place their tile onto an existing tile in the grid

or

Move a tile within the grid.

Upon placing a tile, call out any word(s) made. If a player did not use their tile, return it upside down.

## **NOTES:**

1. Right after setup, fill all empty spaces first.
2. For a quicker game, use less tiles.

## Making Words

Upon placing a tile, check to see if one or more three-letter words have been made in any of eight directions.



For example, the following words (and scores) are visible:

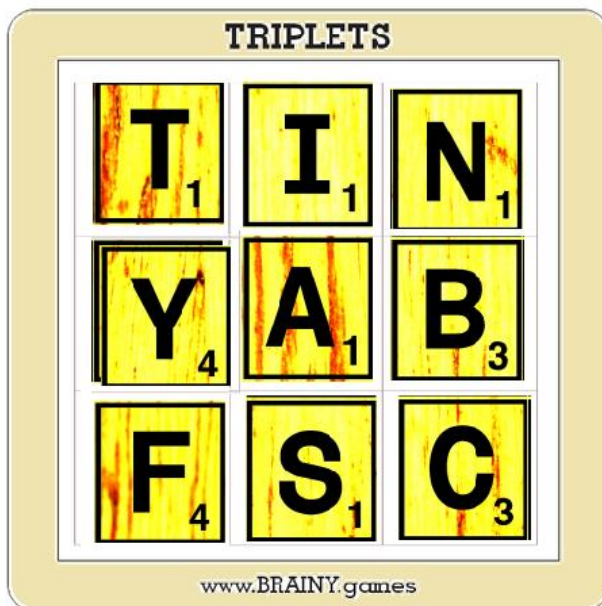
TIN (3) NIT (3) TRY (6)

BAR (5) NAY (6)

CAT (5)

## Scoring a Word

If a new word is made, total the value of the letters and add to your score on your scoreboard. You only can score words connected to the letter you moved or revealed.



Using the example above, moving the letter “Y” will reveal “F” and these words will be scored:

BAY (8) FAN (6)

For a total score of 14 points.

*TIN and CAT are not scored.*

## **Stealing a Word**

Once a player says their turn is over, any player can “steal” a word missed by their opponent. This happens when the player fails to spot a word. The player finding the new word scores its point value.

## **Tracking New Words**

Each word made must not have been previously formed. You cannot repeat words. Track words on a separate piece of paper or use our free tracking app at [www.brainy.games/triplets](http://www.brainy.games/triplets).

## **Validity of Words**

Any word that is not an acronym or abbreviation is allowed. Optionally, allow first names (GUS, ABE).

**TIPS:** Rotate the board to face the player. Try to remember covered letters in case of moving them.

## **WINNING:**

After all tiles have been played, the person with the highest score will be the winner. In case of a tie, play another round.