



Word Grid

The fast-paced and interactive word-search game.

An intense and rapid word-search game for 2 – 4 crossword puzzle fans from ages 8 to 99. Includes multiple game variations.

Forget traditional crossword puzzles found in magazines and newspapers. This highly intense word-search game is played simultaneously with friends for double the fun: The crossword puzzle templates contain randomly selected letters. Who will be the first to find all the given words? You will have to be quick and find all the words written across from left to right or right to left, or up or down, or in a diagonal. The number of words that you have to find varies from round to round. The game can also be played with German words, making it the perfect game to improve your German language proficiency.

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Duration: 15 – 30 minutes

Contents:

160 word grid templates

1 die

30 word cards (with blue-framed edges)

6 category cards (with green-framed edges)

4 pencils

1 set of playing instructions

Before you begin:

Separate the word grid templates down the middle, so that you have two pads of 80 word grid templates (on the front and back).

Getting started:

Each player receives one crossword puzzle grid and a pencil. For the basic game you need the 30 word cards. Shuffle the word cards well and place them in a pile face down. The category cards are not needed for the basic game and can be left in the box. Have the die ready.

How to play:

The oldest player begins by rolling the die. The number rolled indicates how many words the players must find in the round. According to the number rolled, turn over the same number of word cards and place them in the middle of the table, face up, so that everyone can see them.

Now get ready for some fast-paced fun! Everyone has to race against each other: As fast as you can, everyone searches for the English words displayed on the word cards on his own crossword grid. Use your pencil and circle each word that you find on your word grid.

Note: Words can be spelled across, down, up or diagonally, and it doesn't matter if they are spelled from left to right or right to left!



End of a round:

The first player to find and circle each word displayed on the word cards yells: “STOP!”.

Everyone places their grid to the side and each player checks everyone's word grid one after the other: Each player receives one point for each word found and records his points on his sheet of paper. The word cards that were used in the round are then removed from the game and a new round begins.

Note:

- If the player who yelled “STOP!” has not found all the words as displayed on the word cards, he doesn't receive any points in the round
- One word grid template is used for four rounds.

End of game:

The game is over after four rounds. Each player counts his points.

The player with the most points wins the game. In the event of a tie, all players with the most points win the game.

Variation with the category cards:

For this variation the category cards are used. The word cards are not needed and can be left in the box. The same rules of the basic game apply with the following exception:

Shuffle the six category cards and form a pile. After having rolled the die, turn over one category card and find the same number of words as indicated on the die for the respective category.

Search for German words:

Both the basic game and the variation with the category cards can also be played with German words. Viel Glück!!!



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