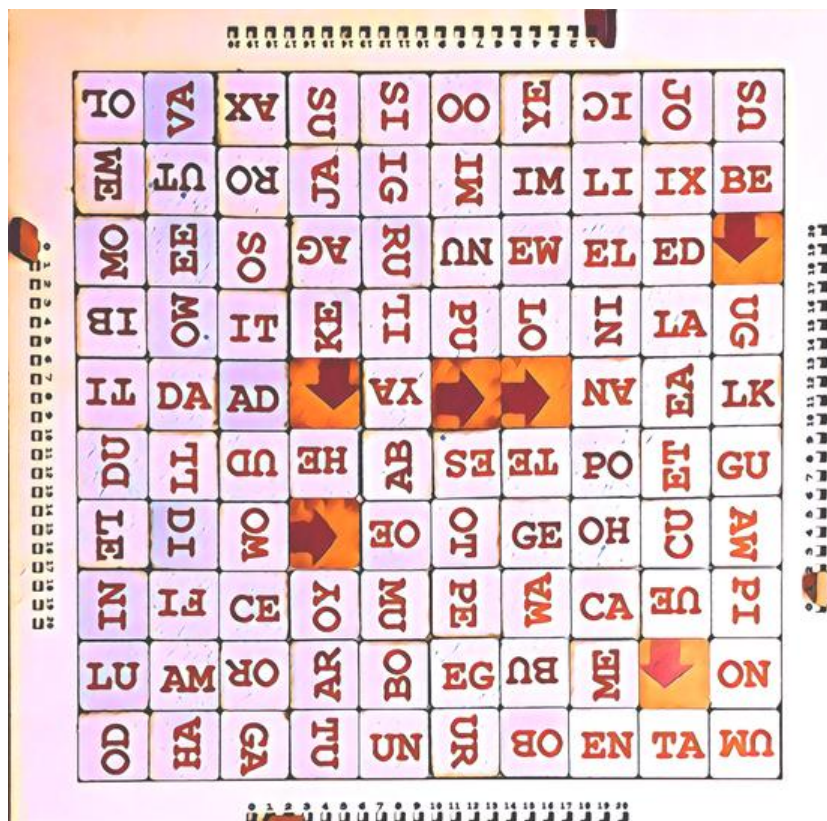


Word Spotters

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Word Spotters is a word game played on an ever-changing board where players find three-letter words to claim territory. Once a player claims four aligned tiles, they score one point.

The board contains tiles with two-letter bigram fragments. Players combine A-Z cards to make three-letter words and flip tiles. Up to four players can maintain their scores on the built-in scoring tracks.



COMPONENTS: Laser cut board, 144 wooden tiles, 26 A-Z cards, four score markers.

GOAL

Claim four aligned spaces to score one point. The first person to score 20 points wins.

SETUP

- Shuffle the tiles and randomly place 100 tiles face up to fill the board
- Keep the remaining tiles for replacement
- Shuffle the A-Z cards and place face down
- Reset all score indicators to zero.

GAME PLAY

On each turn, a player has 30 seconds to:

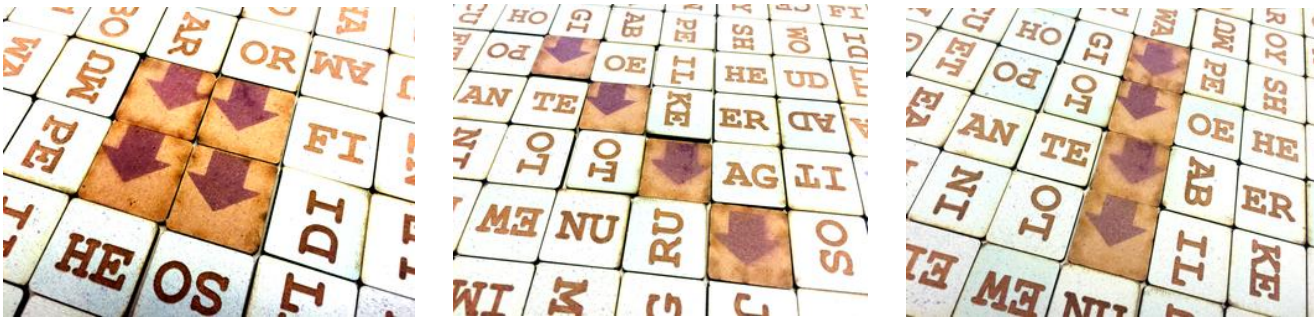
- Flip over the next A-Z card
- Use the card along with a bigram to make a three-letter word
- Flip over the tile and align the arrow to point to the player
- Determine if territory has been claimed.

MAKING A WORD

Combine the letter on the A-Z card with any bigram to make a valid three-letter word. The letter can be combined at the start, end or middle of the fragment. For example, with [PE] and [A] one can make “PEA” and “APE”. [PE] and [I] makes “PIE”.

CLAIMING TERRITORY

Territory is claimed when four tiles point to the same player either in any straight line or a square:



SCORING A POINT

Once four tiles pointing to a player have been aligned that player scores one point. Those tiles are removed by the claiming player and replaced by any other player with tiles face-up from the replacement pile.

WINNING

The first person to gain 20 points wins.

VALIDITY & DISPUTES

Three-letter words must be found in a dictionary. Acronyms and abbreviations are not allowed. If someone makes an invalid word that is disputed, that person loses their turn.

FIVE OR MORE PLAYERS

If you are playing with more than four players, use coloured chips (from the dollar store) to mark territory. Score separately.

