



SOS Word Grid Game

Name(s): _____

Ages 8–12 • 2 players • About 12 min

Make your move

1. Share the grid. Take turns writing S or O in any empty square.
2. Each new straight SOS (across, down or diagonal) scores 1 point.
3. Count every new SOS through your letter, including overlaps.
4. Score? Take another turn. No score? Pass. Full board ends play.
5. Most points wins; equal scores are a draw. Tally points below.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						

Tally / rolls: A _____

B _____

A score: _____ B score: _____

Winner / score / completed: _____



Paper Nim Strategy Game

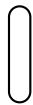
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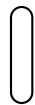
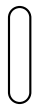
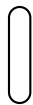
Choose your twigs

1. Share the four rows. Take turns crossing out 1 or more marks.
2. All marks crossed out on a turn must come from just ONE row.
3. You may take some or all remaining marks in that row.
4. The player crossing out the very last mark WINS.
5. No pass turns. Start a new game on fresh paper.

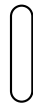
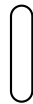
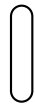
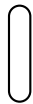
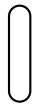
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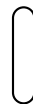
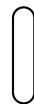
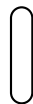
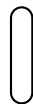
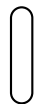
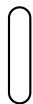
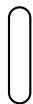
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Row 3



Row 4



Last mark crossed by: _____

Winner / score / completed: _____

Categories Race

Name(s): _____

Ages 8–12 • 2 players • About 10 min



Your word sprint

1. One sheet, two players. Use the printed starting letter each round.
2. Write one fitting word for each category in your own column.
3. Allow 2 minutes per round; use a clock or agree when both finish.
4. A valid answer scores 1; identical answers score 0 for both.
5. Compare kindly. Add all three rounds; highest total wins.

Player A

Player B

Round 1 — Letter B

Animal

Food

Place

Object

Round 2 — Letter S

Animal

Food

Place

Object

Round 3 — Letter M

Animal

Food

Place

Object

Answers: player A on left • player B on right

Winner / score / completed: _____



Drawing Duel

Name(s): _____

Ages 6–12 • 2 players • About 12 min

Pick a prompt

1. Share the page. Each player draws in their own panel.
2. Both use the same three prompts printed below.
3. Allow 5 minutes, or finish when both are ready.
4. Give yourself 1 point for each prompt clearly included.
5. Maximum 3 points each. Equal scores are a shared win!

Player A

Player B

A home • Something that flies • A friendly pet

A points: ____ /3 B points: ____ /3

Winner / score / completed: _____



Five in a Row Challenge

Name(s): _____

Ages 8–12 • 2 players • About 15 min

Think a step ahead

1. Share one board. Player A uses X; player B uses O.
2. Take turns marking any empty square. No gravity rule.
3. First to make FIVE or more in a straight line wins.
4. Lines may run across, down or diagonally.
5. A full board with no winning line is a draw.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1											
2											
3											
4											
5											
6											
7											
8											
9											
10											
11											

A score: _____ B score: _____

Winner / score / completed: _____



Territory Takeover

Name(s): _____

Ages 8–12 • 2 players • About 15 min

Build your territory

1. Share the board. A starts at A1; B starts at H8. Mark those cells.
2. Take turns claiming ONE empty cell sharing an edge with your territory.
3. No diagonal connections and no jumping over the other player.
4. If blocked, pass. End when both pass in succession or board is full.
5. Count cells including starts. Most cells wins; equal totals draw.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	A							
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								B

A score: _____ B score: _____

Winner / score / completed: _____

Word Guess Challenge



Name(s): _____

Ages 7–12 • 2 players • About 12 min

Hide it, then guess

1. Fold the answer flap down the marked line. One player chooses a 5-letter word.
2. Write it only on the hidden flap. Show five blank letter spaces.
3. The guesser names one letter each turn; repeat guesses cost no turn.
4. Writer fills EVERY matching space, or crosses off one miss circle.
5. Guesser wins by filling the word before 8 misses. Swap roles on fresh paper.

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Misses (cross one each time):

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Guessed letters:

FOLD UNDER • Writer's secret 5-letter word:

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Winner / score / completed: _____

Word Ladder Challenge



Name(s): _____

Ages 8–12 • 1 player • About 12 min

Climb the word ladder

1. Change ONE letter each step to make a real English word.
2. Keep three letters in every word; never rearrange them.
3. Use the four spaces to move from CAT to DOG.
4. One space may stay unused. Finish all steps to win.
5. A checked example route is on the separate optional key.

START	C	A	T
Step 1			
Step 2			
Step 3			
Step 4			
FINISH	D	O	G

Winner / score / completed: _____

Alphabet Challenge



Name(s): _____

Ages 7–12 • 1 player • About 12 min

Take a letter

1. Write a real thing you might pack for a trip for each letter.
2. Use the starting letter shown beside each writing line.
3. Skip a tricky letter and return to it later.
4. Score 1 for each fitting answer; goal is 20 or more out of 26.
5. Use a dictionary with a helper if you want a cooperative game.

A. _____	N. _____
B. _____	O. _____
C. _____	P. _____
D. _____	Q. _____
E. _____	R. _____
F. _____	S. _____
G. _____	T. _____
H. _____	U. _____
I. _____	V. _____
J. _____	W. _____
K. _____	X. _____
L. _____	Y. _____
M. _____	Z. _____

Winner / score / completed: _____

Word Building Battle



Name(s): _____

Ages 8–12 • 2 players • About 10 min

Build your word list

1. Share the page. Each player uses their own answer area.
2. Make words of 3 or more letters using the printed letter bank.
3. Do not use a letter more often than it appears in the bank.
4. No names or abbreviations. Write at most 12 words each.
5. Stop when both finish. Each valid word scores its length; highest total wins.

Letter bank: STONEAR

A 1 _____

A 2 _____

A 3 _____

A 4 _____

A 5 _____

A 6 _____

A 7 _____

A 8 _____

A 9 _____

A 10 _____

A 11 _____

A 12 _____

B 1 _____

B 2 _____

B 3 _____

B 4 _____

B 5 _____

B 6 _____

B 7 _____

B 8 _____

B 9 _____

B 10 _____

B 11 _____

B 12 _____

Winner / score / completed: _____