

# **Boggle<sup>®</sup>**

**3-Minute Word Game**

**For 2 or more players**

**Ages 8 to Adult**

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**EQUIPMENT:** 16 letter cubes • letter grid with dome  
• 3-minute timer

**OBJECT:** To list, within 3 minutes, as many words of the highest point value as you can find among the random assortment of letters in the cube grid.

**PREPARATION:** Each player should have a pencil and a piece of paper. Drop the letter cubes into the dome and place the grid, open side down, over the dome. Turn the domed grid right-side up, shake the cubes around, and maneuver the grid until each cube falls into place. As one player removes the dome, another player starts the timer.

**PLAYING:** When the timer starts, each player searches the assortment of letters for words of *three letters or more*. When a player finds a word, he/she writes it down.

Words are formed from *adjoining letters*. Letters must join in the *proper sequence* to spell a word. They may join horizontally, vertically, or diagonally to the left, right, or up-and-down. No letter cube, however, may be used more than once within a single word.



Figure 1  
OILS (and OIL)

RIGHT



Figure 3  
SOIL

Figure 2  
SILO

Figures 1 through 3 show how words can be formed using the adjoining letters S,O,I,L.

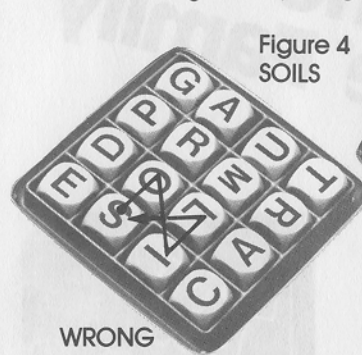


Figure 4  
SOILS

WRONG

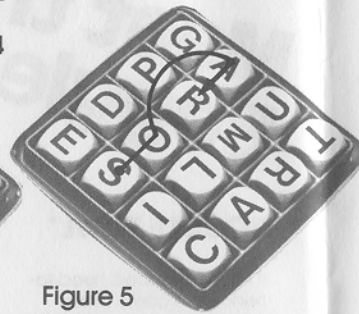


Figure 5  
SOAR

Figures 4 and 5 show two *incorrect* spelling techniques: 1) in "SOILS" (Fig. 4), the one adjoining "s" is used twice; 2) to form "SOAR" (Fig. 5) requires skipping over the letter "r." No skipping is allowed; *letters must adjoin in sequence*.

Try your skill at finding the hidden words in the letter arrangement above. There are more than 70 words, including "molar," "prose," and "turmoil." Can you find more?

**TYPES OF WORDS ALLOWED:** Any word (noun, adjective, adverb, etc.), plural of, form of, or tense is acceptable as long as it can be found in a standard English dictionary. Words within words are also permissible; e.g. *spare*: spa, par, are, spar, pare.

**SCORING AND WINNING:** When the timer runs out, everyone must stop writing. Each player in turn then reads aloud his/her list of words. Any word that appears on more than one player's list must be crossed off *all* lists, including that of the reader.

After all players have read their lists, each player scores his/her remaining words:

**SCORING**

NO. OF LETTERS	3	4	5	6	7	8 or more
POINTS	1	1	2	3	5	11

The winner is: 1) the player whose words have earned the most points; or 2) the first to reach 50 points, 100 points or whatever score is considered by all to be a reasonable target.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

- Neither the cubes nor the grid may be touched while the timer is on.
- Multiple meanings of the same word do not earn multiple credit. The word "tear," for example, can mean both "rip" and "cry"; yet it may count as only one word.
- The same word found by a player in different areas of the grid may not be counted for multiple credit.
- The "Qu" cube counts as two letters.
- Both the "M" and the "W" have a line *under* them.
- The letter "Z" has a line under it and should not be seen as the word "IN."
- Full credit is awarded to *both* the singular and plural forms of a noun—provided that the player has listed them as separate words.
- Common words tend to be found by more than one player. Therefore, if your words are unique and unusual, they are more likely to earn you points.



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