

S+R Anagrams No 79 Embossed Edition

How to Play Anagrams

Two or more persons can play

The object of the game is the formation of words from the alphabet blocks, which are placed face down on the table and thoroughly shuffled.

Before starting play it should be decided that either three-letter, four-letter or five-letter words are to be established as the basis of play. (For the less experienced player, three-letter words are generally accepted as a basis.)

To begin play each player draws one block and exposes the letter on it. These blocks are placed exposed in the center of the table and form the "Pool." The person who has picked an "A" or the letter nearest to "A" now begins the game by selecting another unexposed block, and is allowed one minute in which to construct a word, drawing upon the necessary exposed letters in the pool.

If able to make a word the player places this word in front of him and it is proper that this word be placed facing the other players so that they may study it more easily.

If the player is able to make a word—he is entitled to another chance; in the event he is unable to construct a word within a minute's time, he loses his chance and the player on his left continues the play.

Once a player constructs a word his word is subject to capture by all other opponents providing that the rules of Anagrams are followed, the rules being listed below:

1. In capturing a word all letters in opponent's word must be used plus the letter just selected or a combination of letters from the pool.
2. It is always essential to add one or more letters in making a capture and it is never permissible to drop a letter from the completed word.
3. The complete "stem" of the word must be changed thus constructing a word of entirely new meaning, so a player cannot capture a word by simply adding an "s" or "ed" to the ending.
4. Words are prohibited that are proper nouns, foreign or ancient words or words that are either obsolete or hyphenated. Generally speaking, any English or Anglicized foreign words are allowed.

THE WINNER IS THE PERSON WHO HAS FIRST OBTAINED (8) WORDS AND IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GAME IS NOT FINISHED UNTIL ALL PLAYERS HAVE HAD AN EQUAL NUMBER OF CHANCES.

In closing here is a useful hint to all Anagram players—on every occasion *possible strengthen your own word to prevent capturing by opponent.*