



Wordplay

Is a free board game for three or more players.

Use your old board game

If you have one of those games with the letter tiles and sometimes just want a bit of a change then Wordplay is exactly what you need.

You will need

- The playing board (free to print and/or photocopy).
- A set of those letter tiles.
- Some Plasticine or buttons.
- A pencil and some paper, to keep score.
- An encyclopedia and a dictionary.
- A dice.

The basic idea

With a mix of skill and luck players have to guess a word, words or a phrase from their available letters.

The Rules

Players take turns to act as the Moderator and select a word or words from one of the following categories

- * Countries
- * Cities and Towns
- * Things
- * Animals
- * Famous People
- * Places
- * Geographical Features

The moderator for the round chooses a word/s from one of the categories above and sets up the playing board by placing a marker on each of the squares not containing a letter and indicates the position of any hyphens and apostrophes. There is no need to blank out squares on unrequired lines as you just nominate the lines that are required.

The moderator then informs the players of the category and the round begins.

Play

* The letter tiles are placed face down and each player, except the Moderator, selects six each.

* The first player throws a dice to indicate the score for that move and offers one of his/her letters. Where more than one of a specific letter is held all like letters are offered.

* The Moderator indicates to the player whether the offered letter/s form a part of the puzzle and, if it does, places the letter tile in its correct position on the board and the player scored the value of the dice throw for each letter used.

* Rejected letters are placed on the table face up and does not score.

* All letters offered, accepted or rejected, are replaced from the centre pool.

* The player repeats this process until an offered letter does not form a part of the puzzle at which time the next player has a move.

* The round is over when the puzzle has been completed and the winner of the round is that player with the highest score for the round.

* The Moderator is replaced and a new round started.

* The game is over when each player has been the Moderator three times.

* New categories may be added but each of the listed categories must be used at least once throughout each game.

* The winner of the game is that player winning the most individual rounds and in the event of a tie the tied players play off.