

Human Boggle

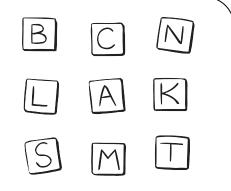
Team-based adaptation of the commercial game Boggle.

How To Play

- 1. Place a large set of alphabet cards face-down on the floor.
- 2. Form two or more teams of 2 to 6 people.
- 3. Instruct each team to nominate a runner.
- 4. To begin, ask each runner to randomly select 9 cards from the pile.
- 5. Lay all 9 cards in a 3 x 3 grid in front of their team.
- 6. If no vowels are present in the grid, a team may turn any one of their nine cards over to become a vowel as nominated by you (the facilitator.)
- When ready, challenge each team to identify as many words as possible using the letters in the grid.
- 8. Words can only be formed by tracing letters which are situated horizontally, vertically or diagonally next to the letter before it.
- 9. Allow three to four minutes of play.
- 10. The team which forms the most number of words wins that round.
- 11. Play two or more rounds, shuffling the letters between each round, or try a variation.

Variations

- Rotate Once: As soon as every team has prepared their 3 x 3 grid, instruct each team to move to the grid situated immediately to their left. This will surprise your group as much as present every team with a fresh grid to start with.
- Valuable Words: Rather than award one point for each word identified, allocate more points for longer words, eg 2 points for words with 5 to 6 letters and 3



Benefits

- Simple set-up
- Fosters collaboration
- · Develops critical thinking
- Fast-paced
- Multiple variations

Time 15 - 20 min

Props

Set of alphabet cards

People Pairs (2 people)

points for any word with 7+ letters.

- **Bigger Grids**: To ramp up the challenge, instruct each team to create larger and larger grids of letters, eg 4 x 4 and 5 x 5. Same challenge, just many more options to create many more words.
- Any Letter Will Do: A simpler challenge, each group is entitled to create as many words with any of the letters no matter where they are situated in the grid.
- Centre Letter Challenge: A more difficult challenge is to form as many words as possible which incorporate the centre letter every time, ie referring to the grid illustrated in the Narrative tab, every word would have to use the letter A.
- **Small-Group Boggle**: For groups of less than 8 people, create just one letter grid (of whatever size) and challenge each person to identify and record as many words as they can from the same grid.
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