

Instructions

Today, you will be playing a word scramble game and then answering some questions about it. Please proceed to the next page to read the instructions.

How to play WORD SCRAMBLE

The goal of the game is to find as many words as you can.

Rules:

Words can be made left, right, up, down, diagonally, or any combination of those directions.

You can't use the same tile twice in a word.

One- and two-letter words are not valid.

Proper nouns (names or places) are not valid.

You can submit any words you like, but you will only receive credit for valid words.

If you try to submit the same word twice, it will only count once.

In a few seconds, you'll be able to go to the next page, where you'll see a few examples to make sure that you understand the rules. Click the arrow to continue when it appears.

Word Scramble Examples

Try each of these examples to practice the rules of the game.

Is the word "BAR" valid in this grid?

Q	R	A
M	B	C
I	T	R

YES

NO

Is the word "CRAB" valid in this grid?

Q	R	A
M	B	C
I	T	R

YES

NO

Is the word "BARB" valid in this grid?

Q	R	A
M	B	C
I	T	R

YES

NO

Is the word "MAT" valid in this grid?

Q	R	A
M	B	C
I	T	R

YES

NO

practice

How to find words

To play Word Scramble, you drag the mouse across letters to spell words.

Click start to begin the practice board below! Find the word CAT.

When you're done, paste the completion code that appears the text box at the bottom of the screen to continue the survey.

Please note that the code that appears when you complete the round is not your HIT code. Your HIT code will only appear at the very end of the survey.

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Start

After finding the word CAT, paste your Completion Code into the box below to continue.

Great work! You'll play six rounds of Word Scramble today. Click below to continue.

else

On the next page, you'll be playing Word Scramble. Drag your mouse through letters to spell words!

You'll have 1 minute to find as many words as you can. Go to the next page when you're ready to start!

Click start to begin the board below! When you're done, paste the completion code into the text box at the bottom of the screen to continue.

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Time left: 60 s | Words found: 0

Start

To continue the survey, please paste your Completion Code below.

Thanks for completing this round! Click next to continue.

advice_pre

Word Scramble Advice

Before continuing with the game, you are going to receive some advice about it.

On the next page, you will read advice from a past player who also played the Word Scramble game.

Please read the instructions below carefully!

- The person who wrote the advice had already played the game several times.
- The advice was written to help you do as well as possible in the game.
- You should try to use the advice to help you as much as possible in the game.

In a few seconds, you will be able to proceed to the next page and read the advice. Please take time to review the instructions above, and make sure that you understand them completely.

good advice

Below is advice that an earlier player wrote about the Word Scramble game. Please read it carefully, and use it to help you do as well as you can in the game.

"After you find a word, add an ending like -ED, -S, or -LY to get another word."

In a moment, you'll be able to proceed to the next page. Make sure you've carefully read the advice above before you continue.

bad advice

Below is advice that an earlier player wrote about the Word Scramble game. Please read it carefully, and use it to help you do as well as you can in the game.

"Be careful with the mouse when spelling words, because you can't undo letters you have selected."

In a moment, you'll be able to proceed to the next page. Make sure you've carefully read the advice above before you continue.

advice_post

Thanks for reading that advice! Click below when you're ready to continue.

Inpk

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Start

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mpeh

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Start

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woln

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Start

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demi

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Start

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nwsr

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Time left: 60 s | Words found: 0

Start

To continue the survey, please paste your Completion Code below.

Thanks for completing this round! Click next to continue.

previous experience

You've completed all the boards! Please click below to continue the survey.

Thanks for participating in this study! We have a few more questions before you go.

The game you played today was called Word Scramble, also known as "Boggle." Have you played this game before today, either on or off of the computer?

- ☐ Yes, I've played some version of this game before
- ☐ No, I've never played any version of this game before
- ☐ I'm not sure

You indicated that you've played some version of Word Scramble before.

Before today's study, when was the most recent time that you played a version of Word Scramble?

- ☐ Within the last week
- ☐ Within the last month
- ☐ Within the last 6 months
- ☐ Within the last year
- ☐ Over a year ago

As best as you can recall, when was the first time that you played a version of Word Scramble?

- ☐ Within the last month
- ☐ Within the last 6 months
- ☐ Within the last year
- ☐ Within the last 3 years
- ☐ Within the last 5 years
- ☐ More than 5 years ago

Approximately how often do you play word-finding games like Word Scramble? (others include Scrabble, Bananagrams, etc)

- ☐ A few times a week
- ☐ A few times a month
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Less than once a year
- ☐ I never play word-finding games

Earlier in this study, you received advice from a past player who played the Word Scramble game.

Compared to most people, how skilled do you think the advice writer was at Word Scramble?

- ☐ They were less skilled than most people
- ☐ They were about as skilled as most people
- ☐ They were more skilled than most people

Compared to you, how skilled do you think the advice writer was at Word Scramble?

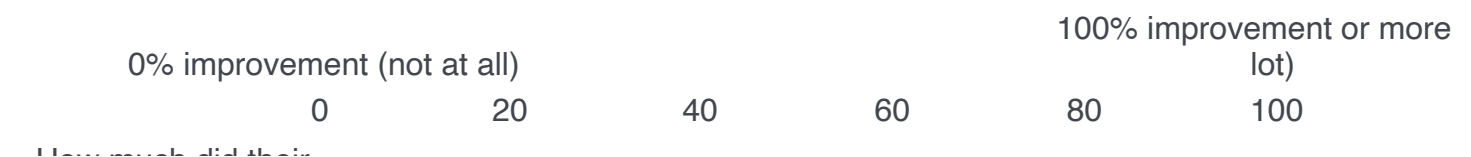
- ☐ They were less skilled than me
- ☐ They were about as skilled as me
- ☐ They were more skilled than me

How helpful was the advice you read about Word Scramble?



Earlier in this study, you read advice from a previous player who played the Word Scramble game.

How much do you think their advice helped you improve?



How much did their
advice help you?

0% improvement (not at all)

100% improvement or more
lot)

0

20

40

60

80

100

How experienced do you think you were with Word Scramble before you took this study, compared to most people?

- ☐ I was less experienced than most people
- ☐ I was as experienced as most people
- ☐ I was more experienced than most people

How skilled do you think you were with Word Scramble before you took this study, compared to most people?

- ☐ I was less skilled than most people
- ☐ I was as skilled as most people
- ☐ I was more skilled than most people

How well do you think the average person does on one round of the game you played today?

Average number of words found in 1 minute

How well do you think the person who wrote your advice does on one round of the game you played today?

Average number of words found in 1 minute

demographics

How are you taking this survey right now?

☐ With a computer mouse



☐ With a trackpad



☐ Pointing Stick



☐ Touch Screen



☐ Other

What internet browser are you using?

☐ Safari

☐ Internet Explorer

☐ Mozilla Firefox

☐ Google Chrome

☐ Opera

☐ Other

☐ I'm not sure

In the box below, please type the names of as many animals as you can think of in one minute.
Please only type those that you can think of yourself, without help.

Separate each animal name with a comma.

01 03

When the timer above reaches zero, you will automatically be taken to the next page.

How old are you?

Please indicate your gender:

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Prefer not to answer

Previous work in behavioral decision-making has shown that people vary in the amount they pay attention to these sorts of surveys. If you're actually reading this question, please answer it by selecting the option "other" and typing in the word "orange." Thanks for your help, and for taking the time to read all of the questions.

- ☐ Gender, marital status, and education
- ☐ Sexual orientation, relationship satisfaction
- ☐ Hobbies, favorite sports
- ☐ Other

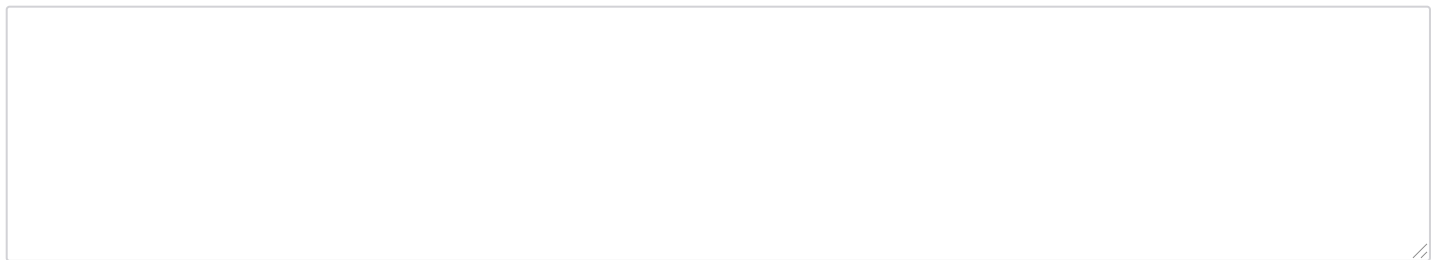
Is English your native language?

- ☐ Yes, I only spoke English growing up
- ☐ Yes, I spoke English and these other languages growing up:
- ☐ No, English is not my native language. My native language is:

Did you encounter any errors, glitches or other problems taking this survey?

What do you think this study was about?

If you have any other comments about the study you took part in today, please tell us below:



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