

## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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

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## practice

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### 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.

**eise**

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

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**Time left: 60 s | Words found: 0**


Start

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Thanks for completing this round! Click next to continue.

**Inpk**

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**mpeh**

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**woln**

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**demi**

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**nwsr**

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Start

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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

If you could have received some advice about Word Scramble from a previous player, how helpful do you think that would have been?

- |                            |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                          |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 - Extremely<br>unhelpful | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     | 5                     | 6                     | 7 - Extremely<br>helpful |
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If you could have received some advice about Word Scramble from a previous player, how much do you think that advice would have helped you improve in your performance in the game?

- |  |    |    |    |    |     |                                  |
|--|----|----|----|----|-----|----------------------------------|
| 0% improvement (not at all)                  |    |    |    |    |     | 100% improvement or more<br>lot) |
| 0  | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 | 100 |                                  |
| How much would<br>advice have helped<br>you? |    |    |    |    |     |                                  |

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

### demographics

How are you taking this survey right now?

- ☐ With a computer mouse

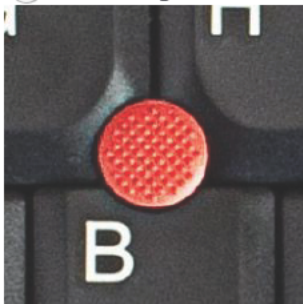


- 
- ☐ With a trackpad





☐ Pointing Stick



☐ Touch Screen



☐ Other

What internet browser are you using?

☐ Safari

☐ Internet Explorer

☐ Mozilla Firefox

☐ Google Chrome

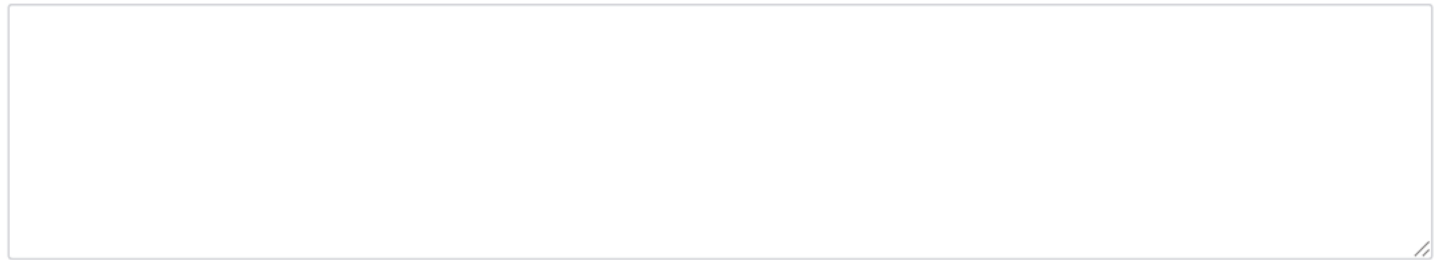
☐ Opera

☐ 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.



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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 "pineapple." 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:

Please click the arrow to submit your answers and receive your HIT credit code.

**Do not close this window** until you write down the code on the next page, or you will not be able to redeem your Amazon MTurk HIT credit.

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