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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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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 <u>not</u> your HIT code. Your HIT code will only appear at the very end of the survey.

Start

To continue the survey, please paste your Completion Code below (this is not your HIT Secret Key)

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

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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!

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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.

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

Time left: 60 s | Words found: 0

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Start

To continue the survey, please paste your Completion Code below (this is not your HIT Secret Key)

Thanks for completing this round! Click next to continue.

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Evaluating Word Scramble Advice

Now that you have played the game, you are going to read some advice about it.

On the next few pages, you will read advice provided by past participants in this study, who also played the Word Scramble game. You will then answer questions about that advice.

Please read the information below carefully!

- The people who provided the advice had already played the game several times.

- The advice was designed to help future participants do as well 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.

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Page Submit: *0 seconds*

Click Count: *0 clicks*

advice rating

Imagine that a future participant played Word Scramble once and then read the following advice about the game:

"First, ${e://Field/Fragment3}. ${e://Field/F3}, and ${e://Field/Fragment4}. Also, ${e://Field/Fragment5}. ${e://Field/F4}. Remember, ${e://Field/Fragment6}, and just ${e://Field/Fragment7}."

How would receiving this advice affect the person's performance on the task?

It would make their performance much worse	It would make their performance somewhat worse	It would make their performance slightly worse	It would not affect their performance	It would make their performance slightly better	It would make their performance somewhat better	It would make their performance much better
○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Imagine that a future participant played Word Scramble once and then read the following advice about the game:

"Well, ${e://Field/Fragment1}. ${e://Field/F2}, and ${e://Field/Fragment2}."

How would receiving this advice affect the person's performance on the task?

It would make their performance much worse	It would make their performance somewhat worse	It would make their performance slightly worse	It would not affect their performance	It would make their performance slightly better	It would make their performance somewhat better	It would make their performance much better
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Imagine that a future participant played Word Scramble once and then read the following advice about the game:

"${e://Field/F1}."

How would receiving this advice affect the person's performance on the task?

It would make their performance much worse	It would make their performance somewhat worse	It would make their performance slightly worse	It would not affect their performance	It would make their performance slightly better	It would make their performance somewhat better	It would make their performance much better
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previous experience

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

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

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

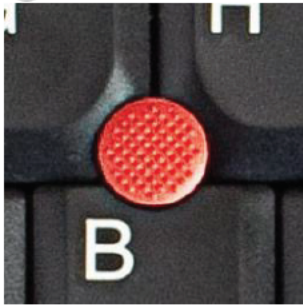**demographics**

How are you taking this survey right now?

○ With a computer mouse

○ With a trackpad

○ Pointing Stick

○ Touch Screen

○ Other

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How old are you?

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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 "tuna." 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?

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

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

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