

# Scrabble Rules

1. You are to make a word using your tiles. The longer the word, the better—try to make words longer than three letters unless you can get *lots* (10 or more) of points for a short word.
  2. You must use tiles already on the board as part of the word you spell (you can't just start a new word anywhere you want).
  3. Words may only go from top-to-bottom or from left-to-right.
  4. Any tile touching another tile must spell a real word (except tiles that only touch corner tips—they don't count).
  5. You may only spell English words.
  6. You may not use abbreviations, acronyms, proper nouns or inappropriate words.
  7. If you have all consonants or all vowels, you may trade your tiles from the bag and then take your turn.
  8. If you think you can't make a word, trade however many tiles you want with the bag, then skip your turn (try not to trade your tiles).
  9. You may not trade tiles with other players.
  10. You may not show other players your tiles, or ask them for help.
  11. Count the points on the tiles of the word(s) you spell (\*doubling or tripling letters or words as needed). This is your score.
  12. *After* you announce your score, as long as no one challenges, take enough tiles from the bag so you have seven tiles on your rack.
- \* You **only** get to count the double/triple letter/word scores if you put the tile over that space—if someone else placed the tile there, and you use that tile as part of your word, you do **not** get to double or triple anything.