

Scattergories Rules

1. Set Up- A die with all the letters will be rolled to randomly select a letter for the first list. Everyone should write that letter at the top of the list that the group will be playing. All players must agree to use the same list.
2. Game Play- A timer will be set for three minutes. In the time allotted, each player must attempt to think of and write down, in the first column on the pad, a word or term that fits each of the 12 categories and starts with the rolled letter. Any number of words in the answer is allowed, as long as the first word starts with the correct letter. For example, with a category of "vegetable" and a letter of "C", words such as "cauliflower", "carrot" and "collard greens" are acceptable, but "broccoli" is not (wrong initial letter), nor is "citrus" (wrong category). Writing a bad answer is still better than no answer though because there is always the possibility that the group playing will accept the answer. For example, "citrus" is "vegetable" in the sense referring to the entire plant kingdom, i.e. neither "animal" nor "mineral". All players stop writing when the timer is finished.
3. Scoring- Following the list, each player, in turn, reads their answer for each category. Players score zero points if another player has listed the same answer and one point for an answer no other player has given. You cannot have more than one answer on a line for each number. *(In the "Junior" version, players earn 2 points for an answer that begins with the chosen letter, and 1 point for an answer that does not begin with the chosen letter, but no points for a duplicate answer. This may be a preferable scoring option depending on the age of the players.)* If for some reason a player thinks someone's answer does not fit the category (for instance, "knuckle" for the category "types of sandwich") a player may challenge that answer. When challenged, all players vote on the validity of that answer. If the vote is a tie, the vote of the player who is being challenged is thrown out. In the case of general categories, broad interpretation is allowed for fun and creative game play. For example, in the case of things commonly found in the kitchen that start with the letter K, both knife (a kitchen tool) or Kelp, (a type of food that is commonly cooked in kitchens around the world) are acceptable answers. Tally scores at the bottom of the list. At the end of the game, players can add up the points in each round to determine a winner.
4. The die will be rolled again to determine the letter for the next round, and players will proceed to the next list.

5. Example Game Card Scoring:

LETTER FOR LIST EIGHT: C		LETTER FOR LIST EIGHT: C		
THINGS FOUND IN A KITCHEN	COFFEE	THINGS FOUND IN A KITCHEN	CUISINART	
BODIES OF WATER	CAPE COD	BODIES OF WATER	CUP OF WATER	This answer might be challenging
TV SHOWS	CSI: MIAMI	TV SHOWS	COMMUNITY	
ITEMS ON A MENU	COBB SALAD	ITEMS ON A MENU	CALZONE	
THINGS THAT ARE ROUND	CIRCLES	THINGS THAT ARE ROUND	CIRCLES	Same answer, no points
FARM ANIMALS	COWS	FARM ANIMALS	CHICKEN	
THINGS YOU SIT IN/ON	COUCHES	THINGS YOU SIT IN/ON	CHAIR	
LOUD THINGS	CROWDS	LOUD THINGS		
ITEMS IN A SUITCASE	CULING IRON	ITEMS IN A SUITCASE		Nothing written, no points
RELATIVES	COUSIN	RELATIVES	COUSIN	
THINGS THAT GROW	CORN	THINGS THAT GROW	CAULIFLOWER	
BEVERAGES	COKE	BEVERAGES	COLA	Close to the same, but different, both get points!
POINTS FOR LIST EIGHT: 11		POINTS FOR LIST EIGHT: 8 OR 9 DEPENDING ON THE CHALLENGE		