

## To the Letter

Players: 2-8

Materials: category cards (50), notepads, pencils, 60 second timer

### Synopsis:

Each player starts with a pad of paper and a pencil. Each round begins when a category card is drawn and the timer starts. Players have until the timer runs (60 seconds) out to write down words that pertain to the category. The object of the game is to use every letter of the alphabet each round, somewhere within a word.

### Additional rules:

- Recommended duration: 10 rounds
- Note, the words do not need to begin with a letter to earn points for that letter; the letter can appear anywhere in the word
- If a word is not finished before the timer runs out, none of those letters count toward the score
- Spelling counts; if a word is misspelled, none of the letters for that word count toward the score for that round. If the spelling is disputed, players should consult a dictionary
- Compound words (e.g. high school), hyphenated words (e.g. self-expression) and short, complete phrases (e.g. follow the leader) are acceptable
- If a player disputes whether a word actually fits the given category, the players will all vote. Ties go toward counting the word.
- Brand names, trademarks and personal names are not allowed in the base set, but many proper nouns are acceptable

### Optional rules:

- Players can add or subtract rounds based on time constraints
- If players want to try to boost scores, they can make rounds two (2) minutes long
- Bonus points can be awarded for coming up with unique words
- To reduce the amount of math, players can count the number of rounds won to determine the winner, rather than overall points
- Expansions can be added to the main deck or played separately

Categories:

Trees  
Minerals  
Fruits  
Flowers  
Vegetables  
Instruments  
Mammals  
Birds  
Fish  
Cocktails  
Culinary Dishes  
Rivers  
Nations  
Articles of Clothing  
Weapons  
Toys  
Organs of the Body  
Appliances  
Sports  
Games  
Colors  
Jobs/Careers  
Tools  
Mythological Creatures  
Grammatical Terms

Mathematical Terms  
Weather Patterns  
Architectural Styles  
Snack Foods  
Musical Genres  
Non-Alcoholic Beverages  
Movie Genres  
Sciences  
Literary Genres  
Religions  
Philosophical Schools of Thought  
Methods of Travel  
Languages  
Art Movements  
Arts & Crafts  
College Majors  
National Parks  
Holidays  
Reptiles  
Insects  
Diseases  
Geographical Terms  
Elements of Periodic Table

Expansion #1 - Pop Culture

Band Names  
Song Titles  
Movie Titles  
Book Titles  
Video Game Titles  
Musicians  
Actors/Actresses  
Professional Athletes  
Play Titles  
Authors

Directors  
Famous Criminals  
Car Models  
Board Games  
Tech Brands  
Superheroes  
Literary Characters  
Fashion Designers  
Television Shows  
Junk Food