word tiles calling

Classroom Word Board Game



Printable Teacher Companion · A4

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How to play

Make words like a crossword – score points – learn English!

1 · Get your tiles

Each player or team gets 7 letter tiles (6 on the Mini board). Keep them on your rack.

2 · The first word

Make a word of 2 or more letters. It must go across → or down ↓ and cover the 🌼 flower square in the middle.

3 · Join on

Next words must join on to the words on the board, like a crossword. All new tiles go in one straight line with no gaps.

4 · Check and score

Press ✔ PLAY. Ollie the Owl checks the words. Add the points on the tiles. Bonus squares make points bigger!

5 · New tiles

Take new tiles from the bag so you have 7 again. Then it is the next player's turn.

6 · Other choices

Can't make a word? Swap some tiles (this uses your turn) or pass. Press 💡 Hint to see a word you can make.

7 · The end

The game ends when the bag is empty and someone uses all their tiles, or nobody can go. Left-over tiles are taken away from your score.

8 · Celebrate!

The highest score wins. Print a certificate from the game or from this booklet.

Bonus squares

×2 letter ×3 letter ×2 word ×3 word 🌼 start

×2 letter / ×3 letter: the letter on that square scores double or triple. **×2 word / ×3 word:** the whole word scores double or triple. Bonus squares only count on the turn a tile is first put on them.

Super rack: use all your tiles in one turn for **+20 points**. **Topic bonus:** when the teacher chooses a topic, each topic word scores **+5**.

Special tiles

qu 5 The **qu** tile keeps q and u together – great for *queen, quiz, quick*. ★ The ★ **star tile** can be any letter. It scores 0.

Example

c 3 a 1 t 2 c 3 + a 1 + t 2 = **6 points**. If the c is on a ×2 letter square: 6 + 3 = **9**. If any tile is on a ×2 word square: 6 × 2 = **12**.

Letter points & the tile bag

Vowels are orange · consonants are blue

a 1	b 3	c 3	d 2	e 1	f 4	g 3	h 3	i 1
1 point	3 points	3 points	2 points	1 point	4 points	3 points	3 points	1 point
j 6	**k 4**	**l 2**	**m 3**	**n 2**	**o 1**	**p 3**	**qu 5**	**r 2**
6 points	4 points	2 points	3 points	2 points	1 point	3 points	5 points	2 points
s 2	**t 2**	**u 1**	**v 5**	**w 4**	**x 6**	**y 4**	**z 8**	**★**
2 points	2 points	1 point	5 points	4 points	6 points	4 points	8 points	0 points

How many tiles are in the bag?

Letter	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	qu	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	★	Total
Mini	5	1	1	2	6	1	1	1	5	1	1	2	1	2	5	1	1	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	**53**
Classic	8	2	2	3	9	1	2	2	7	1	1	3	2	4	7	2	1	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	**80**
Big	11	3	3	4	13	2	3	3	10	1	2	4	3	5	10	3	1	5	5	6	6	2	2	1	2	1	2	**113**

The bag has lots of vowels to help young learners make words. ★ star tiles can be switched off in Teacher options.

Board sizes

Board	Squares	Tiles on rack	Good for
Mini	9 × 9	6	Ages 5–8, short games (15–20 min)
Classic	13 × 13	7	Ages 7–11, one lesson (25–35 min)
Big	15 × 15	7	Ages 9+, long games and strong classes

Tip: Turn letter points off in Teacher options for the youngest children – the game still adds up the score for you.



Classroom rules & teacher tips

One big screen · 2–4 teams · everyone learns

Setting up

- Open the game on the interactive whiteboard, TV or projector and press ⛶ Full screen.
- Choose **Classroom Teams**, a board size and 2–4 teams. Type team names (e.g. Lions, Tigers…).
- Choose **Kids mode** (friendly) or **Challenge mode** (a word not in the word list ends the turn).
- Choose a **topic** for bonus points and a **turn timer** (1, 2 or 3 minutes) if you like.

Classroom rules

1. Each team chooses a **tile captain** who comes to the board. Change captains every turn.
2. The team talks quietly and agrees on one word.
3. The captain drags the tiles and presses ✔ PLAY.
4. Everyone says the new word together and reads the meaning on the word card.
5. Be kind: no shouting out other teams' words!
6. Use English when you talk in your team. 🇬🇧

Teacher tools (⚙️ button)

- **Teacher: accept word** – accept a real word or a class word that is not in the word list.
- **Extra words** – add names, places and class words (e.g. *Somchai, Nonthaburi, tuktuk*).
- **Adjust scores** (+1, +5, –1) for good behaviour, spelling the word aloud or using it in a sentence.
- **Skip turn**, **+30 seconds** and **End game now** (no tiles taken away when you end early).
- Switch on/off: letter points, vowel colours, CAPITAL letters, live word check, word cards, Thai meanings, voice and sounds.

Lesson ideas

- **Topic day:** choose a topic (Animals, Food…). Before playing, read the topic word list in this booklet.
- **Say it, use it:** +2 points if the team makes a sentence with their word.
- **Spelling bee:** the team must spell their word aloud before pressing PLAY.
- **Paper game:** print the Mini board and letter tiles for small groups, and use the score sheets.



Team score sheet

Write the word and the points for each turn

Class: _____ Date: _____ Topic: _____

Turn	Team 1: _____		Team 2: _____		Team 3: _____		Team 4: _____	
	Word	Pts	Word	Pts	Word	Pts	Word	Pts
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								
11								
12								
13								
14								
15								
16								
17								
18								
19								
20								
Total								



Player score sheet

For pairs and small groups – 2 games on one page

Game 1

Turn	Player 1: _____		Player 2: _____		Player 3: _____		Player 4: _____	
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
Total								

Game 2

Turn	Player 1: _____		Player 2: _____		Player 3: _____		Player 4: _____	
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
Total								

Letter tiles to print & cut – Classic set

Print on card. Cut along the dashed lines. Keep them in an envelope or bag.

a 1	a 1	a 1	a 1	a 1	a 1	a 1	a 1	b 3	b 3
c 3	c 3	d 2	d 2	d 2	e 1	e 1	e 1	e 1	e 1
e 1	e 1	e 1	e 1	f 4	g 3	g 3	h 3	h 3	i 1
i 1	i 1	i 1	i 1	i 1	i 1	j 6	k 4	l 2	l 2
l 2	m 3	m 3	n 2	n 2	n 2	n 2	o 1	o 1	o 1
o 1	o 1	o 1	o 1	p 3	p 3	qu 5	r 2	r 2	r 2
r 2	s 2	s 2	s 2	s 2	t 2	t 2	t 2	t 2	u 1
u 1	u 1	u 1	v 5	w 4	x 6	y 4	z 8	★	★

Letter tiles to print & cut – Mini set

Use these with the Mini board on the next page (plus 12 spare tiles)

a 1	a 1	a 1	a 1	a 1	b 3	c 3	d 2	d 2	e 1
e 1	e 1	e 1	e 1	e 1	f 4	g 3	h 3	i 1	i 1
i 1	i 1	i 1	j 6	k 4	l 2	l 2	m 3	n 2	n 2
o 1	o 1	o 1	o 1	o 1	p 3	qu 5	r 2	r 2	s 2
s 2	t 2	t 2	t 2	u 1	u 1	u 1	v 5	w 4	x 6
y 4	z 8	★	a 1	e 1	i 1	o 1	u 1	s 2	t 2
n 2	r 2	e 1	a 1	o 1					

Mini board to print

9 × 9 · the letter tiles fit the squares

×2 letter		×3 letter				×3 letter		×2 letter
	×3 word		×2 letter		×2 letter		×3 word	
×3 letter				×2 word				×3 letter
	×2 letter						×2 letter	
		×2 word				×2 word		
	×2 letter						×2 letter	
×3 letter				×2 word				×3 letter
	×3 word		×2 letter		×2 letter		×3 word	
×2 letter		×3 letter				×3 letter		×2 letter

×2 letter · ×3 letter · ×2 word · ×3 word · start

Play with 2–4 players. Each player takes 6 tiles. Follow the rules on page 2 and write the points on a score sheet.

Topic word lists

Choose a topic in the game: every topic word scores +5 bonus points

Animals

cat	dog	pig	cow	hen	duck
fish	bird	frog	fox	ant	bee
bat	rat	owl	lion	tiger	bear
goat	horse	sheep	mouse	rabbit	monkey
zebra	snake	shark	whale	crab	snail
panda	camel	deer	wolf	seal	★ yak
ox	elephant	giraffe	spider	worm	turtle
penguin	zoo	farm	nest	kitten	puppy
pet	tail	wing	★ fur	★ paw	

Food & drink

apple	banana	egg	milk	cake	rice
bread	jam	tea	pie	bun	nut
pea	corn	soup	pizza	grape	lemon
mango	melon	pear	peach	orange	carrot
potato	tomato	onion	cheese	candy	cookie
juice	water	honey	noodle	salad	taco
lime	★ fig	ham	meat	fruit	★ chips
toast	★ sugar	salt			

School

pen	pencil	book	bag	desk	ruler
★ glue	map	paper	class	school	teacher
crayon	test	art	quiz	read	write
spell	word	note	clock	board	★ chalk
lesson	★ learn	★ sum	★ maths	★ page	

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My body

head	eye	ear	nose	lip	arm
leg	hand	foot	toe	hair	mouth
tooth	teeth	face	knee	neck	chin
back	heart	tongue	finger	thumb	★ body
★ skin					

My home

bed	sofa	door	chair	table	lamp
cup	pot	pan	box	key	house
home	room	bath	soap	fan	tap
window	phone	radio	bell	broom	spoon
fork	mop	wall	roof	★ floor	★ sink
★ rug					

Clothes

hat	cap	sock	shoe	boot	coat
dress	shirt	skirt	jeans	shorts	scarf
glove	tie	belt	ring	★ pants	★ vest
bag					

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Colours & shapes

red	blue	green	pink	black	white
brown	grey	gold	yellow	purple	star
square	circle	orange	★ tan	★ line	★ dot
heart	★ oval				

Nature & weather

sun	moon	rain	snow	wind	cloud
tree	leaf	rose	sea	sky	hot
cold	fire	rock	hill	lake	flower
rainbow	storm	mud	ice	sand	★ wet
★ dry	★ fog	river	grass	★ seed	

Family & people

mum	dad	baby	boy	girl	man
woman	king	queen	friend	family	sister
brother	aunt	uncle	gran	★ son	★ kid
★ kids	★ nan	★ papa	★ mama		

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Actions

run	sit	hop	jump	swim	eat
drink	sing	dance	cook	walk	sleep
play	clap	draw	kick	ride	fly
cry	smile	wash	open	look	help
wave	dig	hug	go	stop	read
write	stand				

Toys & play

ball	doll	kite	game	toy	drum
yoyo	robot	puzzle	balloon	block	swing
slide	gift	bat	car	train	fun
play					

Transport

bike	bus	car	van	taxi	train
boat	ship	plane	truck	rocket	jet
road	tram	cab			



Handy short words

Short words help you join on and score with bonus squares

2-letter words

ah	be	he	it	oh	so
am	by	hi	me	ok	to
an	do	if	my	on	up
as	go	in	no	or	us
at	ha	is	of	ox	we

3-letter words with pictures in the game

ant	car	fig	key	pet	tea
arm	cat	fly	leg	pie	tie
art	cow	fox	lip	pig	toe
bag	cry	fun	man	pot	toy
bat	cup	ham	map	rat	van
bed	dad	hat	mop	red	yak
bee	dig	hen	mud	run	yes
big	dog	hop	mum	sad	zoo
box	ear	hot	nut	sea	
boy	eat	hug	owl	sit	
bun	egg	ice	pan	sky	
bus	eye	jam	pea	sun	
cap	fan	jet	pen	tap	

qu words

quiz	quick	quilt	quit	square
queen	quiet	quack	squid	liquid

Tip: add an **s** to a word on the board to make it plural (cat → cats) and score both words!



Word Champion!

This certificate is awarded to

_____

for fantastic word making in

Word Tiles Calling

Best word: _____ Score: _____



Teacher _____ Date _____



Super Word Team!

This certificate is awarded to

_____

for great teamwork and fantastic word making in
Word Tiles Calling

Best word: _____ Score: _____



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Teacher Date