Tri-Words Game Variations

Ages 6+/Grades 1+

Here are three more fun ways to play Tri-Words:

Words, Words, Words

This variation is perfect for younger players. The object of this game is to form as many 4-letter words as possible using 4 **TRI-TILES**. Before the game begins, give each player a pencil and sheet of paper. Then have each player draw 4 **TRI-TILES** from the pile.

- 1. Turn over the timer.
- 2. Players begin forming 4-letter words with the **TRI-TILES**. As each word is formed, the player writes it down on the sheet of paper.
- 3. When the timer runs out, players put down their pencils.
- 4. Count up the points for each player. One point is scored for each 4-letter word formed. Play 5 rounds and then add up the scores for all 5 games. WILDCARD "stars" can be substituted for any letter. The player with the high total is the winner.

Variations: This game can be played with 3, 5, or 6 TRI-TILES, depending on the number of players in the game.

Tri-Word Challenge

The object of this challenging game (maximum 3 players) is to form the longest word you can using 10 TRI-TILES. Before the game begins, each player draws 10 TRI-TILES from the pile. Turn over the timer. Each player begins making a word. When the timer runs out, players show their words to each other. The person with the longest word scores one point for each letter in the word (for example, a player with a 7-letter word such as CRANIUM would score 7 points). Play 5 rounds and then add up the scores for all 5 games. The player with the highest total is the winner.

Tri-Words Alphabet Chain

This variation is for one player. The object of the game is to place all the **TRI-TILES** of one color in order from A to Z before the timer runs out. No **WILDCARD** "stars" can be used in this game.

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Instruction Guide



The fast-paced word game for 2 to 6 players

Contents: 30 tricolored TRI-TILES, 1 TRI-DIE, 1 two-minute timer, storage tin

Object of the Game:

Players try to score the most points by making words from randomly drawn TRI-TILES (the 5-sided triangular pieces) consisting of letters and WILDCARDS (designated by stars).

Before you begin:

- 1. Decide on the number of TRI-TILES to be used by each player:
 - 2 3 players: 5 to 8 tiles each
 - 4 5 players: 5 to 6 tiles each
 - 6 players: 5 tiles each
- 2. Decide how to end the game. The game may end when one player has accumulated 100 points, when 10 (or any number of) rounds are completed, or after a designated amount of time.

 WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD—Small parts. Not for children under three (3) years.



Playing the Game

- 1. Place all of the **TRI-TILES** on the table. Each player selects the predetermined number of tiles for that round.
- One player rolls the TRI-DIE to determine the NUMBER of words each player should make for that round (one or two) and the COLOR of the TRI-TILE that will give the most points (yellow, green, or orange).
- 3 All players immediately start forming their word(s) with their TRI-TILES. As players form words, keep these scoring rules in mind:
 - Players score the most points by forming their word(s) in the specific TRI-DIE COLOR.
 - Players score more points by making the exact NUMBER of words specified on the TRI-DIE.
 - WILDCARD "stars" may be substituted for any letter.
- 4. The first player to finish flips over the timer. All other players must finish before the timer runs out.
- Players show their solutions, add up their points, and record their scores. Note: A suspicious word may be challenged, but if the word is valid, the challenger loses 5 points. Unless players decide otherwise, slang, abbreviations, and proper nouns are not valid words.
- 6. All TRI-TILES are placed back in the tin and mixed up again for the next round.

Scoring a Round (points for LETTERS)

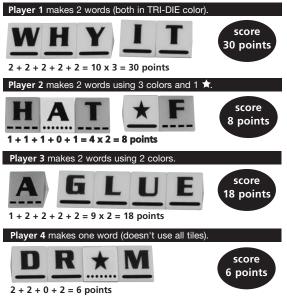
- Receive 2 points each.....letters in the specified TRI-DIE color
- Receive 1 point each.....letters in either of the other two colors
- Receive 0 points...... WILDCARD "stars" in any color

Scoring a Round (points for WORDS)

- DOUBLE the total word score if a player uses ALL of his/her TRI-TILES, in any colors, including WILDCARD "stars."
- TRIPLE the total word score if a player uses ALL of his/her TRI-TILES, (including WILDCARD "stars") in the TRI-DIE color.

Sample Game and Scoring

Four players draw 5 TRI-TILES each. The TRI-DIE is rolled, specifying the TRI-COLOR as YELLOW and the number of words to make as TWO. Players begin to make words using their tiles.



TRI-TILE Colors and Symbols

Players who have difficulty distinguishing the colors of the tiles can use the symbols on the bottom of each **TRI-TILE** to identify like colors.

- Each orange TRI-TILE has a dashed line along the bottom of the tile.
- Each green TRI-TILE has a dotted line along the bottom of the tile.
- Each yellow TRI-TILE has a solid line along the bottom of the tile.

orange

green

yellow