

# UnWord Rules

Hey there! Welcome to the show. I'm your host Ryan Glen, and we're about to have a good time!

**What is UnWord:** A single, or multiplayer word game that challenges players to find as many words as possible using the letters of a single word in just 60 seconds.

**Here's How It Works:** Before the game begins, all players will need a sheet of paper and a pencil. To start the game, an elected player, also known as the co-host, will pull an UnWord Card (either red or blue) displaying both a word and number.

The co-host will read the given word aloud, and move the pawn from start to the number of spaces on the card (e.g.) if the number is 4, the co-host will move 4 places from start. If there are any instructions on the tile, the co-host will read them aloud, before starting the 60 second timer. Once the timer starts, the round has begun! Each player has 60 seconds to create as many words as possible using the letters in the given word. For example, if the given word is UNDERSTANDING, players may use: tan, run, tears, sing... Once the timer is up, the co-host will announce that the round is over and each player will add up their score.

If a player is still writing after the timer has ended and the co-host announces the round is over, the player(s) will receive a 10-point penalty and must deduct 10 points from their score. The player with the highest score at the end of the round becomes the co-host for the next round. Players will repeat these steps until reaching the "Finish" tile. At that point, all players will add up their scores from each round and the player with the highest score is the winner of the game! Players must keep track of their points for each round! Players do not get points for misspelled or unacceptable words.

Pick a card color to play with, either red or blue. The colors have no significance, so one is not more complex than the other.

**Points:** Every letter is worth 1 point. Except Q, X, Z, that are each worth 10 points.

A player will receive 25 points for becoming the co-host.

Players must subtract 10 points for every misspelled or unacceptable word such as a name and/or words using letters that are not in the given word.

**Bonus Points:** A player will receive 20 bonus points for spelling 10 or more words in a round.

A player will receive 40 bonus points for spelling 20 or more words in a round.

A player will receive 60 bonus points for spelling 30 or more words in a round.

**Get Bizi Cards:** If the co-host lands on a tile that says "Get Bizi," the co-host must WAIT to flip the "Get Bizi" card until AFTER the round is complete and each player has added their points for that round. Once the round is complete and each player's points have been calculated, the co-host will flip the "Get Bizi" card and read the instructions aloud. Each player must follow the instructions (if applicable).

**Rules:** Players can challenge each other's words at the end of a round. Players will lose 10 points per misspelled or unacceptable word. If a player has more than 3 misspelled or unacceptable words, the player will lose their total points for that round and must give them to the challenging player. If a player challenges another player and that player has no misspelled or unacceptable words then the challenging player will lose 20 points for a false challenge and must give them to the other player. Players can only challenge each other's words within the current round.

Players cannot use proper nouns (people's names, company names...) to spell words.

When spelling a word, each letter can only be used as many times as it appears in the given word. Players can not rewrite the entire given word and use it as one of their words.

If the co-host is 3 spaces away from the "Finish" tile and pulls a card with a number greater than the number needed to get to Finish, the co-host can move the pawn to the finish tile and the game is over.

**Co-Host:** The co-host is a paying job! Players who become the co-host will automatically receive 25 additional points for having the highest score in the round. If more than one player has the same score, the player with the highest score in the previous round becomes the co-host; however, each player (with the highest score) will receive the 25 additional points.

### Definitions/Abbreviations:

**Given Word:** The given word is the word above the number on the UnWord Card(s) that players use to create more words from its letters.

**DLS:** Double letter score

**DWS:** Double word score

**TLS:** Triple letter score

**TWS:** Triple word score

**Blocked Letters:** When certain letters are blocked it means they cannot be used when creating words. For example, Block 3rd letter of the given word. If the word is BIZIBID the 3rd letter is a "Z," so players must play the round using any of the other letters but must exclude the "Z."

**TL5 for 5th letter:** The 5th letter in the given word is worth 3x the points.

**Another Way to Play:** Players can play without using the board by simply pulling a card with a word, and competing to see who can create the most words within 60 seconds. Players who play without the board will pull a "Get Bizi" card every other round. The first player to 500 points, or the player with the highest score once the round is over (500+ points) is the winner!

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