

# JUMBO

# BANANAGRAMS™

## 1-8 PLAYERS

JUMBO BANANAGRAMS™ is designed for play on your lawn, at the beach, park, or in your yard classroom or gym. In fact, you can play anywhere with enough space for all players to move freely, run around and build their JUMBO BANANAGRAMS™ grids.

Be safe and have fun!

## How to play

- 1.** Place all 144 tiles face down in your chosen play area. These tiles are referred to as the BUNCH. For games of 2-4 people, each player takes 21 tiles from the BUNCH; 5-6 players, 15 tiles; 7-8 players, 11 tiles. Keep your tiles face down. Decide where each player or team will build their grid and work out the quickest route between the BUNCH and your GRID.
- 2. NOW THE GAME BEGINS!** Any one player calls out SPLIT. All players reach down to turn their own tiles face up and proceed to form their individual GRID of connecting and intersecting words. Words may be horizontal or vertical, reading left to right or top to bottom. At any point, each player or team may rearrange their own words, as often as desired. Players/teams DO NOT take turns, but play independently of each other and at the same time.
- 3.** When a player/team has used all their original tiles, they call PEEL and take a new tile from the BUNCH. At this point ALL THE OTHER PLAYERS/TEAMS MUST ALSO TAKE A TILE FROM THE BUNCH and add it to their collection of letters. This may entail a bit of running around so try not to bump into your teammates or opponents!
- 4.** At any time, and as often as desired during play, any player may return a difficult-to-use letter back to the BUNCH, face down, but must TAKE 3 TILES IN RETURN. The player must declare this action to the others by saying DUMP. This exchange does not affect the other players.
- 5.** Play continues until there are fewer tiles in the BUNCH than there are players/teams in the game. The first player/team with no remaining tiles calls out BANANAS! and is the WINNER. The other players may now check the winning GRID for misspelled or incorrect words. Proper nouns are NOT acceptable. Any available dictionary may be used. If all words are acceptable, that player is the WINNER OF THAT ROUND. If any word in the GRID is found to be unacceptable, that player/team becomes the ROTTEN BANANA and is OUT of that round. They must return all their tiles face down to the center BUNCH and the game resumes for the remaining players.

## Fun places to play Jumbo Bananagrams™

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## Alternative Suggestions for Playing Jumbo Bananagrams™

### BEST OF...

A hand can take as little as 5 minutes, so players, if desired, could play for the “best of five” or “best of ten.”

**BANANA SMOOTHIE** (For those who want to play a less hectic game)  
All tiles are placed face down. The tiles are divided equally among players, remaining face down. Players then play the regular BANANAGRAMS® game but there is no PEELING or DUMPING. The first player to use all of his/her tiles calls out “BANANAS!” and is the winner of that hand. If the game ends in a stalemate, the player with the fewest tiles is the winner.

### BANANA QUICKIE

Each player takes 21 tiles from the pouch. Players then proceed to play the regular game with DUMPING but NO PEELING. The first player to use all his/her tiles calls out “BANANAS!” and is the winner.

### BANANA SOLITAIRE (One player)

Place all tiles face down in an open area. Take 21 tiles and proceed to play the game. Only peel when needed. Try to beat your own best time in using all 144 tiles, or try making as few words to use all 144 tiles. This can be a relaxing way of honing your BANANAGRAMS® skills.

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