

Game Instructions

Game Setup:

- Divide players into two teams. Team A selects a person in their group to be the Clue-giver. That person picks a card without allowing their team to see it.
- Clue cards have the clue word at the top of the card and the taboo words listed below the clue word. Clue-givers start a timer (set for 1 minute, 2 minutes, or more—you decide), and then must get their team to say the clue word at the top of the card without using that word or the taboo words listed beneath it.
- If a taboo word is used, then Team B may penalize Team A by causing the current guess card to go into the discard pile.
- Play continues until time runs out. Each time a teammate successfully guesses a clue word, a new card is selected. Each successful guess counts as one point for that team.

Gameplay and Scoring:

- The team not giving clues must watch for Taboos or other violations of the rules. If they successfully spot a rule being broken, they can make a buzzer noise or interrupt play to explain the infraction (very briefly). Clue-givers must then place the current card into the discard pile and draw a new one.
- Each card in the discard pile represents one point for the other team.
- Each clue successfully guessed within the time limit and without any rule violations counts as a point for the team of the Clue-giver.
- Once time runs out, the teams are swapped, and roles are reversed. When every player has taken a turn as Clue-giver, the game ends.

Rules:

- Clue-givers may not use any taboo words, including abbreviations or any part of the taboo word. For example, they may not use “schooling” if “school” is a taboo word.
- Clue-givers may not use sound effects or use gestures to indicate the clue word.
- Clue-givers may pass on any card at any time, but the card is then placed in the discard pile and the other team is awarded a point.
- When time is called, the final card (if not correctly guessed in time) does not go into the discard pile but is removed from play and gives no points to either team.
- The winner is the team with the most points at the end of the game.

Printing:

- Download this PDF to your computer.
- Print at home or take files to a local print shop. For best results, use 80 weight cardstock.
- Print to “Actual Size” or select “Custom Scale” and “100%”.
- Print pages 2-5 regularly, then flip the printed pages over and re-insert into the printer before printing pages 6-9.
- Cut with scissors or use a paper cutter to save time.

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COLLECTION

NON-PROFIT

ORGANIZATION
BUSINESS
PRIVATE
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PEOPLE
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LIQUID
OCEAN
LAKE
WET

BIKE

WHEEL
PEDAL
CYCLE
RIDE
TIRE

BOOKS

TEXT
AUTHOR
PAPER
LIBRARY
READ

HOMELESS

POOR
HOUSE
SHELTER
BEG
NEEDY

ORPHAN

CHILD
PARENT
FOSTER
ADOPT
HOME

TRAFFICKING

SLAVE
KIDNAP
CAPTIVE
ILLEGAL
CRIME

TREES

FOREST
WOOD
PLANT
LEAF
GROW

FREEDOM

LIBERTY
RIGHTS
INDEPENDENT
CHOICE
WILL

RELIEF

AID
ASSISTANCE
RESCUE
DISASTER
COMFORT

VOLUNTEER

DONATE

HUMANITARIAN

UNPAID
WORK
COMMUNITY
SERVICE
CHARITY

GIFT
MONEY
PAY
CONTRIBUTE
HELP

AID
RELIEF
PEACE
DISASTER
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HOPE

HONOR

GIFT CARD

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AWARD
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