

IMPORTANT WORDS TO RAISE YOUR SCORE

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2-Letter Words

AA AS DO FA IS MM OH PE UM YO
 AB AT ED FE IT MO OI PI UN ZA
 AD AW EF GO JO MU OM QI UP
 AE AX EH HA KA MY ON RE US
 AG AY EL HE KI NA OP SH UT
 AH BA EM HI LA NE OR SI WE
 AI BE EN HM LI NO OS SO WO
 AL BI ER HO LO NU OW TA XI
 AM BO ES ID MA OD OX TI XU
 AN BY ET IF ME OE OY TO YA
 AR DE EX IN MI OF PA UH YE

Short J Words

JO JOW JAGG JEOP JIFF JOKE JUKE
 HAJ JOY JAGS JEER JIGS JOKY JUKU
 JAB JUG JAIL JEES JILL JOLE JUMP
 JAG JUN JAKE JEEZ JILT JOLT JUNK
 JAM JUS JAMB JEFU JIMP JOSH JUPE
 JAR JUT JAMS JEHU JINK JOSS JURA
 JAW RAJ JANE JELL JINN JOTA JURY
 JAY TAJ JAPE JEON JINS JOTS JUST
 JEE AJAR JARL JERK JINX JOUK JUTE
 JET AJEE JARS JESS JISM JOWL JUTS
 JEU DJIN JATO JEST JIVE JOWS KOJI
 JEW DOJO JAUK JETE JIVY JOYS MOJO
 JIB FUJI JAUP JETS JOBS JUBA PUJA
 JIG HADJ JAVA JEUX JOCK JUBE RAJA
 JIN HAJI JAWS JEWS JOES JUCO SOJA
 JOB HAJJ JAYS JIAO JOEY JUDO
 JOE JABS JAZZ JIBB JOGS JUGA
 JOG JACK JEAN JIBE JOHN JUGS
 JOT JADE JEED JIBS JOIN JUJU

Short Q Words

QI QUA QADI QOPH QUAI QUID QUIT
 QAT SUQ QAID QUAD QUAY QUIN QUIZ
 QIS AQUA QATS QUAG QUEY QUIP QUOD
 SUQS

Short X Words

AX LEX SIX AXLE EXIT LUXE PLEX
 EX LOX SOX AXON EXON LYNX POXY
 OX LUX TAX BOXY EXPO MAXI PREX
 XI MAX TUX BRUX FALX MINX ROUX
 XU MIX VEX CALX FAUX MIXT SEXT
 AXE NIX VOX COAX FIXT MOXA SEXY
 BOX OXO WAX COXA FLAX NEXT TAXA
 COX OXY XIS CRUX FLEX NIXE TAXI
 DEX PAX ZAX DEXY FLUX NIXY TEXT
 FAX PIX APEX DOUX FOXY ORYX VEXT
 FIX POX AXAL DOXY HOAX ORYX WAXY
 FOX PYX AXED EAUX IBEX OXEN XYST
 GOX RAX AXEL EXAM ILEX OXES
 HEX REX AXES EXEC IXIA OXID
 KEX SAX AXIL EXED JEUX OXIM
 LAX SEX AXIS EXES JINX PIXY

Short Z Words

ZA ZIG DAZE JEEZ QUIZ ZEES ZOEA
 ADZ ZIN DITZ LAZE RAZE ZEIN ZOIC
 AZO ZIP DOZE LAZY RAZZ ZEKZ ZONA
 BIZ ZIT DOZY LUTZ RITZ ZEPS ZONE
 COZ ZOA FAZE MAZE SIZE ZERK ZONK
 FEZ ZOO FIZZ MAZY SIZY ZERO ZOOM
 FIZ ZUZ FOZY MEZE SPAZ ZEST ZOON
 LEZ ZZZ FRIZ MOZO TZAR ZETA ZOOS
 WIZ ADZE FUTZ NAZI WHIZ ZIGS ZORI
 ZAG AZAN FUZE OAZE YUTZ ZILL ZOUK
 ZAP AZON FUZZ OOZY ZAGS ZINC ZYME
 ZAS BIZE GAZE ORZO ZANY ZINE
 ZAX BOZO GEEZ OUZO ZAPS ZING
 ZED BUZZ HAZE OYEZ ZARF ZINS
 ZEE CHEZ HAZY PHIZ ZEAL ZIPS
 ZEK COZY IZAR PREZ ZEBU ZITI
 ZEP CZAR JAZZ PUTZ ZEDS ZITS

3-Letter Words

AAH AYS CON EBB FON HER JUN LUV NOD PAY REI SOM TUX WOP
 AAL AZO COO ECU FOP HES JUN LUX NOG PEA REM SON TWA WOS
 AAS BAA COP EDH FOR HET JUT LYE NOH PEC REP SOP TWO WOT
 ABA BAD COR EDS FOU HEW KAB MAC NOM PED RES SOS TYE WOW
 ABO BAG COS EEK FOX HEX KAE MAD NOO PEE RET SOT UDO WRY
 ABS BAH COT EEL FOY HEY KAF MAE NOR PEG REV SOU UGH WUD
 ABY BAL COW EFF FRO HIC KAS MAG NOS PEH REX SOW UKE WYE
 ACE BAM COX EFS FRY HID KAT MAN NOT PEN RHO SOX ULU WYN
 ACT BAN COY EFT FUB HIE KAY MAP NOW PEP RIA SOY UMM XIS
 ADD BAP COZ EGG FUD HIM KEA MAR NTH PER RIB SPA UMP YAG
 ADO BAR CRU EGO FUG HIN KEF MAS NUB PES RID SPY UNS YAH
 ADS BAS CRY EKE FUN HIP KEG MAT NUN PET RIF SRI UPO YAK
 ADZ BAT CUB ELD FUR HIS KEN MAW NUS PEW RIG STY UPS YAM
 AFF BAY CUD ELF GAB HIT KEP MAX NUT PHI RIM SUB URB YAP
 AFT BED CUE ELK GAD HMM KEX MAY OAF PHT RIN SUE URD YAR
 AGA BEE CUM ELL GAE HOB KEY MED OAK PIA RIP SUK URN YAW
 AGE BEG CUP ELM GAG HOD KHI MEG OAR PIC ROB SUM URP YAY
 AGO BEL CUR ELS GAL HOE KID MEL OAT PIE ROC SUN USE YEA
 AGS BEN CUT EME GAM HOG KIF MEM OBA PIG ROD SUP UTA YEH
 AHA BES CWM EMS GAN HON KIN MEN OBE PIN ROE SUQ UTE YEN
 AHI BET DAB EMU GAP HOP KIP MET OBI PIP ROM SYN UTS YEP
 AHS BEY DAD END GAR HOS KIR MEW OCA PIS ROT TAB VAC YES
 AID BIB DAG ENG GAS HOT KIS MHO ODA PIT ROW TAD VAN YET
 AIL BID DAH ENS GAT HOW KIT MIB ODD PIU RUB TAE VAR YEW
 AIM BIG DAK EON GAY HOY KOA MIC ODE PIX RUE TAG VAS YID
 AIN BIN DAL ERA GED HUB KOB MID ODS PLY RUG TAJ VAT YIN
 AIR BIO DAM ERE GEE HUE KOI MIG OES POD RUM TAM VAU YIP
 AIS BIS DAN ERG GEL HUG KOP MIL OFF POH RUN TAN VAV YOB
 AIT BIT DAP ERN GEM HUH KOR MIM OFT POI RUT TAO VAW YOD
 ALA BIZ DAW ERR GEN HUM KOS MIR OHM POL RYA TAP VEE YOK
 ALB BOA DAY ERS GET HUN KUE MIS OHO POM RYE TAR VEG YOM
 ALE BOB DEB ESS GEY HUP KYE MIX OHS POO SAB TAS VET YON
 ALL BOD DEE ETA GHI HUT LAB MOA OIL POP SAC TAT VEX YOU
 ALP BOG DEF ETH GIB HYP LAC MOB OKA POT SAD TAU VIA YOW
 ALS BOO DEL EVE GID ICE LAD MOC OKE POW SAE TAV VID YUK
 ALT BOP DEN EWE GIE ICH LAG MOD OLD POX SAG TAW VIE YUM
 AMA BOS DEV EYE GIG ICK LAM MOG OLE PRO SAL TAX VIG YUP
 AMI BOT DEW FAB GIN ICY LAP MOL OMS PRY SAP TEA VIM ZAG
 AMP BOW DEX FAD GIP IDS LAR MOM ONE PSI SAT TED VIS ZAP
 AMU BOX DEY FAG GIT IFF LAS MON ONO PST SAU TEE VOE ZAS
 ANA BOY DIB FAN GNU IFS LAT MOO ONS PUB SAW TEG VOW ZAX
 AND BRA DID FAR GOA IGG LAV MOP OOH PUD SAX TEL VOX ZED
 ANE BRO DIE FAS GOB ILK LAW MOR OOT PUG SAY TEN VUG ZEE
 ANI BRR DIF FAT GOD ILL LAX MOS OPE PUL SEA TET VUM ZEK
 ANT BUB DIG FAX GOO IMP LAY MOT OPS PUN SEC TEW WAB ZEP
 ANY BUD DIM FAY GOR INK LEA MOW OPT PUP SEE THE WAD ZIG
 APE BUG DIN FED GOS INN LED MUD ORA PUR SEG THO WAE ZIN
 APO BUM DIP FEE GOT INS LEE MUG ORB PUS SEI THY WAG ZIP
 APP BUN DIS FEH GOX ION LEG MUM ORC PUT SEL TIC WAN ZIT
 APT BUR DIT FEM GOY IRE LEI MUN ORE PYA SEN TIE WAP ZOA
 ARB BUS DOC FEN GUL IRK LEK MUS ORS PYE SER TIL WAR ZOO
 ARC BUT DOE FER GUM ISM LES MUT ORT PYX SET TIN WAS ZUZ
 ARE BUY DOG FES GUN ITS LET MYC OSE QAT SEW TIP WAT ZZZ
 ARF BYE DOL FET GUT IVY LEU NAB OUD QIS SEX TIS WAW
 ARK BYS DOM FEU GUV JAB LEV NAE OUR QUA SHA TIT WAX
 ARM CAB DON FEW GUY JAG LEX NAG OUT RAD SHE TOD WAY
 ARS CAD DOR FEY GYM JAM LEY NAH OVA RAG SHH TOE WEB
 ART CAM DOS FEZ GYP JAR LEZ NAM OWE RAH SHY TOG WED
 ASH CAN DOT FIB HAD JAW LIB NAN OWL RAI SIB TOM WEE
 ASK CAP DOW FID HAE JAY LID NAP OWN RAJ SIC TON WEN
 ASP CAR DRY FIE HAG JEE LIE NAW OXO RAM SIM TOO WET
 ASS CAT DUB FIG HAH JET LIN NAY OXY RAN SIN TOP WHA
 ATE CAW DUD FIL HAJ JEU LIP NEB PAC RAP SIP TOR WHO
 ATT CAY DUE FIN HAM JEW LIS NEE PAD RAS SIR TOT WHY
 AUK CEE DUG FIR HAO JIB LIT NEG PAH RAT SIS TOW WIG
 AVA CEL DUH FIT HAP JIG LOB NET PAL RAW SIT TOY WIN
 AVE CEP DUI FIX HAS JIN LOG NEW PAM RAX SIX TRY WIS
 AVO CHI DUN FIZ HAT JOB LOO NIB PAN RAY SKA TSK WIT
 AWA CIG DUO FLU HAW JOE LOP NIL PAP REB SKI TUB WIZ
 AWE CIS DUP FLY HAY JOG LOT NIM PAR REC SKY TUG WOE
 AWL COB DYE FOB HEH JOT LOW NIP PAS RED SLY TUI WOG
 AWN COD EAR FOE HEM JOW LOX NIT PAT REE SOB TUN WOK
 AXE COG EAT FOG HEN JOY LUG NIX PAW REF SOD TUP WON
 AYE COL EAU FOH HEP JUG LUM NOB PAX REG SOL TUT WOO

2-Letter Words and Their Hooks

All the 2-letter words are listed in bold from AA to ZA. On either side of the 2-letter word are the letters that can be "hooked" onto the front or the back of the 2-letter word to make a 3-letter word. For example, the first line shows that B can be added to the front of **AA** to make the word BAA, and that H, L, or S can be added to the back of **AA** to make the words AAH, AAL, or AAS.

	B	AA	HLS
CDFGJKLNSTW	AB	AOSY	
BCDFGHLMPRSTW	AD	DOSZ	
GHKMNSTW	AE	-	
BDFGHJLMNRSTWYZ	AG	AEOS	
ABDHNPRY	AH	AIS	
R	AI	DLMNRST	
ABDGPS	AL	ABELPST	
BCDGHJLNPRTY	AM	AIPU	
BCDFGMNPRTVW	AN	ADEITY	
BCEFGJLMOPTVWY	AR	BCEFKMST	
ABFGHKLMPRTVWZ	AS	HKPS	
BCEFGHKLMPQRSTWV	AT	ET	
CDHJLMNPRSTVWY	AW	AELN	
FLMPRSTWZ	AX	E	
BCDFGHJKLMPRSTWY	AY	ES	
AO	BA	ADGHLMPRSTY	
O	BE	DEGLNSTY	
O	BI	BDGNOSTZ	
A	BO	ADGOPSTWXY	
A	BY	ES	
O	DE	BEFLNVWXY	
AU	DO	CEGLMNRSTW	
BFGJLMRPTWZ	ED	HS	
DKR	EF	FST	
FHPY	EH	-	
BCDEGMST	EL	DFKLMS	
FGHMR	EM	ESU	
BDFGHKMPSTWY	EN	DGS	
FHPS	ER	AEGNRS	
BFHLOPRY	ES	S	
BFGHJLMNPRSTVWY	ET	AH	
DHKLRV	EX	-	
-	FA	BDGNRSTXY	
-	FE	DEHMNRSTUWYZ	
AE	GO	ABDORSTXY	
ASW	HA	DEGHJMOPSTWY	
ST	HE	HMNPRSTWXY	
ACGKP	HI	CDEMNPST	
O	HM	M	
MORTW	HO	BDEGNPSTWY	
ABDFGHKLMRVY	ID	S	
DKR	IF	FS	
ABDFGHJKLPRSTWYZ	IN	KNS	
ABCDHKLMPQSTVWX	IS	M	
ABDFGHKLNPTWZ	IT	S	
-	JO	BEGTWY	
OS	KA	BEFSTY	
S	KI	DFNPRST	
A	LA	BCDGMNPRSTWXY	
-	LI	BDENPST	

-	LO	BGOPTWX	
A	MA	CDEGNPRSTWXY	
E	ME	DGLMNTW	
A	MI	BCDGLMRXS	
HU	MM	-	
-	MO	ABCDGLMNOPRSTW	
AE	MU	DGMNST	
-	MY	C	
A	NA	BEGHMNPWY	
AO	NE	BEGTW	
O	NO	BDGHMORSTW	
G	NU	BNST	
BCGHMNPRTY	OD	ADES	
DFHJRTVW	OE	S	
-	OF	FT	
FNOP	OH	MOS	
KP	OI	L	
DMNPRSTY	OM	S	
CDEFHIMSTWY	ON	EOS	
BCFHKLMPSTW	OP	EST	
CDFGKMNT	OR	ABCEST	
BCDGHKMNSW	OS	E	
BCDHJLMNPRSTVWY	OW	ELN	
BCFGLPSV	OX	OY	
BCFGHJST	OY	-	
S	PA	CDHLMNPRSTWXY	
AO	PE	ACDEGHNPRSTW	
-	PI	ACEGNPSTUX	
-	QI	S	
AEIO	RE	BCDEFGIMPSTVX	
A	SH	AEHY	
P	SI	BCMNPRTX	
-	SO	BDLMPNSTWXY	
EU	TA	BDEGJMNOPRSTUVWX	
-	TI	CELNPT	
-	TO	DEGMNOPRTWY	
DH	UH	-	
BCGHLMRVY	UM	MP	
BDFGHJMNPRST	UN	S	
CDHPSTY	UP	OS	
BJMNP	US	E	
BCGHJMNOPRT	UT	AES	
AEO	WE	BDENT	
T	WO	EGKNOPSTW	
-	XI	S	
-	XU	-	
PR	YA	GHKMPRWY	
ABDEKLPRTW	YE	AHNPSTW	
-	YO	BDKMNUW	
-	ZA	GPSX	

Bingos

A play that uses all 7 of your tiles scores a 50-point bonus, and is popularly referred to as a "bingo". Bingos are the key to high scores, and they can be much easier to find than you may think.

Since unscrambling 7 letters to make a word can be a challenging task, experienced players use tricks to search for 7-letter words by unscrambling just 4, 5, or 6 of their letters. Chief among these tricks is to look for common word endings and prefixes on your rack. For instance, if you have an I, an N, and a G in your rack, you can move them to the end of your rack to make the -ING ending, and look at the remaining 4 letters to see if you can make a 4-letter verb out of them.

Once you have the habit of watching for common endings, making a 7-letter word out of the rack NNPGATI is as easy as making a 4-letter word out of NPAT, because you'll first try rearranging the rack to NPAT-ING. Some common endings to look for are -S, -ES, -ED, -ER, -LY, -ING, -ERS, -IER, -EST, and -IES. Some common word prefixes are RE-, UN-, DE-, and OUT-.

Here are some racks that might look formidable at first glance, but quickly yield 7-letter words when rearranged to try common endings and prefixes:

ULIRERC --> ULRC-IER --> CURLIER
 LTNCUAH --> UN-LTCAH --> UNLATCH
 DALGETO --> ALGTO-ED --> GLOATED
 ITEULVO --> OUT-IELV --> OUTLIVE
 RMNAEAG --> MNAAG-ER --> MANAGER

Vowel Dumps

AA	AEA	MEOU	ADIEU
AE	AURA	MOUE	AECIA
AI	AUTO	NAOI	AERIE
OE	AWEE	OBIA	AIOLI
OI	BEAU	OBOE	AQUAE
EAU	CIAO	ODEA	AREAE
AEON	EASE	OGEE	AUDIO
AERO	EAUX	OHIA	AURAE
AGEE	EAVE	OLEA	AUREI
AGIO	EIDE	OLEO	COOEE
AGUE	EMEU	OLIO	EERIE
AIDE	EPEE	OOZE	LOOIE
AJEE	ETUI	OUZO	LOUIE
AKEE	EURO	QUAI	MIAOU
ALAE	IDEA	RAIA	OIDIA
ALEE	ILEA	ROUE	OORIE
ALOE	ILIA	TOEA	OURIE
AMIA	INIA	UNAI	QUEUE
AMIE	IOTA	UNAU	URAEI
ANOA	IXIA	UREA	ZOEAE
AQUA	JIAO	UVEA	
AREA	LIEU	ZOEA	
ARIA	LUAU	AALII	

Q Words Without U

QI	QOPHS
QAT	TRANQ
QIS	FAQIRS
QADI	QABALA
QAID	QANATS
QATS	QINDAR
QOPH	QINTAR
FAQIR	QWERTY
QADIS	SHEQEL
QAIDS	TRANQS
QANAT	QABALAH

I Dumps

BIDI	IXIA	TIFI
HILI	KIWI	TITI
IBIS	LIRI	ZITI
ILIA	MIDI	
IMID	MINI	
IMPI	MIRI	
INIA	NIDI	
INTI	NISI	
IRID	PIKI	
IRIS	PILI	
IWIS	TIKI	

U Dumps

ULU	KURU	ULUS
BUBU	LUAU	UNAU
FUGU	LULU	URUS
GURU	MUMU	
JUJU	PUPU	
JUKU	SULU	
KUDU	TUTU	

Additional information about the Ajijic Tournament Scrabble Club: We meet at the Ken Gosh Pavilion at the Lake Chapala Society. We play from noon to 1:50 pm on Tuesdays and from 11 am to 1:50 pm on Thursdays. Try to be 5 or 10 minutes early so that the games can start on time. You can get more information from our web site which is <http://www.WoodchuckGulch.com/scrabble.htm>. If you prefer a less intense level of play, Irene & Pamela's Scrabble Group meets from noon to 1:50 pm on Mondays and Fridays at the Ken Gosh Pavilion at the Lake Chapala Society. Irene & Pamela's group plays a more casual game that permits looking words up, free exchanges of triplicate letters, use of reference sheets, and some discussion and talking during play.