

Jolly Phonics Sound & Word Lotto

How to Play

This is a game for 2 - 7 players

The game consists of 7 game boards and 42 cards. The object of the game is to be the first to cover the 6 pictures on your board. Each player selects a game board. Spare game boards may be distributed among the players or removed from the game. If removed, the matching playing cards may be left in the pack to make the game more difficult or removed before commencing.

The game can be played in 2 ways:

Game 1 - Sounds

On one side of each card is a phonic sound (as per the Jolly Phonics system - see list overleaf).

Shuffle the cards and lay them out so that all the sounds are face down (the words will be face up). Starting with the youngest, a player picks up a card and checks to see if the sound is in the word which corresponds to the picture on their board eg if they have a game board with a picture of a spoon, and they pick up a card with an 'oo' on it then they place that card on the appropriate picture. They should be encouraged to say the sound out loud.

After a card has been played correctly play continues to the left. If a player is unable to place a card on his or her game board, the card should be returned back in front of the players, sound side down. Play continues in this way until one player has covered all 6 pictures on their collecting board. This player is the winner.

Game 2 - Words

On the reverse side of each playing card is a word. Shuffle the cards and lay them out so that all the words are face down (the sounds will be face up). Starting with the youngest, a player picks up a card and checks to see if the word corresponds to a picture on their board. If it does, they should place the card on the appropriate picture. Again the child should be encouraged to look for the sounds in the words and say them out loud. After a card has been played correctly, play continues to the left. If a player is unable to place a card on his or her game board, the card should be returned back in front of the players, word side down. Play continues in this way until one player has covered all 6 pictures on their collecting board. This player is the winner.

Alternative game

Another way to play is for an adult to hold all the cards and to show them one at a time to all players, either showing just sounds or just words, or when the children are more confident, randomly showing either sound or word. The player who thinks they have the matching picture on their board to the displayed sound or word should call out. If correct they should be given the card to place over the picture on their board. Again, the first player to cover all 6 pictures on their card is the winner.

Other activities

An adult can also use the cards as flashcards and play with a child on their own, holding up the cards, showing either sounds or words and getting the child to read them out loud. Why not ask the child to think of other words with these sounds.

The Jolly Phonics reading system

Jolly Phonics is a thorough foundation for reading and writing. It teaches the letter sounds in an enjoyable, multi-sensory way, and enables children to use them to read and write words.

Early Learning Centre, in conjunction with Jolly Learning, has developed this product to be used on its own or alongside other products in the Jolly Phonics teaching system. It is ideal for use at home or in school and will support a child's early literacy education.

Below are the 42 main sounds of English as identified in the Jolly Phonics system. The sounds are in 7 groups. Children should learn each letter by its sound, not its name. This will help in blending. The names of each letter can follow later. The letters have not been introduced in alphabetical order. The first group for example (s, a, t, i, p, n) has been put together because these letters make more simple 3-letter words than any other six letters. The other letter groups follow on in order of frequency of use and complexity.

In the Jolly Phonics Sound and Word Lotto, the game cards have been laid out with a selection of sounds from across the different groups, so that no one game board is easier than the other.

The Jolly Phonics sounds:

1. s a t i p n
2. c k e h r m d (c and k make the same sound and count as one of the 42 sounds)
3. g o u l f b
4. ai j oa ie ee or
5. z w ng v oo oo
6. y x ch sh th th
7. qu ou oi ue er ar

For a full understanding of the Jolly Phonics system we recommend the use of Jolly Phonics workbooks, available at all ELC stores.

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