

WORD POOL

2-4 Players

Contents

- 1 x Playing Board
- 4 x Frog Playing Pieces with Stands
- 36 x Word Cards
- 4 x Racks
- 1 x Dice
- 96 x Letters

The object of the Game

To be the first player to complete seven word cards (younger children may be given a smaller quantity to complete to win).

Preparation for the Game

Each player chooses the frog he/she wants to play with, fits it into a plastic stand, and places it on the lily leaf in the centre of the board.

The word cards are shuffled and stacked picture side up, in a place where each player can reach.

The letters are kept face upward in the lid of the box.

Each player takes a rack.

To Play

Starting with the youngest (and thereafter clockwise), each player takes one picture card and stands it on his/her rack (sliding it in the notch). Younger players can place the card letter side facing them, so they can copy each letter.

Older children should play picture side facing them so they try to spell the word (as the word is on one side and the picture on the other, it is easy to check for correct spelling).

The first player throws the dice and moves his/her frog from stepping stone to stepping stone following the bubble lines (for very young

children, it may be easier and quicker if they are allowed to move regardless of the bubble line).

If a player throws a 3, he/she moves 3 places, if a 6 is thrown, 6 places etc. Each player can move forward, backwards, left or right as long as they follow a bubble line. The frog will land on a stepping stone with a letter. The player must take the corresponding letter from the lid of the box. If it is a letter they need to complete their word, they stand it in their rack, if not they lay it down in front of them. Each player in turn, looks around the board, and guides his/her frog towards the letters they need to complete their word.

On each corner of the playing board is an empty lily leaf. By landing on this leaf the player can demand a letter he/she needs from another. If the player-asked, has the letter he must hand it over and play continues. If he/she does not have the letter however, he can not of course hand the letter over, and even better, it is now his/her turn to play!

As each player completes a word card, they check that the spelling is correct. If it is correct, they claim the card laying it face down in front of them. The letters that made up the word are placed back into the lid of the box. Any letters that are left (that were not used in their word) are counted, and that number of turns must be missed before the player rejoins the game. All the letters are then returned to the lid. On their next turn the player picks up another word card from the pile and starts again.

The first player to complete seven word cards is the winner (alternatively a time limit may be placed on the game, and the person with the most word cards at the end is the winner).