

FrankenWords™

Game Guide

FOR 2+ Players

AGES 6+

Contents: 150 Word Cards

Object: Score points by finding short words that combine to make longer words. The first player to score eight points wins!

What Are FrankenWords?

They're compound words that you create from combining the short words on two cards. Here are a couple of examples:

farm	+	house	= farmhouse
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rain	+	storm	= rainstorm
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Now that you know how to create a FrankenWord, get ready to start finding them as fast as you can!

Setting Up

Shuffle the word cards, then build 16 stacks of five cards each. Set the extra cards out of the game.

A Word About the Cards: One side of each card shows a word, and the other side shows a word with a picture, to help younger players who are still learning to read. The cards in your stacks can show words only, words and pictures only, or a mixture of both.

Set up the stacks in a four-by-four grid.

Playing

1. On the count of three, all players race to be first to find two cards that, when combined, create a FrankenWord.
2. The first player to find a FrankenWord calls out the words on the two cards, then takes those cards to keep for the rest of the game. Each FrankenWord scores one point.

Now count to three again, and keep playing.

Can't Find any FrankenWords? Just shuffle or restack as many piles as you want, then count to three and continue playing.

Who Wins?

The first player to score eight points by creating eight FrankenWords wins the game. Congratulations on a monster achievement!

Other Ways to Play

Taking Turns: Play as described above, except that players take turns finding FrankenWords. The youngest player takes the first turn, then play continues to the left. If a player can't find a FrankenWord, shuffle or restack the piles, then continue the game with the player to the left.

Slap-and-Score: Play as described above, placing the stacks two or three inches apart. Everyone plays at once, but instead of *calling out* two words that make a FrankenWord, you must *slap* those two cards! Show the cards to the other players before placing them in front of you.

Short on Time?

Speed up the game by requiring fewer than eight points to win, or by using more card stacks. Now you'll have lots more choices to find those FrankenWords!

Want a Longer Game?

Just keep playing until you can't find any more FrankenWords. Reshuffle or restack as you run out of FrankenWords, until you really and truly can't make any more. The player with the most points wins!