

Word games



What's a bakery?

It's a place where you can buy bread and cakes.

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1 READING & LISTENING

- Do you like playing word games like Scrabble or doing crosswords? Look at the letters at the top and bottom of this lesson. How many words of four or more letters can you make in three minutes?
- Read about a game show. Is there a similar show in your country? Have you ever seen it?
- Read the text again. Then cover it and answer the questions.
 - What is the aim of the game?
 - How long do contestants have to say all the words?
 - What is the example definition and word for the letter A?
 - What happens if the contestant doesn't know the answer?
 - How does the contestant win the prize?

- Victoria is a contestant on the show. She has passed on six letters, and she has 90 seconds left. Listen to the last six definitions. When you hear a "ping," write the word.

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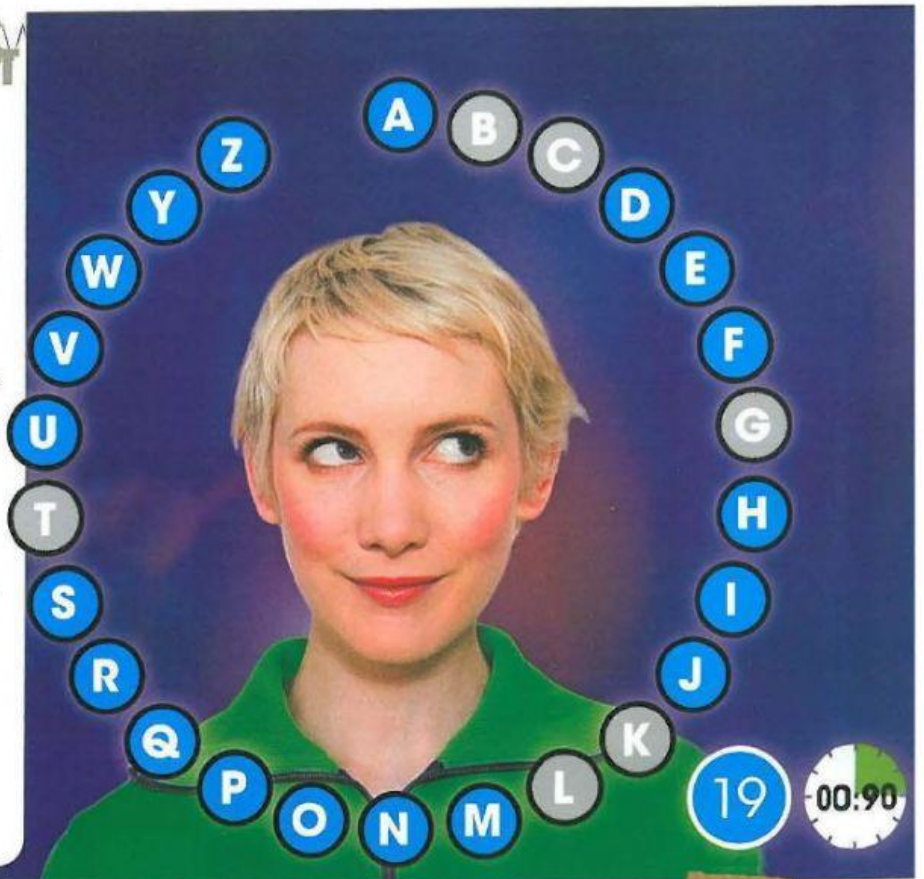
- Listen and check.



In this game there is a wheel with 25 letters of the alphabet (not including "X"). The aim of the game is to complete the alphabet wheel by saying the correct word for each letter in five minutes. The host gives the contestant definitions for words starting with the letters, for example, "A – the place where you catch a plane" = "Airport."

To start the game, the host reads a definition for a word that begins with A, and the contestant has to quickly say the word. If the contestant can't think of the word, he or she says "Pass." When a contestant passes or gets a word wrong, the host goes on to the next letter.

The host continues around the wheel to Z, and then starts from the beginning again. The host repeats the definitions that the contestant passed on or got wrong, until five minutes is up. If a contestant gets all 25 words right, he or she wins the prize.



2 GRAMMAR defining relative clauses

a Look at three of the definitions Victoria heard on the show. Complete them with *who*, *that*, or *where*.

- 1 It describes a place _____ there are a lot of people.
- 2 It's an adjective for a person _____ doesn't like studying or working.
- 3 It's a thing with a screen _____ you can watch shows and movies on.

b **Grammar Bank**

3 VOCABULARY & SPEAKING paraphrasing

a What do you usually do if you're talking to someone in English and you don't know a word that you need?

- a Look up the translation on your phone.
- b Try to mime the word.
- c Try to explain what you mean using other words you know.

b Complete the useful expressions with these words. Then listen and check.

example kind like opposite similar
somebody something somewhere

Useful expressions for explaining a word that you don't know:

- 1 It's _____ who shows you around a city or a museum.
- 2 It's _____ that we use to pay, instead of cash.
- 3 It's _____ where people go when they want to send a package or a letter.
- 4 It's a _____ of fruit. It's long and yellow.
- 5 It's the _____ of expensive.
- 6 It's _____ a sweater, but it has buttons.
- 7 It's _____ to light, but you use it to describe hair.
- 8 It's a verb. For _____, you do this to the TV when you've finished watching something.

c What are the words for definitions 1–8?

d Complete the definitions for these words.

- 1 a DJ It's somebody...
- 2 an art gallery It's somewhere...
- 3 a camera It's something...
- 4 a passport It's a kind of...
- 5 sunbathe For example, you do this...
- 6 curly It's the opposite...

e Play A to Z with letters A–E. Think of a word that begins with each letter and write a definition for each word. Then work in groups of three or four. Start with A, and read your definition. Do the other students know the words?

(It begins with A. It's a person who...



4 PRONUNCIATION silent e

Silent e

e at the end of a word is normally not pronounced, but it usually changes the sound of the vowel before it. When a word ends in silent e, the preceding vowel sound is usually the same as that letter of the alphabet, e.g., *sit* /sɪt/, *site* /saɪt/, *fat* /fæt/, *fate* /feɪt/.

a Look at two definitions. What are the words? How does the pronunciation of the first word change when you add an e?

- 1 It's a thing that you wear on your head.
- 2 It's a verb that means the opposite of love.

b Look at some more pairs of words. How do you pronounce them?

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| bit – bite | not – note |
| cut – cute | plan – plane |

c Listen to the definitions for three more similar word pairs. Try to write the words.

- 1 a _____ – b _____
- 2 a _____ – b _____
- 3 a _____ – b _____

d How do you pronounce the words below?



e Listen and check.

defining relative clauses with *who*, *that*, *where*

- 1 That's the woman **who** won the lottery last year.
A chef is a person **who** cooks food in a restaurant.
- 2 A clock is something **that** tells the time.
Is that the book **that** won an important prize?
- 3 A post office is a place **where** you can buy stamps.
That's the restaurant **where** I had dinner last week.

- We use defining relative clauses to explain what a person, thing, or place is or does.
 - 1 Use *who* for a person.
 - 2 Use *that* for a thing.
 - 3 Use *where* for a place.
- The verb after *where* needs a subject, e.g., *you*.
- We can also use *that* to talk about a place, e.g.,
A post office is a place that sells stamps.



 **that**

You can use *that* instead of *who*.

*She's the girl **who** / **that** works with my brother.*

You can use *which* instead of *that* to talk about things.

*It's a thing **which** / **that** connects two computers.*

a Complete the definitions with *who*, *that*, or *where*.

- A mail carrier is the person who brings you your mail.
- 1 An octopus is an animal _____ lives in the ocean and has eight legs.
 - 2 A lawnmower is a machine _____ cuts the grass.
 - 3 A surgeon is a doctor _____ does operations.
 - 4 A changing room is a room _____ people try on clothes.
 - 5 A porter is the person _____ helps you with your baggage.
 - 6 Garlic is a kind of food _____ keeps vampires away.
 - 7 A garage is a place _____ mechanics fix cars.

b Write sentences with *who*, *that*, or *where*.

She / the woman / catch the same bus as me
She's the woman who catches the same bus as me.

- 1 That / the dog / always barks at night
- 2 That / the store / I bought my wedding dress
- 3 He / the actor / was in the last James Bond movie
- 4 They / the children / live next door to me
- 5 This / the restaurant / they make great pizza
- 6 That / the switch / controls the air-conditioning
- 7 He / the teacher / teaches my sister
- 8 That / the room / we have our meetings
- 9 This / the light / is broken