

City, Country, River

Instructions

Equipment needed (per player):

- One pen or pencil
- A print out of the 'City, Country, River' board (download and print out)

Players:

2+

Tip:

Sometimes, a practice game can help players understand the rules of the game!

Before playing:

Make sure each player has a 'City, Country, River' playing sheet (download and print out).

Aim of the game:

The aim of the game is to gain the most points, by being the quickest to think of words beginning with a particular letter for each category!

How to play:

Before starting the game, you will need to decide on four categories to play with. In the classic version of this game, the first three categories are "city", "country", and "river". However, you can choose any categories you like. The only limit is your imagination!

Some possible categories include:

- Animals
- Clothes
- Colours
- Disney characters
- Drinks
- Famous landmarks
- Films
- Food
- Fruit
- Jobs
- Languages
- Names
- Plants
- Sports

Once you have chosen your four categories, add them to your game sheet (see example below)

Letter	Category 1:	Category 2:	Category 3:	Category 4:	Points
	City	Country	River	Fruit	

Now that you've decided your categories, it's time to start playing!

To begin the first round, the first letter will need to be chosen. To do this, one player will say "go" and another player will begin to recite the alphabet silently in their head. When the first player says "stop", whatever letter the second player was on at the time will be the chosen letter for that round. The person reciting the alphabet in their head, as well as the person saying "go" and "stop", alternates each round. Remember, you can recite the alphabet as fast or as slow as you like in your head! Once you've chosen a letter, write it in the first row (e.g. "B", see below)

Letter	Category 1:	Category 2:	Category 3:	Category 4:	Points
B	City	Country	River	Fruit	

Once the letter has been chosen, it's a race to be the first to think of something that starts with that letter for each of your categories. For example, if your first category is "countries" and the letter for that round is "B", possible correct answers might include Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, etc. If you think of an answer, make sure to note it down in the table (see example below).

Letter	Category 1: City	Category 2: Country	Category 3: River	Category 4: Fruit	Points
B	Berlin	Belgium		Blackberry	

The first person to think of something for each category shouts "stop" and everybody must stop writing, even if you haven't found a word for every category. If none of the players are able to think of a word for every category, you can also mutually agree to just end the round.

Letter	Category 1: City	Category 2: Country	Category 3: River	Category 4: Fruit	Points
B	Berlin	Belgium		Blackberry	

You will then go through each category comparing answers.

Blank spaces or incorrect answers are worth **0 points**.

Correct answers are worth **1 point**.

If you are the only person to come up with a *unique answer* (for example, in the fruit category, everyone wrote "banana" but you wrote "blackberry"), you will be awarded **2 points**.

Once you've added together the points you earned in that round, make sure to write down your score in the "points" column at the end.

Letter	Category 1: City	Category 2: Country	Category 3: River	Category 4: Fruit	Points
B	Berlin +1	Belgium +1	+0	Blackberry+2	4

Once everyone has added up their scores for that round, the next round begins. A different player will recite the alphabet in their head this time, and the game process will repeat itself for each round, with a different letter each time.

Letter	Category 1: City	Category 2: Country	Category 3: River	Category 4: Fruit	Points
B	Berlin	Belgium		Blackberry	4
N	New York	Norway	Nile	Nectarine	4
L	London	Liechtenstein		Lime	5

If the same letter comes up twice, you can mutually decide to either play that letter again (without repeating previously given answers), or skip it. If you choose to skip it, the same player will recite the alphabet again.

Once you have completed all the rounds, everybody adds up their points.

Total:	34
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The player with the highest total score wins!

Extra tips for effective game play:

- Have patience! When playing games over the phone, it's inevitable that at some point, confusion can occur and people are no longer sure what the next letter is, or what round you're on, etc. Taking the time to solve the problem will mean you will have more fun in the long run!
- Certain letters can sound really similar (J and K, M and N, etc.). Therefore, sometimes it can help to clarify which letter you mean by saying, for example, "C for cat" or "E for elephant".