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how to play  
**LINX**

How many four-letter words  
do you know?

This is the STANDARD set  
An ADVANCED set is on its way  
The Spanish & French versions  
are in preparation

## OBJECT OF THE GAME

The object of the game is to change one four-letter word into another four-letter word by changing just one letter at a time.

**All players use the same 2 words.**

For example, suppose the 2 words were *WARM* and *COLD*.

There are many ways to make the change but one way is-

Change the **M** in *WARM* to **D** to make ***WARD***

Change the **W** in *WARD* to **C** to make ***CARD***

Change the **A** in *CARD* to **O** to make ***CORD***

Change the **R** in *CORD* to **L** to make ***COLD***.

All done in just 4 changes. Of course, one could have begun with *COLD*.

## HOW TO PLAY

- ♦ Each player takes turns in choosing 2 word cards.

**One card is taken from the black set, and one from the white set.**

- ♦ Place both face down on the table until everyone is ready to begin.
- ♦ Each player takes a piece of paper, and needs to have a pencil/pen.
- ♦ The cards are then turned over and the game begins. Each player writes down their changes from one word to the other.
- ♦ Each change has to make a real word. Words starting with a capital letter (names, places etc.) foreign words or abbreviations are not allowed. A completed change is referred to as a "set".

## HOW TO SCORE

Players agree among themselves how long a "set" should take.

To begin with, try 2 or 3 minutes.

At the end of that time, players say how many moves they took to make the change from one word to the other

(There is no advantage in being the first to complete a "set").

Deduct the number of changes from 10 and that is the score for that "set".

In the example opposite, there were 4. The original 2 words don't count. So the score in this example is 6.

If, however it took 11 changes to get from one word to another, then the score is minus 1.

All players score unless they were not able to complete a "set" in the agreed time.

**The winner is the first player to score 50.**

You can play the game with one or more players, or by yourself. The use of a dictionary will stop any arguments!