

# ACTIVE SCRABBLE

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GRADES: 4-6

FORMATION: Standing in groups

EQUIPMENT: Index cards with letters of alphabet (provided with activity)

LEARNING OUTCOMES: LANGUAGE ARTS: word recognition, team work

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS: Remind participants to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others. No running allowed and be cautious of others especially when turning around after getting a letter. Check that the participants have enough space to perform the activities safely.

RULES/DIRECTIONS:

- Print and cut out the index cards with letters of the alphabet on them and spread upside down on the floor giving students space to move around.
- Divide the class into small groups of five or six.
- Have the groups stand in straight lines an equal distance away from the cards. Spread out as much as possible. The first student in each group will start.
- On a signal, the first student in each group hops, jumps, or skips to collect one card and bring it back to their group.
- Students in each group take turns in getting the letters.
- Once each student in the group has a card, the students try to form words from the cards they have brought back. (They don't have to use them all.)
- Once a word is formed the students have the teacher verify that that is indeed a word.
- If it is a word, the students write it on a piece of paper, total up the points for their word (each letter is valued as a certain number of points as marked on the cards). One person then gathers all the letters that were used and brings them back to the other letters and spreads them back on the floor as they were before.
- Teams continue playing for 10 – 15 minutes or a certain time as decided by teacher.
- Total up points for each team to determine the winner.

Suggestions-

- Use the activity to reinforce vocabulary and spelling skills.
- Have a set of vocabulary words made up for selected topics in their learning outcomes.(animals, plants, provinces)