

FICTION



2-8



20'



10+



COMPONENTS

Lie-brarian's Setup

- A** 1 Dry-erase marker
- B** 1 Book card (from deck of 56)
- C** 1 Lie-brarian board
- D** 60 Clue tokens

Guessers' Setup

- E** 1 Dry-erase marker
- F** 10 Guess boards (5 blue, 5 tan)
- G** 1 Alphabet board
- H** 3 Fact/Fiction tokens
- I** 10 minute timer (not provided)

GAME OVERVIEW

Fiction is a Wordle-inspired game of deception. One player is the Lie-brarian and will choose a secret word from a classic work of literature. The other players will, as a team, use logic and literacy to deduce the secret word as quickly as possible.

They have 10 guesses and two 10 minute time periods to deduce the secret word, but beware! The Lie-brarian's clues will always contain exactly one lie. The Guessers will win if they figure out the word and the Lie-brarian will win if the time or guesses run out.

✓ F R O G S

✓ T I G E R

✗ T E X A S

✗ O N T O P

*proper noun**more than one word*

✗ F Y K L I

✗ C H A U D

*not a real word**not English*

✗ T R E E S

✗ F R I E N D

*duplicate letters**more than 5 letters*

If the secret word was "READY" and the guess was "ENTRY" the correct clues would be:

R E A D Y



R	E	~	Correct letter, wrong spot
E	N	X	Letter not in secret word
A	T	X	Letter not in secret word
D	R	~	Correct letter, wrong spot
Y	Y	✓	Correct letter, correct spot

Use the alphabet board to record clues about what letters may or may not be in the secret word.



PROLOGUE

The Lie-brarian:

Chooses a word that is highlighted in **yellow** from the book card and writes it on the top of the Lie-brarian board.

Shares a letter that is in the word with the Guessers but not where in the word it appears.

Starts the 10-minute timer and begins play!

1. GUESS

The team guesses a 5-letter English word that is not a proper noun. All 5 letters must be unique. They write the guess on a blue guess board, hand the guess board to the Lie-brarian, and pause the timer.

The Guessers may continue discussing while the timer is paused.

2. DECEIVE

Record Correct Clues

The Lie-brarian writes the guess in the first slot on their board and records honest clues in the **top half** of the square (🔒).

- ✓ { if that letter is in the same position as in the secret word.
- X { if that letter does not appear anywhere in the secret word.
- ~ { if that letter it is in the secret word, but in a different position.

Additional rules for secret **red** words that contain duplicate letters (like **OBOES**) are explained in the Red Words section.

Change Exactly One Clue

The Lie-brarian then **must** choose exactly **one** clue to lie about, changing any single clue (X, ~, or ✓) into any other clue.

The Lie-brarian records the new set of clues (with exactly one lie) in the **bottom half of the square** and circles their lie (🔍).

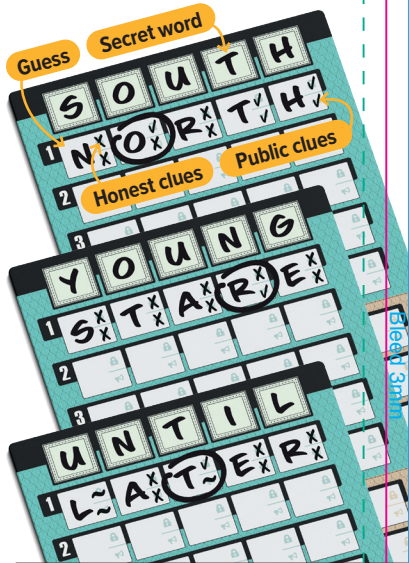
Share the Clues

First, **double-check** that the honest clues are correct, and that one clue has been changed in the bottom half.

Set the Guess board back in front of the Guessers and put the appropriate clue tokens under each letter. Then unpause the timer.

Fact/Fiction Tokens

The Guessers have 3 Fact/Fiction tokens to use. Before making their next guess, they may choose to use one. They point to one letter from the most recent guess. The Lie-brarian honestly places the Fact/Fiction token next to that letter with the appropriate side up. *Fact* if it is an honest clue. *Fiction* if it is a lie.



Notes on Words

The words all appear in the matching book, but aren't necessarily thematically linked.

The words **may** be plural. **Yellow** words do not contain duplicate letters. Archaic or very uncommon words have not been used

HALFTIME

After the Guessers make 5 guesses or the 10-minute timer expires, it's halftime.

- Discard any unused blue guess boards.
- Set a new 10-minute timer for the second half.
- Start using the tan guess boards.

GAME END

Repeat GUESS and DECEIVE steps until:

- The Guessers win by guessing the secret word.
- The Lie-brarian wins because
 - the Guessers are out of guesses or
 - the second 10-minute timer expires.

Hard Difficulty

Use any or all of the following:

- Guessers only get 1 Fact/Fiction token in each half of the game.
- Use an 8 minute timer instead of 10.
- The Lie-brarian **may** choose a **red** word.

Red Words

The **red** highlighted words contain duplicate letters, allowing guesses to also now contain duplicate letters.

Give clues following the normal rules UNLESS the **guess** contains **duplicate** letters AND the **secret** word only includes a single instance of that letter. If either letter is a **✓**, mark the other instance an **X**. If neither are **✓**s, mark the first instance a **~** and the second an **X**.



B	O	~	Correct letter, wrong spot
O	B	~	Correct letter, wrong spot
N	O	X	This is the second O
E	E	✓	Correct letter, correct spot
Y	S	X	Letter not in secret word

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