This game uses lowercase letters and word-building, combo-letter tiles to help nurture your child's love for wordplay and word games. With multiple mini-games and activities, they'll enjoy a step-by-step play progression toward our original BANANAGRAMS experience!

MINIGAMES

Here's where we focus on tools to build word grids. Caution: There's silliness in the mix!

**Preschooler**
- **goal:** recognize letters
- **early reader**
- **goal:** build words
- **reader**
- **goal:** intersect words with other words to make simple grids

**All mini-games can be played as group games by adding a "race to the finish."**

**EARLY READER**

**sound it out**
Pick a single-letter tile. Think of words that start with that sound. Try to spell some of the words using tiles.

**word families**
Combine consonants with combo-letter tiles. Then, pair vowels with combo-letter tiles.

**rhyme time**
Pick a combo-letter tile. Then, try a bunch of consonants to make rhyming words.

**Matching Game!**
Place all single-letter tiles facedown. On your turn, flip over two of them. If none of the letters match, leave them faceup. Players take turns flipping over tiles. Keep any matches. The player with the most tiles wins!

**Note:** There may be leftover tiles at the end of the game.

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**How to Play**

**Setup** (1 to 4 players)
1. Place all 80 single-letter tiles facedown in the center of the table. These form the BUNCH.
2. All players take 15 single-letter tiles.

**Object:** Be the first to use all your letters in a connected word grid without a spelling mistake, proper noun, or abbreviation.

**Example:**
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  f o u r
  w h o
  i
  z o o m
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**Setup** (1 to 4 players)
1. To start, any player calls out, “SPLIT!” Everyone simultaneously turns their tiles faceup and races to arrange them in their own intersecting word grid. Words must read left to right horizontally, or top to bottom vertically. **IMPORTANT:** You may rearrange your grid at any time, and as often as you like.

2. At any time during the game, you can say, “SWAP!” and put one of your tiles back, facedown in the BUNCH. Then, you MUST take a tile to replace the old one. This has no effect on other players, and there’s no limit to the number of times you can SWAP out tiles.

**Advanced Play** (1 to 4 players)
All players take 2 combo-letter tiles and 15 single-letter tiles. Mix in the combo-letter tiles facedown with the single-letter tiles. Combo-letters can only be used horizontally, but can be built upon vertically. When SWAPPING, you MUST take a single-letter tile for a single-letter tile, or a combo-letter tile for a combo-letter tile in exchange.

**Winning!**

When you use ALL your letters in a connected word grid, call out, “BANANAS!” Play stops, and everyone inspects your completed grid.

If someone spots a misspelled word, proper noun, or abbreviation, they may call out, “SPOTTED BANANA!” Don’t worry, you can fix your grid, because the game now resumes for ALL players.

Play continues until someone again calls out, “BANANAS!” The first player to complete a grid correctly wins, and is declared TOP BANANA!