

The
Economics
CATEGORIES
Game

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HOW TO PLAY

The aim of the game is to score points for coming up with an acceptable answer than no-one else has thought of! The person or team with the highest score wins.

Teams: Students can play on their own or in small teams (*hint - the game works best with between 5-7 teams per class*)

Before each round of the game you need to choose:

- (1) **A letter** – this can be done randomly or a letter chosen by the teacher
- (2) **A category list** from those provided

Each player or team then completes their card with answers that begin with the chosen letter for the round – all of which must be relevant to the category on the chosen list.

E.g. **Letter H & List (2): “A service sector business”** might generate answers like:

Hotel | Home help | Human Resource Consultancy | Healthcare etc

Points are scored if the **answer written down is unique – i.e. no other player/team has come up with it.** Only one answer can be given per category

The game can be played over 1 or more rounds depending on the time available – choose how long a team will have for each round (*hint - a good round can normally be played and scored within 10-15 minutes, even allowing for inevitable arguments*). When the agreed time is up, all players/teams must stop writing

Players/teams, in turn, read their answers aloud – they can only read what they have written down! They mark their own answer sheets by **circling acceptable answers** – i.e. *one that does not match any other players’ answers*

5 marks are awarded for a **single** - an answer that no other player/team has chosen for the category.

Score **10 marks** for a “double” where the answer given uses **two acceptable consecutive** words using the required letter *e.g. **production possibility**, or **credit crunch!***

15 marks can be awarded in the very unlikely event that someone comes up with a triple – *e.g. **Mass market manufacturing***

Creative answers can be acceptable but if one player challenges the answer, the class votes on its acceptability!

In case of a vote, the majority rules – in the case of a tie, the teacher decides (of course!)

SCORECARD

	ROUND ONE		ROUND TWO		ROUND THREE	
	Answer	Marks	Answer	Marks	Answer	Marks
1						
2						
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10						
	Total		Total		Total	

List 1

1	A currency
2	A high street retailer
3	A professional sports team
4	A product brand
5	A good or service with an inelastic demand
6	Name of a manufacturing business
7	Junk food
8	A developing economy
9	Magazines
10	Items in a vending machine

List 2

1	A service sector business
2	Property market
3	Something we could not live without
4	The economy
5	Foreign cities
6	Commodities
7	Items you save up to buy
8	Leisure activities
9	Housing market
10	Economists

List 3

1	Aspects of Money
2	The music industry
3	A negative or a positive externality
4	Things you throw away
5	Transport
6	The name of a sponsor of a sporting event
7	Something you get for free
8	A city somewhere in Europe
9	A luxury good
10	An occupation

List 4

1	Something you buy from a local market
2	Pair of complementary goods (only one to begin with chosen letter)
3	A consumer durable
4	Something we have to import
5	A magazine or other publication
6	A word associated with recession
7	A business with some monopoly power
8	An innovation
9	An item of government spending
10	A business slogan or marketing strap-line

List 5

1	Something that is taxed
2	A merit or de-merit good
3	An example of a variable cost of production
4	A foreign-owned business operating in the UK
5	A holiday resort or business
6	An inferior good
7	An economist
8	Pair of substitute goods (only one to begin with chosen letter)
9	A manufactured product
10	A brand of clothing

List 6

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