# Scatter the Categories

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**A creative–thinking, category-based game for families and classrooms.**

**Age range:** 12 and up
**Setup time:** 1–3 minutes
**Playing time:** 3 minutes/game
**Skills Required:** Vocabulary
Mathematics
Social Skills



## Object of the Game:

The object of ***Scatter the Categories*** is to write down an answer for each category that begins with a randomly chosen letter. Any player who writes a correct and unique answer for a category, wins a point. The player with the most points wins the game. The player with the highest grand total wins the match.

## Before You Play:

1. Make one copy of the ***Categories*** and one copy of the ***Answer Sheet*** for <u>each</u> player.
2. Copy one set of letters and cut them apart. There is no ***Q*** or ***X*** but you may add either, if you wish.

## How to Play:

1. Pass out ***Categories*** and ***Answer Sheets*** to each player.
2. Start with Game One. (Make sure each player is working on the same game.)
3. Pick a timekeeper to allot three minutes for the round.
4. Shuffle the letters. The person to the right of the timekeeper will pick the first letter. Announce the letter and then put that letter aside so it is not picked for a subsequent game.
5. Start the timer and begin to fill in your answer sheet. Start each answer with the chosen letter and make sure it fits the category. For example, if the category is ***Kinds of Scientists*** and the letter is ***B***, a good answer would be ***Biologist***.
6. Stop writing immediately when the timer goes off.
7. Take turns reading all the answers aloud. Cross out any answers that are duplicates. Circle any answers that are not read by anyone else. Each unique answer earns one point. Write your total points at the top of the game.
8. Move to the next game and repeat steps 3-7 until you have played all 6 games.
9. Add the points from each of the 6 games to get your **Grand Total.**

## Special Rules:

1. When answers are the name of a person, a match on either the first or last name is correct, e.g., ***C*** can be ***C****harles Dickens* or *Scott* ***C****arpenter.* Also, if the first and second words begin with the same letter, e.g., ***R****onald* ***R****eagan* for ***R*** or ***B****rady* ***B****unch* for ***B***, you score <u>two</u> points.
2. Articles such as *a*, *an,* and *the* should be ignored, e.g., if the category is ***TV Shows*** and the letter is ***S***, then *The* ***S****impsons* is a good answer. If the letter is ***T***, *The* ***S****impsons* is NOT a good answer.
3. ***Names of,*** means proper names. ***Kinds of***, means generic terms, e.g., ***Atlantic Ocean*** vs. ***oceans.***

# Categories: Games 1 – 6

## ONE

1. Things you find at the beach
2. Jobs in which you might get dirty
3. Names of US Presidents
4. Jobs involving mathematics
5. Genre (kind) of music
6. Names of colleges and universities
7. Different kinds of bodies of water
8. Creative occupations
9. Occupations found at a school
10. Hobbies

## TWO

1. School subjects
2. Kinds of engineers
3. Kinds of cosmetics/toiletries
4. Occupations that are mostly outdoors
5. Names of authors
6. Science occupations
7. Things found in a desk
8. Kinds of work vehicles
9. Names of streets in Delaware
10. Occupations that require writing skills

## THREE

1. Tools a doctor might use
2. Parks in Delaware
3. Favorite book titles
4. Dangerous occupations
5. Types of sports
6. Occupations involving money (other than wages)
7. Summer jobs for high school students
8. School supplies
9. Names of people in history
10. Reasons to quit a job

## FOUR

1. Occupations found in a store
2. Kinds of transportation you can take to work
3. Words related to mathematics
4. TV shows
5. Plants that grow in Delaware
6. Things to do to prepare for an interview
7. Occupations requiring business skills
8. Kinds of seafood
9. Jobs that might require night work
10. Names of cartoon characters

## FIVE

1. Colors
2. Clothes you wear to work
3. Words related to money
4. Tools a scientist might use
5. Names of athletes
6. Cities/towns in Delaware
7. Farm occupations
8. Words related to the Internet
9. Jobs that take place mostly at a desk
10. Jobs that require you to be on your feet

## SIX

1. Kinds of doctors
2. Schools in Delaware
3. Occupations that work with animals
4. Occupations in a hospital
5. Occupations that require mechanical skills
6. Types of insects
7. College majors
8. Occupations that involve children
9. Something in this room
10. Holidays

## Answer Sheet: Games 1 – 6

**Grand Total** _____

### ONE

**Letter** ____ **Total Points** _____

1. _____
2. _____
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### TWO

**Letter** ____ **Total Points** _____

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### THREE

**Letter** ____ **Total Points** _____

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