

TAG: The Acronym Game

Players: 3-8
Play Time: 15-30 minutes
Setup: Less than 5 minutes
Clean up: Less than 2 minutes
Ages: 7 and up

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How to Play

1. Get Acronym cards mix up, and place in a pile facing down between the players. There are blank cards so you can add your own.
2. Get Category cards, mix up, and place in a pile facing down between the players.
3. Oldest player starts first, drawing a Category Card (e.g., food and drink). For the round (each player goes once), that category card applies.
4. Then the oldest player flips over an Acronym Card and announces the acronym and what the acronym stands for.
5. Everyone spends about 15 seconds thinking of a new acronym not using any of the current words in the acronym and keeping in mind the Category. For some, having paper and pencil available will be helpful.
6. The oldest player says their new acronym. Then proceeding clockwise, every other player says their new acronym.
7. After all the players have said their acronym, it's time to vote on the favorite. All players put an arm up in the air. Count down 3-2-1 and point to the favorite.
8. Record who got the most votes. If tied, each of the top vote-getters receives a point.
9. Continue the round so that each player flips an acronym card and starts a new acronym.
10. After the first round, the player to the left flips a new Category Card. This will be the category for the second round.
11. Continue steps 5-10.
12. Play Five Rounds (or more if you like!)
Whoever has the highest vote tally wins.

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