



Ages **7-107**

## SET-UP

1. Place all 144 tiles facedown in the center of the table. These tiles form the BUNCH.
2. Each player now takes their STARTING TILES from the BUNCH:

PLAYERS (UP TO 8)	2 to 4	5 to 6	7 to 8
STARTING TILES	21	15	11

## HOW TO PLAY

**Object:** Be the first to use all your letters.

1. To start, any player calls out “SPLIT!”  
Everyone simultaneously turns their starting 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. You may rearrange your grid at any time, and as often as you like.
2. Whenever a player places their last faceup letter in their grid, that person calls out “PEEL!”  
Every player, including the one saying “PEEL”, then takes another tile from the BUNCH.
3. At any time during the game, you may call out “DUMP!” and put one of your letters back, facedown in the BUNCH. However, you **MUST** take three more tiles in exchange! This has no effect on other players and there’s no limit to the number of times you may DUMP.

## WINNING!

When the BUNCH is depleted to fewer tiles than number of players, the first person to use ALL their letters in a connected word grid and call out “BANANAS!” wins and is declared TOP BANANA!

Other players may now inspect the winning grid. If it contains a misspelled word, proper noun, abbreviation or other unacceptable word, the other players call out “ROTTEN BANANA!” and that player is out of the game. The ROTTEN BANANA’s letters are returned to the BUNCH facedown. Play resumes for the other players until one of them calls out “BANANAS!”



## LETTER BREAKDOWN

<b>A=13</b>	<b>F=3</b>	<b>K=2</b>	<b>O=11</b>	<b>S=6</b>	<b>W=3</b>
<b>B=3</b>	<b>G=4</b>	<b>L=5</b>	<b>P=3</b>	<b>T=9</b>	<b>X=2</b>
<b>C=3</b>	<b>H=3</b>	<b>M=3</b>	<b>Q=2</b>	<b>U=6</b>	<b>Y=3</b>
<b>D=6</b>	<b>I=12</b>	<b>N=8</b>	<b>R=9</b>	<b>V=3</b>	<b>Z=2</b>
<b>E=18</b>	<b>J=2</b>				

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