

# GRAMMATICAL NONSENSE

## CHALLENGES

Challenge yourself by adding any of these rules to any game:

### CHALLENGE #1

If a Verb card has any green text on it, you can now play it as a Noun. On your turn, you can change it from one to the other, even if you have to move it somewhere else in your sentence. If you already moved a card this turn, you must wait until your next turn.

### CHALLENGE #2

Make a discard pile. At the end of your turn, discard until you have at most 4 cards.

### CHALLENGE #3

If playing with the Basic Rules, increase the number of cards you need in order to win the game from 7 to 10 (or more!).

### CHALLENGE #4

At the start of the game, turn the top card of the deck face-up on the table to make a discard pile (if you haven't made one already). At the start of your turn, you can exchange one card from your hand with one anywhere in the discard pile. If you do, you can't play any cards this turn.

### CHALLENGE #5

When you have 10 or more cards in your hand, discard your entire hand and draw 7 cards.

## HOW TO PLAY

Shuffle all cards, then deal 7 to each player. Take turns drawing one card, then playing one to tell your own story.

On your turn, you may rearrange any of your cards. If you don't like your hand, you can discard it to draw that many cards minus one. If you do, you can't play cards this turn.

The first player to complete a sentence with 7 or more words wins!

## YOUR SENTENCE

MUST have a Noun or Pronoun.

Must have a Verb.

Can't end with a Conjunction.

## FAQ

(frequently asked questions)

**When I play cards, can I play them anywhere in my sentence?**

*Yes! You can play them anywhere, even if they aren't yet grammatical.*

**Does my story have to make sense?**

*Nope! Your sentence just has to follow the rules. If you or your teacher decide on new rules, follow those rules instead!*

**Can my hand have too many cards?**

*Nope! Unless you're playing a special game with unique rules, your hand can be any size.*

**Does my sentence have to be grammatical at the end of each turn?**

*Nope! Just at the end of the game.*

## 'HAIKU' RULES

Shuffle the deck, then deal 7 cards to every player.

Take turns drawing 2 cards, then playing up to 2 cards to make your very own haiku (a kind of poem).

A haiku is made up of 3 lines.

Your first line needs 5 syllables.  
Your second line needs 7 syllables.  
Your third line needs 5 syllables.

The first person to finish wins!

## YOUR HAIKU

Poetry is not bound by the same rules as normal writing. Your sentence no longer has to follow the normal sentence rules!

## 'STRINGLED OUT' RULES

Shuffle all cards, then deal 7 to each player. Flip the top card of the deck face-up on the table.

Take turns drawing one card, then playing one card anywhere in the face-up sentence. On your turn, you may also rearrange one card.

Once the group's story reaches 10 words, the first person to end the sentence wins the round!

## THE SENTENCE

MUST have a Noun or Pronoun.

MUST have a Verb.

CAN'T end with a Conjunction.

## 'RUN-ON' RULES

Same as "Basic Rules" with two exceptions:

You can draw 3 cards and play up to 3 cards each turn.

When there are no more cards in the deck, the player with the longest **complete** sentence wins!

**HINT:** When the deck is running low, finish up fast!

## YOUR SENTENCE

MUST have a Noun or Pronoun.

MUST have a Verb.

CAN'T end with a Conjunction.

## 'NOUNWARD' RULES

Same as "Basic Rules" with one exception:

You can now have two Nouns side-by-side to make a compound noun!

For example, you can play "Shark" and "Tortoise" next to each other to create a Shark Tortoise!

## YOUR SENTENCE

MUST have a Noun or Pronoun.

MUST have a Verb.

CAN'T end with a Conjunction.

# THE PARTS OF SPEECH

## NOUNS

work with **verbs** to tell stories

## verbs

are what **nouns** and **pronouns** do

## PRONOUNS

take the place of **nouns** (or talk about them)

## adjectives

describe **nouns** or **pronouns**

## adverbs

describe **verbs** or **adjectives**

## articles

introduce **nouns** or **pronouns**

## conjunctions

connect parts of a sentence to make it longer

## prepositions

tell us how **nouns** and **pronouns** relate to other words