

Mumbo-Jumbo Spelling Game

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A game for four players, using Scrabble™ tiles or dry-erase boards.

Best for grades 4-6.

1. Player 1 secretly selects a spelling word. He places letters on the board to represent that word, but only one letter is correct.

For the word *broke*, for example, he might use these letters:

zyqkm

It does, indeed, look like "mumbo-jumbo!"

2. Player 2 tries to guess the spelling word and replaces just one letter in the word. If she correctly guesses a letter, player 3 has a turn to replace another letter.

3. When a player DOES NOT make a correct guess, Player 1 says, "Mumbo-jumbo." The player has two more chances to guess a letter.

4. If a player cannot make a correct guess after 3 tries, Player 1 earns one point. He reveals the secret spelling word and chooses a new one. The game begins again.

5. If the entire spelling word is solved correctly, Players 2, 3 and 4 each earn one point. The player who completes the spelling word gets to pick the next mumbo-jumbo word.