The Hat Game - Instant Edition

The Hat Game is simple but brilliant team game that can be played anywhere. This PDF has instructions and parts for you to cut out to make your own set!

What You Need

- A hat or some other similarly sized container.
- Scissors to cut out the suggestions below.
- A pen if you want to fill in the template with your own suggestions.
- A stopwatch or phone app that can time for a minute.

1. Cut out the slips

Cut along the dotted lines to make slips of paper with words or phrases on them. Optionally add some of your own using the template. Fold the slips and put them in the hat. You don't need to use all of them - about 25 is enough for a good game.

2. Get into teams

You need to organise yourselves into at least two teams. The game works with three or more teams but we find two teams works best. Each team needs at least two players, but it doesn’t really matter how big the teams get. It’s not a problem if the teams have different numbers of players.

3. Start Playing

When you have a hat full of paper slips, it’s time to start playing the game! Teams take it in turns to take control of the hat, with one player trying to communicate to their team what’s written on as many slips of paper as they can, in one minute. The team that doesn’t have control of the hat uses the timer to time when the minute is up.

One Minute Per Team

After a minute, the other team takes control of the hat and continues to work through the remaining paper slips. Teams keep taking it in turns, one minute each, until the hat is empty.

The important thing is that teams keep all the paper slips they have guessed correctly - teams need to count these to determine their score at the end of each round.

Three Rounds

The genius of the game is that you have one set of things to guess but three different rounds in which to guess them. When the hat is empty, all the slips then go back in the hat and you move on to the next round.

Round 1:

Unlimited Words

In the first round, there are no restrictions on how the player communicates what is written on the slip of paper to the rest of their team, except they may not use any of the words written on the paper.
Round 2:  
Only Three Words  
In the second round, players may only use three words to describe what’s on the slip of paper to the rest of their team. None of those three words may be words written on the paper.

Round 3:  
No Words At All  
In the final round, each player may only use mime to communicate what’s on the slip of paper to the rest of their team.

The Winning Team  
The team with the highest score after three rounds are the winners!

We love this game so much, we put together a set containing everything you need – no cutting required.

• 1 x Hat Game Bag to use as a hat  
• 2 x pads of paper slips  
• 4 x ballpoint pens  
• 1 x one minute sand timer  
• Full instructions

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