

Ages 8+  
1+ Players

# Crossword Cubes™

The Crossword Dice Game



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**Crossword Cubes** is a crossword spelling game played by any number of people.

## The Start:

Each player rolls one cube. The person whose cube is closest to the letter A goes first. Play rotates clockwise around the board.

## The Play:

The starting player rolls all 13 dice using the shaker cup and forms words across and down in a crossword like fashion. Players can only use letters that appear on the top of the cube. Try to form as many words as possible.

Blanks can be substituted for any letter. However, if the blank is used for two words, the letter must be the same letter in both words. Example:

			P <sub>3</sub>	HER(E) = 6 POINTS
H <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	□	P(E)R = 4 POINTS
			R <sub>1</sub>	TOTAL = 10 POINTS

When creating words, all must be connected in one crossword pattern. Players are not allowed to start a word that is not connected to another word using at least one cube.

Words must be at least two letters, no single letter words are allowed. Foreign words, abbreviations, and proper nouns are prohibited.

Once a player has formed all words, (s)he declares his/her score and passes the shaker cup with cubes to the player to his/her left.

## Winning:

**Standard:**

The game continues until one player has reached 300 points. Each player is then allowed to one more turn, to have an equal number of turns as the person above 300. The player with the highest score wins.

**Solitaire:**

The player is allowed 3 rounds. If s/he can get 200 points in 3 rounds, s/he wins.

**Challenge:**

This version is played the same as the Standard play, but there is a 4 minute time limit per player per round.

## Scoring:

The value of each letter is indicated by a number below each letter. The value of a blank is zero.

H<sub>4</sub> = 4 POINTS      □ = 0 POINTS

When a letter is used in common with a second word, the letter is scored for each word (E in HERE scores again in PER).

see next column.

			P <sub>3</sub>	HERE = 7 POINTS
H <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	PER = 5 POINTS
			R <sub>1</sub>	TOTAL = 12 POINTS

The value of letters not used is not deducted from the total score.

If all 13 cubes are used a bonus of 20 points is added to your score.

			P <sub>3</sub>	
	H <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>
		A <sub>1</sub>		R <sub>1</sub>
Z <sub>10</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>		
O <sub>1</sub>		S <sub>1</sub>		
O <sub>1</sub>				

## SCORING

### HORIZONTAL

HERE = 7 POINTS  
ZIT = 13 POINTS

### VERTICAL

PER = 5 POINTS  
HATS = 8 POINTS  
ZOO = 12 POINTS

**TOTAL** = 35 POINTS  
BONUS = 20 POINTS

**FINAL SCORE** = 55 POINTS

## UNUSED CUBES

			P <sub>3</sub>	
Y <sub>5</sub>		U <sub>1</sub>		
	H <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>
		A <sub>1</sub>		R <sub>1</sub>
Z <sub>10</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>		
		S <sub>1</sub>		

## SCORING

### HORIZONTAL

HERE = 7 POINTS  
ZIT = 13 POINTS

### VERTICAL

PER = 5 POINTS  
HATS = 8 POINTS

**FINAL SCORE** = 33 POINTS