

Chain Letters™

The Word Game With A Hook™

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For 2 or More Players • Ages 8 & Up

Contents

100 Hooks, 3 Sticker Sheets of Letters

Object

Hook the longest and highest-scoring words, collecting the most points!

Set Up

- The first time you play, place letter stickers on each hook. See sticker sheets for correct letter-color placement. The top of the letter must be nearest the bump on the hook, so the bump is above the letter. Put one sticker on each side of a hook, using the same letter so the two sides match. Blank stickers will be used as any letter needed during play.

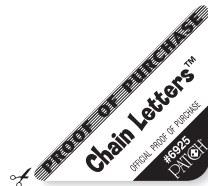
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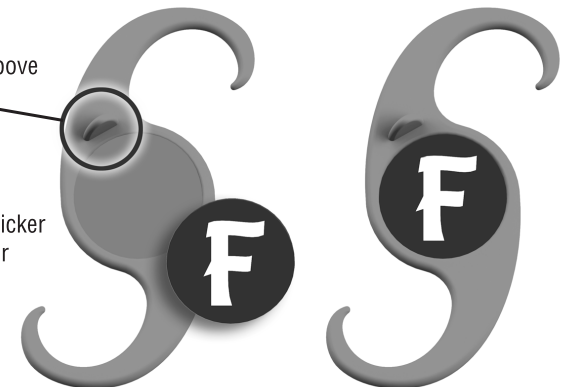
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Position letter sticker
so bump on hook is above
the letter.

See inside page and sticker
sheets for correct letter
placement on correct
hook color.



- Mix up the letter hooks and create a pile on the table. The pile can be messy, there's no right or wrong way to pile them.

Play

- The first player who can find an “L” in the pile goes first! Toss the “L” back in the pile before beginning your turn.
- Look at the pile and try to think of a word you can build with the letters that are reachable. Pick up one letter to start, holding it upright, and use the bottom hook to try and hook the next letter to begin spelling a word.
- Note that blank hooks can represent any letter you want.
- You must hook letters right-side up. If you hook a letter upside-down, your turn ends and you score no points. Return any letters you were holding that round to the pile.
- If you drop a letter once it has left the pile, your turn ends and you score no points that round. Return any letters you were holding that round to the pile.
- You cannot use the hook(s) in your hand to shuffle the pile around intentionally. You must hook letters accessible to you.
- Continue hooking letters, creating a chain of letters, until you have spelled a word. Your turn ends and you keep those letters to count your score later. See next page for scoring.
- The next player then tries to spell a word. Play continues until the pile of letters is gone or no more words can be made.

Winning

Once the pile is gone or no more words can be formed with the remaining letters, add up your points for the letters you have in front of you. The player with the highest score wins!

Scoring

Orange = 1 point each

Green = 2 points each

Red = 3 points each

Acceptable Words

- Any word that can be found in a standard English dictionary is allowable.
- Types of words that are not allowed are abbreviations, prefixes and suffixes. Proper nouns (words spelled with a capital) are not allowed. Any word requiring an apostrophe or hyphen is not allowed.
- Foreign words are allowed only if they are found in the dictionary, meaning they are used regularly in the English language.

Tactical Tips

- You want to score points, but beware of attempting to form overly long words. The more letters you hook, the easier it can be to drop one!
- Think ahead to what word you will form to avoid getting stuck mid-word!

Letter Placement Key

Place the following letter stickers on *both* sides of the **orange hooks**:
A, D, E, G, I, L, N, O, R, S, T, U, BLANK

Place the following letter stickers on *both* sides of the **green hooks**:
B, C, F, H, M, P, Y

Place the following letter stickers on *both* sides of the **red hooks**:
J, K, Q, V, W, X, Z