



- Components:
- 17 wood Cubes
 - 11 Dividers
 - 66 Letter Cards
 - 8 2¢ Vowels
 - 20 Two-Letter Cards
 - 11 Attack Cards
 - 50 Starting Deck Cards
 - 28 Fame cards(Wild)
 - 6 Common Cards
 - 5 Player Powers
 - 6 Theme Cards
 - 4 Award Cards

Welcome to Paperback! You are a group of novelists trying to complete paperback novels for Fame! The player with the most Fame at the end of the game wins.

Setting up the game

Give each player their starting cards for their deck - These are the 1¢ T,R,S,L and N cards and five of the 2¢ Fame cards.

Starting Deck



Create 4 piles for the different ranks of Fame cards, according to the following chart:

Fame Card Piles

# Players		5¢	8¢	11¢	17¢
	2	4	4	2	1
	3	6	6	3	2
	4	8	8	4	2
	5	10	10	5	3
Number of cards					

Shuffle the Common Cards, deal 4. Set the pile face-up near the Offer, on top of the length track. Splay the cards so that they reveal the length track one at a time.



Sort the Letter and Two-Letter cards by price (2¢–10¢). Combine the 8¢, 9¢, and 10¢ piles. Remove Attack cards they are recommended for advanced players only. Shuffle each of the seven piles. Place them face up in the center of the table. Take the top card off each pile, and place below the pile, as shown above. These are the alternate cards; both sets of cards are available for purchase. NOTE: The 2¢ pile doesn't get an alternate.

Letter Card



Fame Card



How to use your deck

A Player's deck is a collection of cards that are shuffled and placed face down - this is the Draw pile. Each turn, players draw their hand from this pile, choose which cards to play, and at the end of their turn, discard all unused cards from that hand. These unused cards go into another pile - the Discard pile. The Discard pile is face up. Whenever a player needs to draw cards and the Draw pile is empty, the Discard pile is shuffled and becomes the new Draw pile. Players cannot shuffle the Discard pile before the Draw pile is empty. Shuffling often occurs in the middle of drawing a hand - just pause to re-shuffle and keep drawing. Note how the cards re-cycle through the Discard and Draw pile.

Start Game

Everyone draws their first hand of 5 cards. The first player is the person who most recently finished reading a novel.

Turns continue in a clockwise order.

A turn consists of the following:

- ⊗ Create a word
- ⊗ Check the word length
- ⊗ Resolve any abilities
- ⊗ Score the Word
- ⊗ Buy Cards
- ⊗ Discard cards
- ⊗ Draw next hand

Create a Word

Form a word using the cards you have in your hand and lay out the cards for your word face-up in front of you. Fame cards can be used as any letter. You may also use the topmost Common Card once by referring to it, leaving it on the Length Track. You need not use all the letters in your hand. Like most word games, no proper nouns, names or places are allowed.

Check the word length

Count up the number of letters in your word (include Wild cards). If the word is equal to or longer than the highest number showing on the Length Track, you gain the Common Card. This reveals the next Common Card for everyone to use and expands the length required to gain the next card. When the last Common Card is gained, the game is over.

Resolve any abilities

If any of the cards in your word have special abilities, they activate now. The cards used to form the word activate their ability. The abilities on unused cards are not activated. Some abilities only activate if a condition is met. If an ability says that you “may” do something, it’s optional. Otherwise, you must use the ability. The abilities on unused cards are not activated. Make note of abilities that give you extra cards next turn.

Score Word

Add up all the scores from the letters in your word, including the Common Card, if you used it. Apply score bonuses from the card abilities in the word. Remember - use the top left number to score your letters, NOT the lower left number.

Buy Cards

Using your score(top left), you may purchase from the visible cards in the Offer including Fame cards. Multiple cards can be purchased, but the total cost(lower left) must not exceed this turn’s word score. Purchased cards are placed in your discard pile. If you purchased an alternate card, replace it with the top card of the corresponding pile. There should always be two cards available for purchase from each pile (except the 2¢ pile). Unspent money is lost at the end of the turn.

Remember - while purchasing letters will increase your ability to form longer and better words, purchasing Fame Cards is crucial for winning the game.

Discard Cards

Put all cards from your word and hand, including any cards gained this turn, into your discard pile. Attack cards from your word stay in play for one round. Tell other players that the attack is in play. Discard the attack at the beginning of your next turn.

Draw 5 Cards

Draw 5 cards, plus any additional cards granted by abilities in your last word. If you run out of cards, shuffle your discard pile and create a new draw pile. Continue drawing up to your hand limit.

End of Game

The game ends when any two of the Fame piles are empty OR there are no more Common Cards. If a player takes the last Common Card, he finishes his turn and the game is over. To determine the winner, each player adds up the Fame points on the cards in her deck (include player hands, as well as draw and discard piles). The player with the most Fame wins the game. Ties are broken by the player with the most Common Cards.

Important Notes

- ✂ Some cards have two letters on them. Both letters are used when making words. The letters must be together and their order cannot be reversed. These cards count as two letters toward your Word Length.
- ✂ The Common Card can only be used once per word.
- ✂ If you copy the “Double Word Score” ability, it triples the word score(not 4x).
- ✂ Wild cannot be copied as an ability.
- ✂ There are two sets of cover art for each Fame pile. They function the same, just look different.
- ✂ Cards that refer to +1¢(for example) add +1 to their word score.

Key Words

Hand - Refers to the cards left in your hand that you didn't use in your word. They are still discarded before your next hand is drawn.

Trash - Does not refer to discarding. This means to remove a card from the game. Trashing cards happens before the Buy Cards step. It's helpful to make a pile for players to put their trashed cards.

Trashing is very useful for getting rid of weaker cards, thus increasing your chances of getting more powerful cards when you draw.

Gain - This means to acquire a card and put it in your discard pile.

Attack - When you use this in a word, it stays in play until your next turn. It only affects other players for that round and limits them in different ways. At the start of your next turn it is discarded.

Trashing Example

Bob has played the word SMART. Resolving the abilities on the cards, he sees "If you trash a card from hand, gain a card costing 1¢ more". He decides to trash his 2¢ Fame card and gains a 3¢ D from the supply. Then resolves "You may trash the top card from two offer piles." He looks at the offer and decides to trash the 6¢ W and the 7¢ Q to reveal more options for his upcoming purchase. He then Scores the word for $1+2+1+3 = 7¢$ and buys his card(s) up to that amount, placing them in his discard pile. Then he draws his next hand of 5 cards and his turn is over.

Expansions

Spacebar

If this is the Common Card, you can play it to create two words with your hand. Score +1¢ when used. If you use this card to make two words, you get the combined score of both words plus 1 for the space.

Dyslexic

If this is the Common Card, you can play it to reverse the letters in a Two-Letter Card. If you do then score +1¢. If you gain this card, you can play it to reverse a two-letter card the next time you draw it into your hand.

Attacks

If you want more direct conflict in the game, add the Attack cards to the Offer piles when you're setting up the game.

Player Powers

To play with these, shuffle them and deal one to each player at the start of the game. They grant each player a unique power to use during their turn.

Award Cards

Shuffle the Award cards and reveal one, then place it in the Offer. This card is awarded at the end of the game based on the conditions listed on the card.

Theme Cards

Shuffle the Theme cards and reveal one, and place it in the Offer. This card is given to the player that forms a word that fits the theme of that card (some examples are provided on the card). When a player is trying to claim the Theme card, all players vote whether the word fits that theme. If a majority agree, they can take it and put it their play area face up (doesn't get added to their deck). If another player forms a word fitting the Theme card later in the game, they take the card (and points) from the previous player. At the end of the game, the last player in possession of the Theme card adds it towards their final Fame total.

Optional Rules

Use any of these rules to spice up your game

Optional Rule:

Cubes as rewards for advice from other players

If you are having a hard time forming a word, reveal your hand and say that you're offering a bounty in exchange for some help. Other players can now suggest words for you to use. If you use a word that someone suggested, the player who suggested the word receives a cube from supply. Players may cash in a cube on their turn for +1¢.

This rule can also be played with a turn timer, where the player must reveal his hand and offer a bounty when the time is up.

Optional Rule:

Discard hand for a cube

If you can't or don't want to buy a letter, you can discard your hand (not forming a word), and gain a cube from supply. You may cash in a cube on your turn for +1¢.

Optional Rule:

Cubes as discount tokens

When a card is purchased off the top of a pile in the Offer, that pile's corresponding alternate card gets a token. For each token on top of the alternate card, its price is reduced by 1¢ (can't reduce price below 0¢). Remove the tokens when the alternate card is purchased.

Optional Rule:

Recycle the 2¢ cards

If the 2¢ pile runs out, take all the 2¢ cards in the trash and shuffle them and re-create the 2¢ pile.

Game Mode: Cooperative

In this mode, the players work together to win. The goal is to buy all the Fame cards before any card gets five tokens on it. The Fame cards start in a pyramid pattern(see below) Players can only buy cards that are uncovered. Each turn a player doesn't buy a Fame card, she must put a token on an uncovered Fame card. If any card gets 5 tokens on it, all the players lose! For an extra challenge, have players lose if 4 tokens are on a card. Also, try different Fame card layouts for a new challenge.

Co-op Mode



Game Mode: Simultaneous - Created by Dave Campbell
Remove the cards with the "trash cards from the Offer" ability, as well as the attack cards. Shuffle all the Letter cards together. The Offer is 10 cards dealt from this deck. Fame and Common cards are used as normal.

Start the game by filling the Offer, then having each player draft 2 cards out of it in 1-2-3-3-2-1 order, adding the cards to their starting deck. Remove and replace cards 8¢ or higher from the offer for the initial draft. This makes the game get going faster, allows you to "aim for something" with your deck right from the start. Because of the draft, players start with a 12 card deck and have a base of 6 card hands instead of 5.

All players draw their cards for the next turn, but nobody looks at them until everyone's ready, and then everyone races to make their word for the round. Remember who announced their word first. When everyone has made a word, Players buy in the order they announced, and the Offer doesn't replenish until after the last person buys. This serves to reward fast play, though it is still worthwhile to think longer if it means you can make a better word. If someone announces an invalid word, they get bumped to the end of the buy order and must make a valid word.

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