

# WHAT DO THESE GAMES HAVE IN COMMON?

Monopoly

Scrabble

Read the questions below. Before you read the text which answers do you think are true and which false?

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| 1 Both games were invented in America in the 1930s.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 One of the games was invented by people who didn't have a job.           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Toy companies were immediately interested in both games.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 The inventors made every edition of their game by hand at the beginning. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Both games are played on a playing board.                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Two or more people can play both games.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Both games are published in over 25 languages today.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Both games are available in over 80 countries around the world.          | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Two Games

A.  
In 1929 many people in the United States lost their jobs. This was the beginning of the Great Depression. During this time two famous board games were invented.  
The architect Alfred Butts lost his job in 1929. He developed a game called Lexico, in which you used letters to make words. You got points for the number of letters and the kind of letters you used. There was no board. Mr. Butts took his idea to different toy companies but they weren't interested. He changed his Lexico game. He designed a board, with 225 square spaces. He put the letters onto little counters. Different letters were worth different points. He also changed the rules and the name of his game. The game became very popular and soon spread around the world.  
This board game is now so popular that more than 100 million sets have been

sold in over 120 countries and in 29 different languages.

B.  
Another unemployed American Charles B. Durrow invented this game. It was played on a board, with a dice and counters. The idea of the game was to move your counter around the squares on the board and buy property. When you had property you could win money. The winner of the game was the person who won the most money at the end. When he first showed it to a toy company, they also refused it. But Mr. Durrow didn't give up. He worked with a friend and made 5,000 sets of his game by hand. People loved it, and the toy company changed its mind. In 1935 it was the most popular game in America.  
Over 200 million sets of this game have been sold around the world. The game is published in 26 languages and available

Game A is \_\_\_\_\_ and game B is \_\_\_\_\_

## SO WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES?

Use the words to fill in the blanks and discover the difference between the two games.

money	points	squares	dice	turn	miss
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Scrabble is played with letters. The objective is to make words on the board. Different letters are worth different \_\_\_\_\_.

In Scrabble each player has seven letters per \_\_\_\_\_.

If you can't make a word with your letters, you \_\_\_\_\_ a turn in Scrabble.

Monopoly is played with toy \_\_\_\_\_ which you use to buy property on the board.

In Monopoly, players roll a \_\_\_\_\_ and move around the board.

In Monopoly, you can build houses and hotels on the \_\_\_\_\_ which you have bought.

## Games Expressions

Reorder the words to make some common expressions connected to playing games.

- the roll dice
- turn it's your
- a up card pick
- turn miss a
- again go
- highest goes rolls first whoever
- your is which counter?
- cheating no!

## Identify that Game!

Think of a game that you know well. Make some notes below on how to play it. Explain how to play your game to a partner, but don't tell them the name of the game. Can your partner identify the game you are describing?