

Game 5: Longest Sentence

Longest Sentence asks students to create the longest sentence possible using a set of 15–20 *Word Bricks* in only 3 minutes. Keeping the time limit short makes for a fast-paced, fun atmosphere as teams compete to make the longest sentence.

Instructions

1. Have students (the players) sit in pairs or small groups and give each team 15–20 *Word Bricks*. Each team should have the same number of *Word Bricks*, but they can have different bricks.
2. Tell the teams that they have 3 minutes to create one complete sentence, and the team with the longest sentence will win the round. (If teams become frustrated, or if most teams have not completed a sentence in the time limit, they can be given more time to complete their sentence.)
3. After 3 minutes, have each group share their sentences.
4. When you and the teams verify that a team has made a correct sentence, one player from that team should write the sentence on the board. Each team that comes up with a correct sentence should complete this step.
5. Once all of the correct sentences are written on the board, have all teams count the words in each sentence and determine which team created the longest sentence. This team wins the game.



Note: Teachers can make the activity easier by making sure that each group has a “Wild Card.” Giving each group two “Wild Cards” will produce even longer sentences.

Optional: To play multiple rounds of *Longest Sentence*, ask each group to choose a name for their team and make a column for each team on the board with their team name written at the top. Proceed with steps 2–5, but award the team with the longest sentence one point and record it under their team name on the board. Give each group a new set of *Word Bricks* and repeat the game. The game can be repeated as many times as you wish. At the end, the team with the most points wins.