Game 10: Sorting Race

With just a few extra minutes in class, teachers can lead any number of *Sorting Races* using *Word Bricks*. In a *Sorting Race*, players race to find all words of a certain type in a set of *Word Bricks*. The choice of word category can make the game more or less challenging. Possible word categories include:

Basic Word Categories
- nouns
- verbs
- adjectives and adverbs
- articles and pronouns
- prepositions
- words of three letters or fewer

More Challenging Word Categories
- countable nouns
- non-countable nouns
- irregular plural nouns
- irregular past tense verbs
- intransitive verbs
- abstract words
- words that can be both nouns and verbs

Instructions

1. Have students (the players) sit in pairs or small groups, and give each team about 50 *Word Bricks*.

2. Tell the teams that they will have 2 minutes to find as many words in their set of *Word Bricks* that are in the selected category. (The time limit can be adjusted for larger sets of *Word Bricks* or for the more challenging word categories.)

3. Call out the word category and immediately start the timer. Alternatively, the teacher may need to give some examples of the word category to help players know what to look for.

4. At the end of 2 minutes, have each team call out how many *Word Bricks* they found in their set of *Word Bricks*.

5. To play more than one round, call out a new category and repeat steps 3–4.