One tile of the first word must cover the center square. Double word score if the first word uses 5 or more tiles.

Each player maintains a hand of 8 tiles. All tiles placed on a single turn must connect to each other in a horizontal or vertical line. At least one tile you place must connect to a tile already on the board. Instead of playing tiles, you may use your turn to exchange any number of your tiles for new ones.

All new sequences of tiles must form valid words. All English words, including proper names and foreign borrowings, are valid. Transcription must follow either the player’s dialect or accepted dictionary pronunciations. A blank tile can substitute for any sound. Once the blank is placed on the board, the sound cannot be changed.

Use 5 tiles: 10 extra points. Use 6 tiles: 20 extra points. Use 7 tiles: 40 extra points. Use 8 tiles: 75 extra points. Extra points are not multiplied.

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