AMBIGUITY

The Game of Dubious Deductions

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Ambiguity is a brainteaser of common knowledge for one player aged 12+, with a multiple player option.

Words without context have multiple meanings. Use your deduction skills to put the right words in their proper place to solve each game.
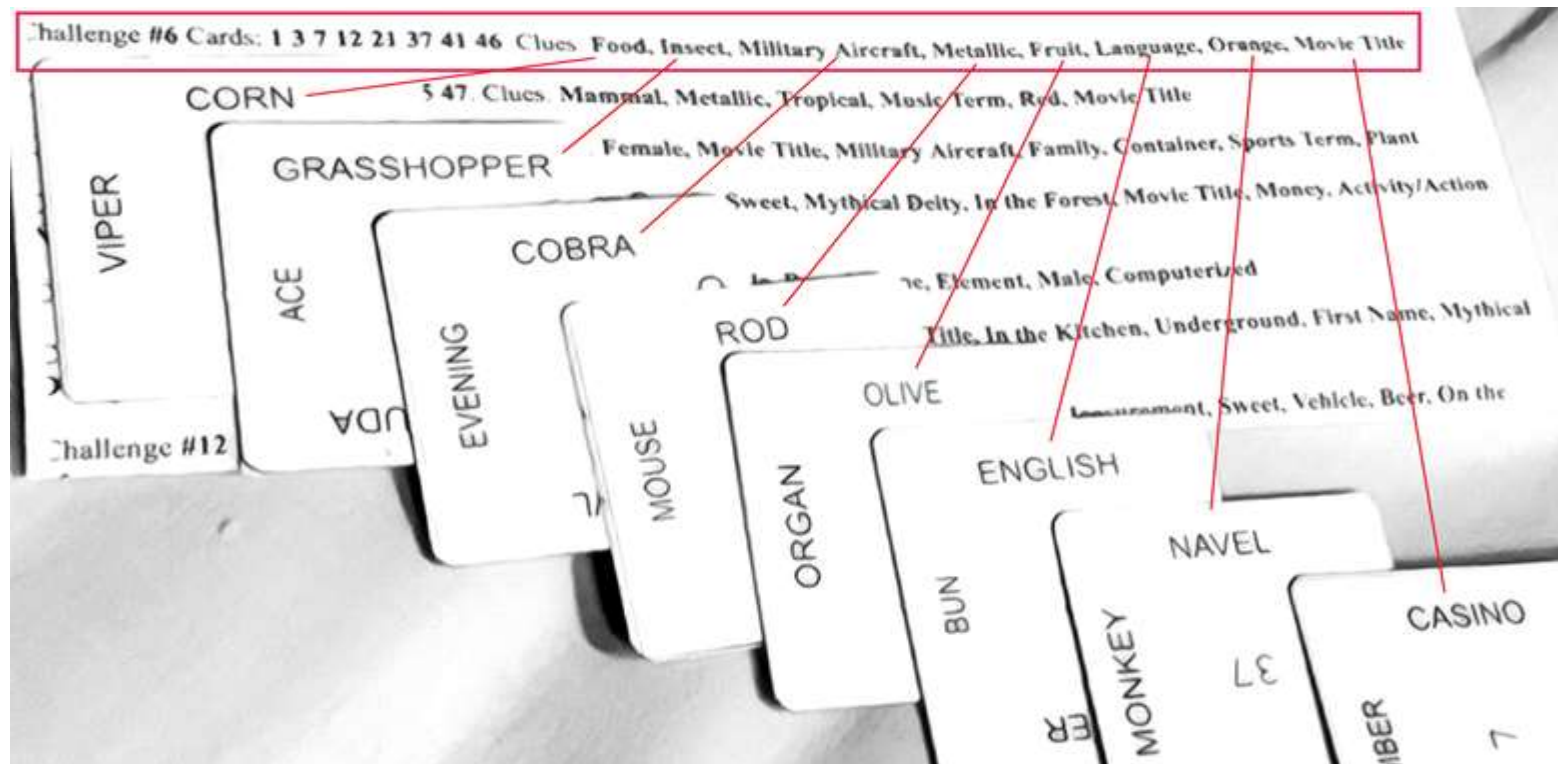
- Is BOSS a job or brand name?
- Is CROW a tribe or a bird?
- Is BEETLE a tool or an insect?
- Is BUCK a mammal or money?
- Is BIKINI clothing or an island?
- Is CLUB a weapon or a place?
- Is GIN a drink or a machine?
- Is HARP a musical instrument or a beer brand?
- Is COOKIE edible or on your computer?
- Is TIN a container or an element of the periodic table?

Components

- 24 two-sided word cards with 192 words
- 200+ preprinted initial challenges
- unlimited challenges on the website
- online web apps.

Overview

You will be tasked to solve brain-teasing challenges. For each challenge, you will be presented with a set of unique categories (clues) and a set of numbered cards. Each card has four words, only one being needed per category.

Your job is to figure out which word belongs to which category. For each category, you'll pick a related word from one of the cards. The tricky part is that you can only _use one word from each card_ to solve the challenge.

For example, when given categories like **Brand Name**, **Fruit** and **Metallic** with words like **APPLE** and **BELL**, the words are both **Brand Names**. But **APPLE** could also be the **Fruit** and **BELL** could be something **Metallic**. Spotting other words will help you narrow down the connections.

There are over 100 categories that can define words, making for some very interesting challenges to solve.

Very Simple Setup

Select a challenge (see below or from a PDF). Grab the indicated cards by number. The numbers are not points. They just uniquely identify each card for easy pickings.

Tip: layout all 24 cards in order 2 4 6 … 48 for quicker selection between games.

Game Play

Review the clues and examine the words on the cards. For each clue, pick a word (only one per card). In your mind, connect the words with the clues. Rotate the cards such that the connected word is at the top of the card. After laying out all your cards, if all the words match their respective clues, you're done. Otherwise, reexamine and realign the words before consulting the solution.
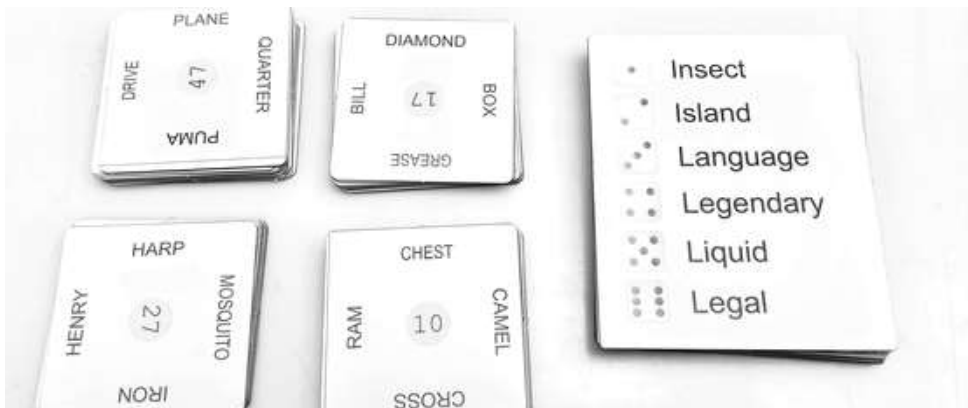
Challenges

Each challenge indicates which cards are needed for picking the correct words for the solution. The clues provided are contextual categories, but the words alone on the cards have no context.

Generally, the more cards used, the more difficult the challenge. Challenges are labelled from easy to extreme. Start with the easier challenges to get the hang of it.

Twenty initial challenges are available on the last page in this guide. Print more challenges online to take with you or use a web app on your cellphone or computer.

More Free Challenges & Multi-Player Modes

www.AMBIGUITY.fun gives you other ways to play, like the "Collection" mode. Find web apps and unlimited challenges using your existing cards.

SOLO CHALLENGE

Grab These Cards:

BARRACUDA ACE 1 CLOCK	GRASSHOPPER	BLACKJACK CANCER 15 BALANCE	COUGAR	JAWW FALCON 28 HAMMERK	HAMILTON
JACK HOOD 31 WIT	KNIGHT	ORBO BEACHES 40 MOTHER	BARREL	PUMA DRIVE 47 QUARTER	PLANE

Your Clues:

In The Air: **PLANE**
Sport: **ACE**
Fish: **JACK**
Bird: **FALCON**
On The Map: **BEACHES**
Zodiac Sign: **CANCER**

[Easy]

PLANE
DRIVE 47 QUARTER
PUMA

DIAMOND
BILL 17 BOX
GREASE

- Insect
- Island
- Language
- Legendary
- Liquid
- Legal

HARP
HENRY 27 MOSQUITO
IRON

CHEST
RAM 10 CAMEL
CROSS

Sample Challenge

Here is a sample challenge and the steps used to solve it.

Category/Clue	Matches
Building	Castle Church
Brand Name	Polo
Round	Clock Marbles Blueberry
Yellow	Daisy Corn Butter
Fruit	Blueberry
Beverage	Rum Coffee Whiskey
Chess	Castle Fork Bishop

Solving the Sample Challenge

To solve this challenge, you need to find and contextualize matching words using both deduction and elimination.

The only **Brand Name** is **Polo**, so that eliminates **Church**, **Spade** and **Corn** from card #44. Which means that **Castle** is the **Building**. That eliminates the remaining words on card 1, so **Clock** isn't the **Round** item. The only **Fruit** is the **Blueberry** and that eliminates **Daisy** being **Yellow**, leaving **Butter** as the **Yellow** item. That removes **Rum** from being a candidate for **Beverage**. The only **Round** item left is the **Wheel**, which leaves **Bishop** as the item related to **Chess**. The only **Beverage** left is **Milk**.

The example's solution in order of the clues is:

Building	Brand Name	Round	Yellow	Fruit	Beverage	Chess

Castle, Polo, Wheel, Butter, Blueberry, Milk, Bishop.

Notes

- Definitions of ambiguities and additional challenges are found at www.AMBIGUITY.fun.
- Print PDFs with more challenges and solutions from The Game Crafter page for Ambiguity.
- Instructions for a multi-player games are also on the website.

Your Initial Challenges

Here are your initial challenges rated (**E**)asy, (**M**)edium, (**H**)ard, e(**X**)treme:

#5 (E) Cards: **6 15 20 32 46**. Clues: **Computerized, Medical, River, Movie Title, Car Name**.

#6 (E) Cards: **22 28 32 37 42**. Clues: **Shape, Female, Computerized, Male, Measurement**.

#9 (E) Cards: **7 12 19 24 39 42**. Clues: **In The Kitchen, Computerized, Bicycle Part, Indian Tribe, River, Constellation**.

#10 (E) Cards: **6 14 19 32 39**. Clues: **Computerized, Sports Term, Fish, In The Kitchen, Activity/Action**.

#16 (E) **1 29 36 43 48**. Clues: **Car Name, Nasa Spacecraft, Underground, Plant, Insect**.

#1 (M) Cards: **1 3 12 16 19 38**. Clues: **Male, Cards, Sports Term, Weapon, Military Aircraft, Time**.

#3 (M) Cards: **1 16 18 19 28 31**. Clues: **Sports Term, Sport, Clothing, Yellow, Male, Military Aircraft**.

#11 (M) Cards: **1 8 26 28 38 39 44 46**. Clues: **On The Map, Mythical, Weapon, In The Water, Metallic, Breakable, Body Part, Bird**.

#12 (M) Cards: **2 10 23 25 28 36 37**. Clues: **Brand Name, Container, Sport, Tree, Beer, Tropical, Zodiac Sign**.

#13 (M) **7 13 21 29 31 41 44**. Clues: **Pet, Tool, Male, Weapon, Car Name, Green, Female**.

#17 (M) Cards: **1 6 7 13 21 24 35 37**. Clues: **Building, Hair Style, Orange, Car Name, On The Map, In Space, Brand Name, Shape**.

#18 (M) Cards: **4 27 36 39 43 47**. Clues: **Red, Female, Mammal, Gemstone, First Name, Money**.

#19 (M) Cards: **7 21 25 44 46**. Clues: **Shape, Clothing, Car Name, Building, Metallic**.

#4 (H) Cards: **4 11 13 28 34 42 45**. Clues: **Royalty, Golf, Beer, Container, Brand Name, Constellation, Movie Title**.

#8 (H) Cards: **2 7 18 19 22 36 42 48**. Clues: **Nasa Spacecraft, Measurement, Activity/Action, Animal Part, Constellation, Building, Tropical, Movie Title**.

#14 (H) **2 3 9 18 19**. Clues: **Military Aircraft, Movie Title, In The Kitchen, Cocktail, Red**.

#15 (H) Cards: **1 9 11 15 17 27 47**. Clues: **Cards, Music Term, Brand Name, In The Air, Metallic, On The Water, Game**.

#20 (H) Cards: **1 3 12 17 21 23 44 45**. Clues: **Sports Term, House Part, Time, Green, Container, Building, Island, Hair Style**.

#2 (X) Cards: **1 3 6 16 44 45**. Clues: **Constellation, Movie Title, Black, Green, Time, Pet**.

#7 (X) Cards: **6 9 16 18 20 47**. Clues: **Indian Tribe, Game, Money, Military, Nasa Spacecraft, Movie Title**.

Solutions:

The words in each solution below are shown in the order of their respective clues.

#10: WINDOWS CUP PIKE FOIL MARCH

#19: HEART SHOE DRIVER ADOBE POT

#16: METEOR SURVEYOR COFFIN PALM GRASSHOPPER

#18: LADYBUGS GALE MUSTANG PEARL HENRY QUARTER

#3: HAMMER ACE BOOT DAISY KNIGHT OTTER

#1: ROD ACE CUP MACHETE ORION EVENING

#4: QUEEN CLUB FALCON TANK PIONEER PISCES CHICAGO

#8: SURVEYOR BAR WAVE TALON PISCES CASINO CARIB LEGION

#7: MOHAWK BATTLESHIP QUARTER LEGION ORION SCORPIO

#12: FOX CHEST SQUASH MANGO CASTLE JAVA GEMINI

#13: DOG JACK HOMER TORPEDO BEETLE OLIVE AMBER

#17: CASINO BUN NAVEL BARRACUDA MANHATTAN MARS BOSS SQUARE

#15: BLACKJACK CLOCK BOX MOSQUITO PLANE BATTLESHIP CHICAGO

#20: COACH ROOM EVENING GRASSHOPPER BOX ADOBE MADAGASCAR BUN

#14: TALON EVENING FORK DAISY APPLE

#6: STAR VIRGINIA JAVA MERCURY SPOON

#2: ORION BARNYARD PITCH GRASSHOPPER EVENING SNAKE

#5: WINDOWS CANCER SNAKE CELLULAR VIPER

#11: HAMILTON SATURN TORPEDO BARRACUDA NICKEL PITCHER CORN TURKEY

#9: POT MOUSE HORN CARIB MOON PISCES