

SPELLING BEEES

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Each player is a bee who job is to collect letters and turn them into words. Follow the invisible pathways along adjacent letters to spot and score words.



Lasercut Game Components:

- hexagonal game board with
- 6 built-in scoring tracks (0-199 points)
- 23 flower tiles with 6 letters on each
- 6 bees in six different colours.

Goal: Be the first bee to accumulate top points.

Setup:

- Randomly place 19 flower tiles inside the game board, leaving the remaining 4 tiles aside
- Give each player a bee
- Players place their bee on one of the two starting entrances of the same colour
- Determine the winning score up to 200 points.

Game Play:

On their turn, each player can:

- Rotate one tile or swap and align two flower tiles
- Look for a word made from adjacent letter and move their bee to the last letter of that word
- Score the word made by counting the number of letters.

Winning the Game:

The first player to exceed the target score is the winner.

Legal and Prohibited Moves:

- Your bee can only move along adjacent letters comprising a word
- Your bee cannot pass through another bee
- You always have the ability to make a word (by swapping and/or rotating tiles), so you must make a move.
- You must make a word of at least three letters, although younger children can be permitting two-letter words.
- You can rotate the tile upon which your bee sits – carefully.

Moving Your Bee:

Look for the invisible pathways among adjacent letters. Start with a letter adjacent to your bee, finding all the other sequentially-adjacent letters in your word and end up on the last letter.

Examples:

MICE: Bee ends up on the “E”, scoring four points.



SOFTTEST: Bee ends up on the last letter “T”, scoring 7 points.



Strategies:

Try to imagine longer words and manipulate tiles to make longer words for more points. For example, to make **VACATIONS**, swap two tiles to put the missing "C" in the right spot:



VACATIONS yields 9 points.



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