

BAFFLE

A **FUNNY** story in every game!

GABTM



HOW TO PLAY

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OBJECT OF THE GAME

Write an original story using a Famous Line and 5 Baffle Gab™ game words before the timer runs out. You earn Bone Bucks for the Famous Line and every game word used correctly. The first player to get 100 Bone Bucks wins!

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GET READY TO PLAY

Shuffle all Baffle Gab™ word cards and return them to the card box. Place the Famous Lines deck face down in the center of play. Choose a player to be the banker and stack all of the Bone Bucks next to that person. Give each player a pad and pencil.



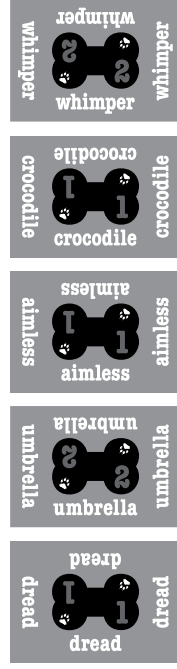
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PLAYING THE GAME



1. The person to the left of the banker draws 1 Famous Line card from the deck and places it face up where all players can see it.

2. Then the same person draws 5 cards from the card box and places them bone-side-up in the center of play. All players use the same Famous Line and Baffle Gab™ words drawn for each round.



3. Read the Famous Line and game words out loud once. Turn the timer over and all players start writing using the Famous Line quote (ending in...) to begin a sentence or story using the 5 Baffle Gab™ words with as many of their own words as they want.

4. When the timer runs out the banker will call, "Time's up!" Stop writing even if your sentence isn't finished!

5. Beginning with the person who drew the cards for the round, each player reads his or her story out loud by repeating the Famous Line and following with their story. The player to the left of the first reader reads next and so on until all players have read their stories. Challenges can be made as soon as a player reads a story out loud. Turn the cards over to see the definition of the challenged game word to determine whether the challenge is correct.

6. Count the point values from the bone side of the word cards and add up the total points for words used correctly in your story. Add 3 points for a successful use of the Famous Line drawn for the round. You can double your points for a story if you have all 5 game words in 1 sentence and use the Famous Line quote correctly! Collect your Bone Bucks from the banker.

- Time for the next round! Take out 1 new Famous Line card and 5 new word cards to begin a new round.
- The first player to get 100 Bone Bucks wins!

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IMPORTANT

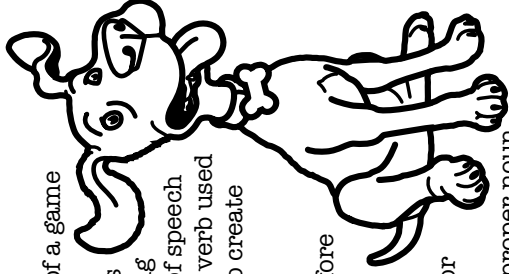
- Your sentences must be complete, make sense, and read as a story in order to earn Bone Bucks, and you may write as many sentences as you want to create your story.
- To earn 3 points for the Famous Line, it must be correctly used as the start for your story.
- Use 1-point game words only once in your story. If used more than once, neither use will count.
- 2-point game words may be used twice. The

second use will only count if you have used each of the 5 game words in your story once prior to the second use of the 2-point word.

- You may not use more than 2 game words in a row in your story.

GABBY'S TIPS

- You can use a different form of a game word by adding suffixes like -s, -ed, -ing, -or -ly; or prefixes like re-, de-, or un-; or by using the word as a different part of speech (for example, an adjective or verb used as a noun). Just remember to create words that can be found in a dictionary.
- Do not write a word down before timed play begins and don't look for definitions.
- Discuss what game words mean only when challenged or after a round of play.
- Do not use a game word as a proper noun by capitalizing the first letter so you can use it as the name of someone or something. For example, if you get the word "WHIMPER" do not write "Ms. Whimper was my teacher."



CHALLENGING OTHER PLAYERS

- You can challenge another player's use of a game word after their story is read out loud. To do this, tell the player which word is being challenged.
- To challenge a game word you must use the word in a sentence or define it before checking the definition.
- Based on the definition on the back of the card or in a dictionary, the challenge is determined to be either correct or incorrect. If the challenger doesn't use or define the challenged word correctly, the challenged player will earn the word's points even if that player's original use is found to be incorrect during the challenge.
- If you correctly challenge a player's story you will earn Bone Bucks for each use of the challenged word in the story. The challenged player will not earn any points for correctly challenged words.
- If you challenge a word incorrectly you will have to subtract its point value from your own score.
- The story you write with a Famous Line has to track logically as a finish for that line. To challenge a player's use of a Famous Line, you have to get a majority of the other players to agree with you that the story doesn't work as a finish for the Famous Line.
- Challenged players don't earn double point scores for single sentences with all 5 game words if any game word in the sentence is found to have been used incorrectly or if the story has been determined not to work as a finish for the Famous Line.
- There can only be 1 challenge for each game word or Famous Line use per player's story each round of play. However, if another player's use is also incorrect, the first challenger to call it takes the points.

SCORING

- Only complete sentences qualify for points!
- Add 3 points for correct use of a Famous Line.
- Add up all Bone Bucks points for Famous Lines, game words, and challenges.
- Give double points for game words used correctly in a single complete sentence that features all 5 game words and a correct use of the Famous Line. Include any correct second use of 2-point words in that sentence.
- Give no points for any 1-point game word used more than once.
- Give no points for 2-point game words used a

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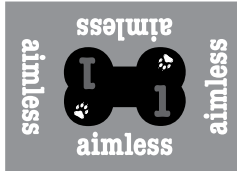
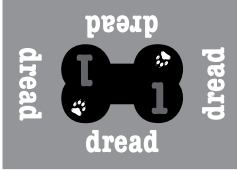
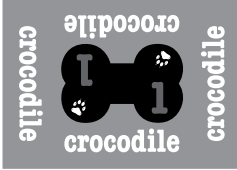
- second time if all 5 game words weren't used first.
- Give no points for game words used as proper nouns.
- Give no points for a game word used in a sentence incorrectly.
- Give no points for a Famous Line used incorrectly.
- When more than 2 game words are used in a row give no points for any of those words.
- Players collect the correct number of Bone Bucks from the banker.

22 Bone Bucks: I am Dracula and... I make the **aimless** **crocodiles** sob and **whimper** with **dread** before my ferocious **umbrella**. If it weren't for that **umbrella** I would be defenseless. [7 points for the game words and 3 points for correctly using the Famous Line. Double that total to 20 points for use of all 5 game words in 1 sentence. Add 2 points for using a 2-point word a second time.]

0 Bone Bucks: I am Dracula and ... I didn't **dread** **whimpering**. My **umbrella** hit the **crocodile**. I was **aimless**. [No points for sentences that don't work together to tell a story or use the Famous Line.]

0 Bone Bucks: I am Dracula and ... the **crocodile's** **dreaded umbrella** was torn, but I don't know what **whimper** means and I couldn't figure out how to get **aimless** into the story. [No points for more than 2 game words in a row. No points for game words used without telling a story. No points for a story that doesn't complete the Famous Line.]

EXAMPLES OF STORIES & SCORING



3 Bone Bucks: I am Dracula and... the **crocodile** was **dreadingly** around the house. She began to **whimper** as the rain started and she... [3 points for 3 game words worth 1 point each used correctly in a finished sentence. No points for the game word in the unfinished sentence. Since the story did not logically finish the Famous Line, no points are earned for its use.]

TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

- Use more than or fewer than five cards to increase or decrease the level of difficulty.
- Each player may draw his or her own five cards per round of play.
- Set up teams and follow standard rules, or have each team draw its own five cards. The first team to earn 200 Bone Bucks wins the game.
- Play for a designated period of time. The player with the highest score wins.

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