



HOLIDAY CATEGORIES GAME

TRY TO THINK OF ONE WORD (OR GROUP OF WORDS) FOR EACH CATEGORY. EACH WORD MUST START THE LETTER PROVIDED.

H

Something you might say to someone at holiday time:

O

A holiday treat:

L

Something special you did this year:

I

A place you'd like to be for the holidays:

D

A gift you might give to someone you like:

A

A gift you might give to someone you don't like:

Y

A child's toy:

S

Something special to do at holiday time:

Ways to Play

In the commercial Scattergories™ game, players are given three minutes to generate a word that starts with a designated letter for each of twelve categories. Points are scored only for words that no other player has given.

As always, teachers are encouraged to make up their own rules to make this an engaging learning experience for their students. Here are a few tips:

- Use the letters of the word HOLIDAYS as the designated letters for each category, or select a letter for students to use for all categories.
- It's not difficult to come up with an answer for each category; it's fairly challenging to come up with a *unique* answer.
- Extend the time limit – or use no time limit at all. The point here is to be creative with words, not simply jot down the first word that comes to mind.
- Encourage students to be creative, such as using phrases (rather than individual words) that begin with the designated letter.
- Have students work in pairs to generate words.
- After the game, have students work in small groups to compare their words and gain points for words that no one else has listed.
- Offer bonus points for using more than one word with the designated letter in a phrase.
- Appoint an “arbitration committee” to determine whether questionable entries should be allowed.