

# AMBIGUITY

## The Game of Dubious Deductions

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**Ambiguity** is a brainteaser of common knowledge for one player aged 12+, with an online app for multiple players.



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?

# 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 presented with a set of cards and clues. The cards have four words each.

Your job is to figure out which words belongs to which category. Since each word belongs to at least two categories, the tricky part is that you can only use one word from each card.

Solve each challenge by picking the one word from each card that matches each clue.

For example, figure out whether MUSTANG refers to a CAR or a HORSE. Is the context of BARREL a CONTAINER or a MEASUREMENT? Does TIN refer to the periodic table or a can of food?

These examples are the types of challenges you will need to resolve.

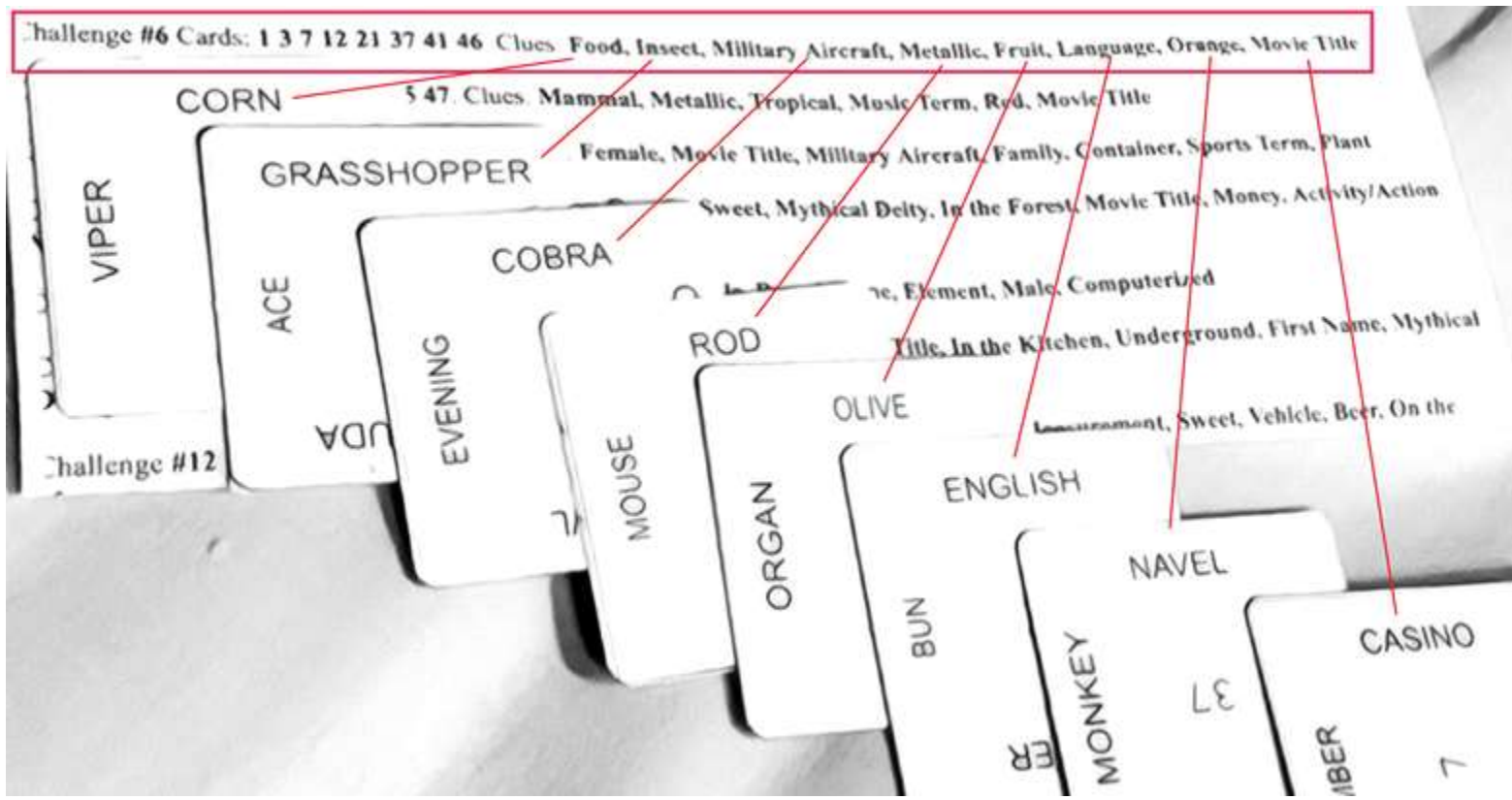
# Setup

Select a challenge (see below or from a PDF). Grab the indicated cards.

*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 generally have no context.

Challenges have different numbers of cards required. 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 predefined challenges are available to you on the last page in this guide. You can print more challenges online to take with you or use a web app on your cellphone or computer.

Alternate solutions are available for some challenges.

## More Free Challenges & Alternate Games

The website [www.AMBIGUITY.fun](http://www.AMBIGUITY.fun) gives you other ways to play using proprietary web apps as well as unlimited challenges using your existing card set. The latest instructions are also found there.

# Sample Challenge

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



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](http://www.AMBIGUITY.fun).
- Print PDFs with more challenges and solutions from The Game Crafter page for Ambiguity.
- Instructions for a two-player game are on the website.



# Your Initial Challenges

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

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

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

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

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

**#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.**

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

**#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.**

**#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.**

**#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.**

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

**#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.**

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

## Solutions:

The words in each solution are shown ordered by 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

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