

GAME VARIATIONS

POINTS—All tiles left over are negative points. When a player reaches 99 negative points this round of games is ended. The person with the least amount of points would then be the winner.

NO POINTS—In our game of Syzygy, everyone wins because everyone learns. Play for the speed and fun of the game. Each game is declared won by the person with the least amount of tiles.

PASS THE BOOK—This is passing the dictionary. At a time of need, perhaps to use 3 y's in a word, which is how this game was named, any player may say, "Pass the book." They are free to look up necessary information to further their game. This is a great learning tool for spelling and reading. The speed of the game has people enhance fast reading, and correct spelling is emphasized. For teams, one can be looking up a word to use possible letter combinations while the other partner is rearranging letters.

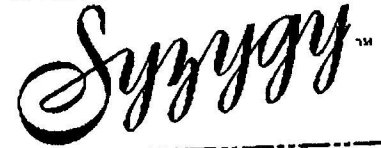
PLAYING WITH CHILDREN—To keep children from feeling inadequate, we suggest that adults not be able to use 2 letter words in their crossword puzzle. For more advanced players, try playing without 2 or 3 letter words.

CAUTION: Contains small parts. Keep out of reach of small children.

SYZYGY—Any person successfully playing this word can yell, "Syzygy!" Player must have all tiles used correctly and refrain from saying "Draw." If the "Syzygy" player has any mistakes in his puzzle and you are playing points, he would receive 19 negative points and a new game would be started.

We would like to encourage freedom and creativity in playing this game. Please write to us with any new variations you come up with. We would love to learn from YOU!

Syzygy
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NUMBER OF TILES — 304		
A 26	J 3	S 13
B 6	K 3	T 16
C 6	L 12	U 12
D 12	M 6	V 6
E 34	N 17	W 6
F 6	O 23	X 3
G 12	P 7	Y 6
H 7	Q 3	Z 4
I 25	R 18	blanks-12

"The troubles of this world pass, and what we have left is what we have made of our souls."
Rabi'i Rithings

This game is dedicated to the memory of John J. Chavez

Syzygy
sīz'ə-jē a warp-speed crossword game for humanoids aged 9 to 900

FOR 2-6 PLAYERS

SYZYGY

DIRECTIONS

For 2 to 6 players, ages 9 to 900.

Place all tiles in the middle of a table upside down. Each player draws 9 tiles. Everyone turns their tiles right side up and play begins.

The goal of the game is for each person to make their own crossword puzzle **as fast as possible**. The first person to use all 9 tiles in a **legal fashion** yells "DRAW!" Everyone must draw one new tile and add it to their crossword puzzle. The new tile may be added on to an existing word, or the existing words may be rearranged to fit the new tile in. The first person to use all 10 tiles successfully yells "DRAW" and everyone again selects one new tile. This form of play continues until all tiles are drawn from the middle of the table and the first person to place their last tile successfully yells "DONE!" All play now stops and the other players set aside their unused tiles. The person who said "Done" reads off all the words created in their crossword puzzle. If any word is misspelled, or illegal, all words attached to this error must be removed from the puzzle and they become unused tiles. Each player in turn reads off their words and follows the same procedure. The person with the least number of unused tiles is the winner.

***LEGAL FASHION:**

- All words must be connected by common letters, crossword style.
- No words requiring a capital first letter.
- No foreign words.
- No contraction words.
- No abbreviations.
- No words requiring hyphens.
- Word is not legal if not found in the dictionary being used at the time of play.

What is

*Syzygy*TM

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Syzygy is the configuration of the moon, earth and sun lying in a straight line.

Syzygy is the last word in the dictionary under the "s's".

Syzygy is a word with three "y's"!

Syzygy is your new word game—made for the person with a "fast draw".

*Syzygy*TM

G	R	E	A	T
A		G		
T		E		

Our original 9 letters used and we yell "DRAW!"

G	R	E	A	T
			A	
			R	
			G	
			E	
			T	

We drew an "R" and rearranged our letters.

K				
I	R	A	T	E
T			A	
E	G	G	R	

Two people called "Draw" before we had time to rearrange our letters and we drew an "I" and a "K" and now it's "Draw" "Draw" "DRAW!"

Be fast, be creative, have freedom!