

Introduction

To play the games described below a MAQUATOR LetterBoks is required.

Card Game: LetterBoks Connect – English version

Number of players: 2-4

Preparing to play

The LetterBoks set of cards contains 53 cards including one joker for play in English. In addition, there are three letters in the set: Æ, Ø and Å for play in Danish other Nordic languages. These letters can be removed from the pack if playing in English or other languages not containing these letters.

1. Mix the cards well.
2. Place one card face-up on the table in the middle of the players.
3. Divide evenly all remaining cards face down to the players so that every player has the same number of cards.
4. Remainder cards are placed face down in a separate 'leftover pile'.
5. Each player picks up 6 cards from their pile laying these out on the table face up away from other opponents. These cards are known as the player's "on hand cards".

What to do

The game is played by laying down cards from a player's on hand cards to form words always using at least one existing card on the table and so that all cards on the table are adjacent to at least one card vertically or horizontally.

Words are formed connecting cards (letters) in sequence horizontally, vertically and/or diagonally used only once, but always adjacent to/touching another card. Multiple words can be created in the same turn.

How to play

1. The first player lays down a combination of cards to form a word using the player's cards on hand and the card facing up in the middle of the players.
2. Thereafter the player passes on the turn to the next player clockwise and takes cards from their own pile to start a new round with 6 cards.
3. If the player cannot form a word the player takes a card from the 'leftover pile', or if none is left, from their own pile and passes the turn to the next player.
4. Each turn starts with minimum 6 cards. If a player has 6 cards on hand at the end of a turn the player does not pick up cards from their own pile at the end of the turn.
5. The game finishes when a winner has been found (see below) or when the players decide to stop and restart a new game.

Special rules:

- When a player lays down all the cards in their turn:
 - If the cards are laid down to form one single word in sequence the player can choose to play either an extra round or the player can pass on up to 6 cards to other players from the leftover pile, their own pile of cards or other players' piles.

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- If the cards are laid down to form two or more words in sequence, the player can pass on cards from their own pile to the other players. The number of cards which can be passed on, is the same as the number of letters in the longest word spelled by the player in their turn, up to a maximum of 6 cards. The cards can be distributed between other players by choice of the distributing player.
- The joker in the game can represent any letter, but once a letter has been designated it remains the same as long as placed on the table. The joker can be replaced by any player with the actual card it represents, when it is their turn.
- At the start of the game, if any of the players cannot lay down a word based on the initial face up card, the initial card can be swapped until the first player can lay down a word.

How to win

The winner or winners of the game is the player(s) who first lay down all the cards from their own pile and on hand with the same number of turns having been played for all players.

Or if the above cannot be achieved:

The player or players win with the least number of cards on hand when no more cards can be laid by any player.

Variations of the Game

- For more experienced players – 8 cards on hand can be used rather than 6. When playing with 8 cards each round starts with 8 cards on hand and a maximum of 8 cards can be passed to other players, when a player lays down all cards in one letter sequence to form a single word.

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Example – 6 cards on hand

Start of Game – 1st round:

G	S	W	P	E	N
		U			
C	O	L	K	B	Y

Bottom player starts:

G	S	W	P	E	N
	L	U	C	K	
	O			B	Y

Top player's turn:

G	S	W	P		
	L	U	N	E	
			C	K	
D	O	E	R	B	Y

The player spells 'NECK'.

Card Game: LetterBoks Solitaire

Number of players: 1

Preparing to play

The LetterBoks set of cards contains 53 cards including one joker for play in English. In addition, there are three letters in the set: Æ, Ø and Å for play in Danish or other Nordic languages. These letters can be removed from the pack if playing in English.

1. Mix the cards well.
2. Place one card face-up on the table in the middle.
3. Turn 6 cards placing these face-up on the table.

What to do

The solitaire is played by laying down cards to form words always using at least one existing card on the table and so that all cards on the table are connected to at least one card vertically or horizontally.

Words are formed connecting cards (letters) in sequence horizontally, vertically and/or diagonally used only once, but always be an adjacent to/touching another card. Multiple words can be laid down in the same turn.

How to solve the solitaire

4. The player lays down a combination of cards to form a word using the cards on hand and the card facing up on the table.
5. If the player cannot form a word, then he takes a card from the pile and repeats this until he can form a word.
6. Each turn starts with minimum 6 cards. If a player has 6 cards on hand at the end of a turn the player does not pick up another card from the pile unless he cannot form another word.

How to complete the solitaire

The solitaire is complete when there is no more cards in the pile and the player cannot lay down any further words.