

## Taboo (Rules Summary)

### Object

- to score the most points by guessing the most words.

### Set-Up

- players form two teams (A & B), which don't have to have the same number of players.
- start with the green side of the cards. Once they have been cycled through, use the purple side.

### Turn Sequence:

- 1.) **Team A** chooses one of their players to be the Clue Giver. He sets the card holding facing him with the timer close at hand. No one else from **Team A** is allowed to see the cards.
- 2.) **Team B** has at least one player sit by the **Team A** Clue Giver so that they can see the cards too. **Team B** controls the buzzer.
- 3.) **Team A** will have the Clue Giver start the timer and then give clues from the cards to his teammates. Only **Team A** can guess answers.
  - The Clue Giver must get his team to say the word on top of the card, but he cannot use any of the words listed at the bottom of the card.
  - there are no penalties for guessing wrong answers.
  - the Clue Giver can pass on any card, but it will count as a point for the other team.
- 4.) Once the time runs out and the score is tallied, **Team B** then picks a Clue Giver and **Team A** gets to control the buzzer.
  - **Team A** scores a point for every card that is guessed correctly.
  - **Team B** scores a point for every card that is buzzed dead, or passed.
  - Neither team scores a point for an unfinished card left in the card holder.

### Rules For Clues

- the Clue Giver cannot use any part of the word printed on the card.
- the Clue Giver cannot use hand gestures, sound effects, noises.
- the Clue Giver cannot use phrases such as “sounds like...” or “rhymes with...”
- the Clue Giver cannot use abbreviations if the words abbreviated are on the card.

### Winning the Game

- once each player on both team has had a chance to be the Clue Giver (if the teams are not equal in size, some players may go twice), compare the scores. Highest score wins.
- in case of a tie, each team selects one player and gets one more turn in a tie-breaking round.

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*TEAM A*

*TEAM B*

*FINAL SCORE*

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