

# Blends and Digraphs Stacking Tiles Game



**Materials:**

- 4 Word Building Mats
- 100 Letter Tiles
- 4 Word Suggestions Cards

**Object:** To make the highest tower while creating Blends and Digraphs words by stacking tiles on your Word Building Mat.

**Number of Players:** 2 to 4

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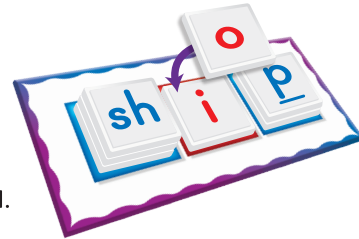
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### **How to Play:**

1. Give each player a Word Building Mat. Players choose which side of the Word Building Mat they want to use and place it in front of themselves. Note: Use the color-coded side for added support.
2. Place all letter tiles between the players, letter-side down. Flip three tiles over to reveal three different letters, blends, or digraphs.
3. Player 1 flips over one tile to reveal a letter, blend, or digraph. The other players take turns in the same way. When a blend or digraph word can be made, those tiles are placed on the player's Word Building Mat and that player who built a word gets a bonus turn.

Note: If on their bonus turn, the player reveals another letter that can be added to the initial, medial, or final position of their previously created word, creating a *new* blend or digraph word, that player can stack it on top of the tile that's already there and gain another bonus turn. For this version, players must remember that **only** words with a blend or digraph letter tile in them are acceptable, no CVC words allowed.



4. On each turn, players check to see if they can use a letter tile that is already flipped over to create a new blend or digraph word on their Word Building Mat. If there is a letter, blend, or digraph flipped over that they can use, they must use the tile they pick up immediately. If there are no letters flipped that they can use, they flip a new tile over.
5. Players keep taking turns until all of the tiles are turned over and no more words can be made. Note: Players cannot make the same word twice in a row or pick up two tiles at once.
6. The player with the tallest stack of tiles on their Word Building Mat is the winner! If there is a tie, the player with the most total tiles wins.

### **Variations:**

For added support, or self-checking, players can use the Blends and Digraphs Word Suggestions cards during play. Please note that this word list includes common suggestions and not all blend and digraph word possibilities are listed.

For an added challenge, allow players to use **two** blends or digraphs in words on their Word Building Mats. For example, words like "stick" or "stash" could be acceptable.

Players can also flip the Blends and Digraphs Word Suggestions cards over to write each word they create. Each time a player builds a new word, have them write it on the writing lines with a dry erase marker (not included).