

# WHAT WERE PLAYING

## **BANANAGRAMS**

### Setting Up:

Place all 144 tiles face down in the center of the table. These form the BUNCH.

Each player now takes their 'Starting Tiles' from the BUNCH

2-4 players: Start with 21 tiles 5-6 players: Start with 15 tiles 7-8 players: Start with 11 tiles

#### How to Play:

Object: Be the first to use all your letters.

To start, any player calls out "SPLIT!" Everyone simultaneously turns their tiles faceup and races to arrange them in their own intersecting word grid.

Words must read left to right horizontally, or top to bottom vertically.

You may rearrange your grid at any time and as often as you like.

Whenever a player places their last faceup letter in their grid, that person calls out "PEEL!" Every player, including the one saying "PEEL", then takes another tile from the BUNCH.

At any time during the game, you may call out "DUMP!" and put one of your letters back, facedown in the BUNCH. However, you MUST take two more tiles in exchange back into your hand! This has no effect on other players and there's no limit to the number of times you may DUMP.

#### Winning:

When the BUNCH is depleted to fewer tiles than number of players, the first person to use ALL their letters in a connected word grid and call out "BANANAS!" wins that hand is declared TOP BANANA!

Other players may now inspect the winning grid. If it contains a misspelled word, proper noun, abbreviation or other unacceptable word, the other players call out "ROTTEN BANANA!" and that player is out of the game.

The ROTTEN BANANA'S letters are returned to the BUNCH facedown.

Play resumes for the other players until one of them calls out "BANANANS!"

#### After One Person Wins:

Read over each players grid and see what all words they came up with.

Throw the tiles back into the middle of the table face down and start a new game!