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## Bananagrams Rules (Complete Beginner to Advanced Guide)

Bananagrams is a fast-paced, turnless word-building game where players race to create an interconnected crossword grid using letter tiles. The first player to use all their tiles correctly wins. While simple to learn, speed, vocabulary, and adaptability decide the outcome.

### 1. Components and Setup

- 144 letter tiles stored in the banana pouch.
- Optional dictionary for resolving disputes.
- All tiles placed face-down in the center (called the Bunch). Starting tiles per player: • 2–4 players: 21 tiles each • 5–6 players: 15 tiles each • 7–8 players: 11 tiles each

Players say “Split!” and flip tiles face up. Play begins immediately.

### 2. Core Gameplay Rules

- Players build their own crossword-style grid.
- Words must connect vertically or horizontally.
- No turns – all players build simultaneously.
- Tiles may be rearranged at any time.
- Proper nouns and abbreviations are not allowed (unless house rules permit).

### 3. Peel Rule

When a player uses all their tiles, they shout “Peel!” Every player, including the one who called Peel, must draw one tile from the Bunch. Play continues immediately.

### 4. Dump Rule

If a player cannot use a tile: • Say “Dump!” • Return that tile to the Bunch. • Draw three new tiles. This rule prevents players from being permanently stuck.

### 5. Winning the Game

When fewer tiles remain in the Bunch than players, and a player uses all their tiles, they shout “Bananas!” All players check the grid: • If valid → that player wins. • If invalid → they are a “Rotten Banana” and must draw extra tiles while play continues.

### 6. Player Count Variations

2 Players: 21 tiles each. More aggressive and tactical Peel timing. 3–4 Players: 21 tiles each. Balanced speed and pressure. 5 Players: 15 tiles each. Faster Peel chains and quicker rounds. 6–8 Players: 15 or 11 tiles each. High-speed word sprint atmosphere.

## 7. Strategy Concepts

- Keep grids flexible with open endings.
- Use common suffixes like -ING, -ED, -ER.
- Plan early around rare letters (Q, Z, J).
- Use short connector words frequently.
- Stay adaptable — rearranging is key.

## 8. Variants and Editions

Bananagrams Duel: Designed for two players with smaller tile pool. Party Edition: Includes special tiles that trigger rule twists. Solo Mode: One player attempts to use all tiles within a time limit. House rules may allow themed rounds or proper nouns.