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SYNESTHESIA



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3 to 8 players



20 minutes



party game

"Math is totally pink!" "A triangle is sweet, of course!" "Joyful zombies, what do you mean!?"

Our brains love to connect things that aren't related — in **Synesthesia**, your goal is to find the same connections as the other players. Each round, you will have 2 lists of seemingly different things, but you will score points if you match the links others made. Are your brains ready?



Components

a. 30 list cards

b. 1 reference card

c. Scoring pad

Purple
Pink
Cyan
Orange
Gray

(a)

A	1
B	2
C	3
D	4
E	5

(b)

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4
A	A	A	A
B	B	B	B
C	C	C	C
D	D	D	D
E	E	E	E
ROUND 5	ROUND 6	ROUND 7	ROUND 8
A	A	A	A
B	B	B	B
C	C	C	C
D	D	D	D
E	E	E	E

(c)

Setup

1. Give each player a sheet of the scoring pad and a pencil/pen (not included).
2. Place the reference card on the center of the table.
3. Shuffle all list cards and make a pile face-down on the table.

Goal

Score more points creating the same connections between the things on list cards as the other players.

How to Play

A game of **Synesthesia** consists in **8 rounds** following these same steps:

1. Draw lists

Draw 2 list cards from the pile and place each one at one side of the reference card. One list now will be referenced by letters (A-E) and the other by numbers (1-5).

Purple	A	1	Math
Pink	B	2	Languages
Cyan	C	3	Science
Orange	D	4	History
Gray	E	5	Geography

2. Make connections

Find the section on your scoring sheet related to the current round — it will have the letters A-E, representing one of the lists in the table. Then, **write the numbers 1-5 besides each letter with the connections you think make sense between both lists**. Don't show your scoring sheet to the other players at anytime.

 Try to find connections between the objects and concepts than the words themselves. And don't worry about being 100% correct: each brain works in a different way and yours is probably the right one.

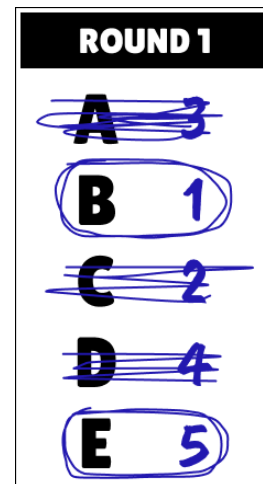
ROUND 1	
A	3
B	1
C	2
D	4
E	5

3. Reveal and compare

After everyone made their lists, it's time to reveal and compare your connections. Starting by a random player, they start revealing their connections out loud for everyone.

If you have **made the same connection**, shout out and **raise your hand!** If at least **half of the players (rounded up)** made this connection, all of them circle that pair  to score a point.

- **3 or 4** players — **2** must make a connection to score
- **5 or 6** players — **3** must make a connection to score
- **7 or 8** players — **4** must make a connection to score



If there isn't enough people to score a point, all of them cross out the pair.

Keep revealing after all the players have circled or crossed their pairs for the round. Discard the list cards used this round.

 *Take this opportunity to ask (and judge) the connections that others have made! A big part of the fun is trying to understand what's going on in other people's heads.*



Game End

The game ends after the **8th round** ends (and your scoring sheet is full).

You get 1 point for each connection you circled  during the game — **whoever got more points wins!** Tied players share the victory *(and probably some neurons too)*.



Mini Expansion — The Big Brain

To spice your game, use the included mini expansion **The Big Brain** following those rules:

- At setup, give the **brain card** to the smartest player. They are now **"The Big Brain"** for the round.
- When circulating  a pair, if you also matched with The Big Brain, draw a star  on that pair.
- If you are The Big Brain, draw a star  besides every connection you circle  during this round.
- At the end of the round, pass the brain card to the player at your right.
- At game end, pairs with stars  score 2 points instead of 1.