

Death by Words is a cooperative word association game, in which each time you make a correct guess, a new word appears to make things harder. Reach the 12th slot to win, or die trying!

Componentes

93 word cards (double-sided), 5 life cards, 12 slot cards

Setup:

1. Place the slot cards in the middle of the table, in numeric order.
2. Make a deck with all the word cards. Draw 3 and place them on slots **1** to **3**.
3. Place 3 life cards next to the slot cards. Leave the other 2 nearby.
4. Give 1 word card for each player. The youngest one starts.

How to play:

On your turn, you must try to fill the next slot of the board in numerical sequence. At the start of the game, since the 3 first slots are taken, you need to fill the slot **4**.

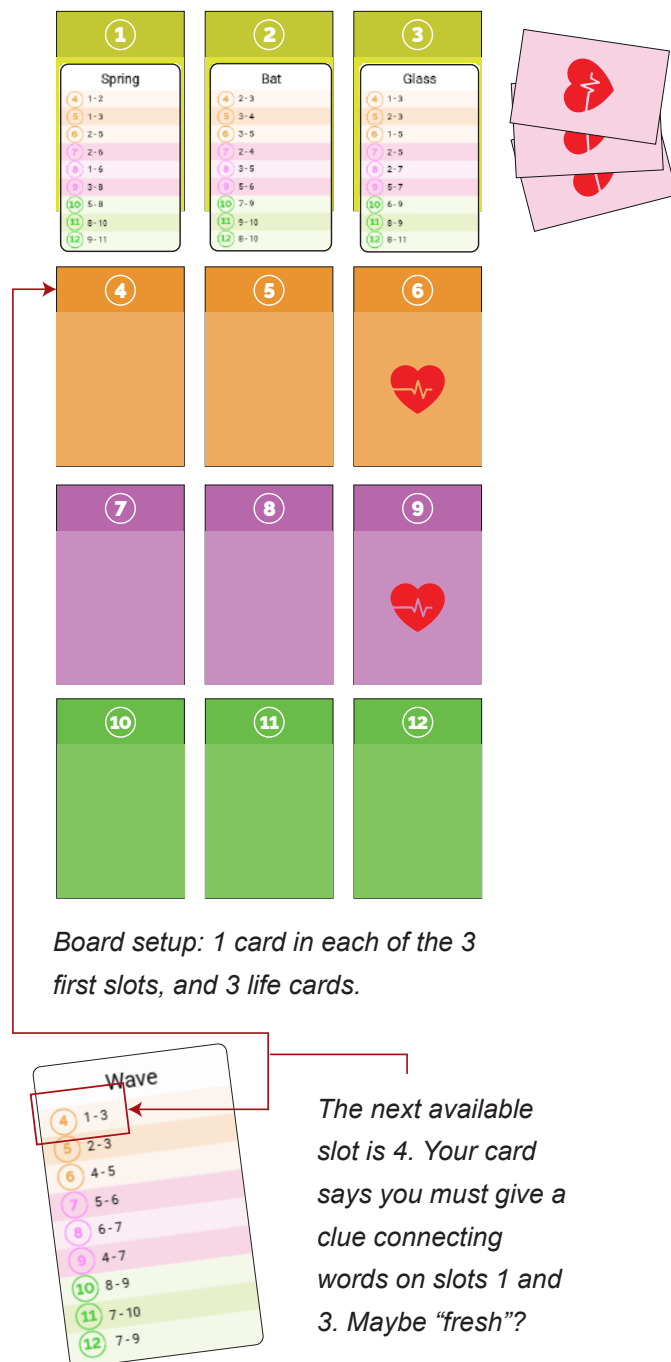
Look at your card. Next to the number **4**, there will be numbers referencing 2 words already in play. You need to make the others guess those words to fill the slot.

To do that, you must say a single-word clue that connects the indicated words. The clue must:

- **Be single** (not "New York", "Darth Vader", etc)
 - **Not use part of a word that is already on the board** (if you want to reference "house", you can't say "housing," "treehouse" "household", etc.)
 - **Relate to the meanings of the words.** Don't give clues based on rhymes, number of letters, position of existing words, etc.
 - **Not repeat a previous clue** (even if it wasn't successful)
- After you say your clue, all other players will discuss and decide which 2 words they will guess.
- **If they're right:** place your card below the next open slot card.
 - **If they're wrong:** discard the word card and a life card.

After your turn is over, take another word card from the deck. Now it's time for the next player in clockwise order to say his clue. If the team made a right association, they must look at the numbers for the next slot.

If the team made a mistake, the next player should still give a clue to the same slot.



Gaining more lives:

When you reach slots  and  around the board, you gain 1 life, so your total might go up to 5 lives.

End game:

The game may end in 2 ways:

- **You lost all your lives:** the team lost. Better luck next time!
- **You reached the 12th and last spot around the board:**
Congrats, you survived the Death by Words!