

READY FOR MORE?

Sentence Race is one of the many games that can be played with Word Bricks. The following variations describe nine other games. Each game description contains step-by-step directions and notes for teachers to use in guiding students through the *Word Bricks* games.

Game 2: Brick Bingo

Brick Bingo helps students (particularly students at lower proficiency levels) make connections between the spoken and written forms of words in a fun, low-stress game. This game requires the teacher to have a list of the words included in the *Word Bricks* collection. (A complete list of the *Word Bricks* can be found on page 109.) A round of *Brick Bingo* is usually fairly short, and multiple rounds can be played in a lesson, giving multiple students the chance to win a round. This game can be played individually or with small groups of 2–3 players per group.

Instructions

1. Have students (the players) work individually or in small groups (2–3 students) to make a 3 x 3 Bingo chart. They can draw a grid in about 1 minute with squares being large enough for a *Word Brick* to fit inside:

Example:

2. Have players put one *Word Brick* in each square until the Bingo card is full, as shown below. Each word must appear only one time on the Bingo card.

the	cat	in
out	up	down
on	have	do

3. At random and without looking at the players' Bingo cards, call out words, one at a time. You can use the list of words that includes all of the *Word Bricks* on page 109. Mark each word as you call it out so you will remember that it has been used.

4. Instruct players to remove each word when they hear it called.
5. The first team to get a pattern of blank spaces such as a blank **row** on the Bingo card is the winner. They should shout, “**Bingo!**” Other patterns that can be set as the goal are a blank **column**, blanks at the **diagonal**, or blanks at the four **corners** of the card. These patterns are illustrated below:

out	up	down
on	have	do

	cat	in
	up	down
	have	do

	cat	in
out		down
on	have	

	cat	
out	up	down
	have	

6. Continue calling out words. Players or teams can continue to call out “**Bingo!**” as they remove Word Bricks in the patterns above. As the game continues, more and more teams will call out “Bingo!”
7. The round ends when the first team removes all their Word Bricks from the Bingo card. This team should shout, “**White Out!**”

Note: Creating a bigger 4 x 4 Bingo card such as the one below will extend the game.

