

PICTILE (PICTURE-TILES)

ACTIVITY SPECIFICS:

Tool type: Team Word & Picture Game

Our inspiration: [Bananagram](#)

Format: Offline, Hybrid

Time needed: 45-60 min

SET-UP

Number of participants: 1-8

- 2 sets of prompt cards (Set A: written words; Set B: pictures/images)
- Letter tiles (Bananagrams or Scrabble set)
- A facilitator guide
- Option Hybrid: a device/screen for the online version

Focus (SLD topic)

- Dyslexia
- Word recognition & spelling
- Picture-word association
- Accessibility & SLD awareness

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Pictile is a collaborative team adaptation of Bananagrams where small groups use letter tiles to spell words prompted by a facilitator's cards. The game has two modes: the first rounds use written word cards, the last rounds use picture cards. This switch reveals how different types of cues affect spelling and word-building – sparking a meaningful reflection on accessibility and the daily challenges faced by people with SLDs. An online version is also possible.



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INSTRUCTIONS / STEPS

1. Divide participants into teams of 3-5. Each team receives a set of letter tiles. A facilitator manages the two card decks.
2. Rounds 1 & 2 – Word Cards: The facilitator holds up a written word card. Teams race to spell that word (or related words) using their tiles. First team to correctly form the word scores a point.
3. Rounds 3 & 4 – Picture Cards: The facilitator switches to picture cards. Teams must now identify the word shown in the image and spell it with their tiles.
4. Online variant: use an interactive platform where participants match words to images or drag-and-drop tiles.
5. Reflection session: after all 4 rounds, guide a group discussion: “Was it easier with written words or pictures? Why? How does this connect to how people with SLDs experience reading and spelling every day?”

Adaptation options:

- For players with lower literacy levels, use picture cards only throughout all rounds.
- For mixed groups, allow participants to point to or describe a word rather than spelling it with tiles.
- The facilitator can pair participants to complement each other (one focuses on word identification, the other manages the tiles).

AVATAR



PIXEL



VIRAL



UPLOAD



RAPPER



FESTIVAL



RHYTHM



CONCERT



WAFFLES

Pictile!

RAMEN

Pictile!

SUSHI

Pictile!

POPCORN

Pictile!

CLIMATE



CULTURE



SUPPORT



MENTAL



COMMUNITY



JUSTICE



CHILL



FOCUSED











