

Conjugation game

For 2-4 players

Playing time: 10-20 minutes

Latin pronunciation reminder: In Latin, the letters C and G are always “hard” sounds, as in cat and goat. The letter V is pronounced as W.

What you need to know to play the game:

You need to be familiar with the two most common verb conjugation patterns, as demonstrated by the verbs “amare” (to love) and “videre” (to see).

amo	amamus	video	videmus
amas	amatis	vides	videtis
amat	amant	videt	vident

There are two sets of cards, one for each type of conjugation. (I recommend copying these sets on two different colors so you can tell them apart easily.)

Set 1 is “first conjugation” verbs that end in “-are.” The verbs in set 1 are amare (to love), narrare (to tell), clamare (to yell), donare (to give) and intrare (to enter).

Set 2 is “second conjugation” verbs that end in “-ere.” The verbs in set 2 are videre (to see), ridere (to laugh), tenere (to hold), habere (to have) and iubere (to order). Note that the letter “i” in Latin is pronounced as “y.”

Set up:

Cut apart cards. Deal each player six cards. Shuffle and stack remaining cards face down. Take the four top cards and turn them face up and put one on each side of the draw pile. These will be the four discard piles. Each player also receives a conjugation paper.

How to play:

The object of the game is to fill in all the rectangles on your paper. The verbs do not have to match. For example, you could have “Amo, I love,” and “Intras, you enter,” and “Dat, he/she gives” in your first column. Just make sure the English matches the Latin.

A turn consists of either drawing or discarding two cards. You may not have more than six cards in your hand, so if you cannot draw, you must lay down two cards on any of the discard piles. You are also permitted to do one of each-- draw one and discard one-- as your turn. If you choose to pick up cards on your turn, you may pick up the top card on any of the discard piles, or you may draw from the draw pile.

If you can place two matching cards on your conjugation paper, this earns you another turn, which means you can draw or discard two more cards. In the unlikely, but theoretically possible, event that this second turn allows you to place another pair on your conjugation sheet, you may then take yet another turn.

First person to complete their paper wins the game.

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am	clam	don	intr
I love	he/she loves	you love (singular)	you love (plural)
they love	we love	I shout	we shout
you shout (singular)	you shout (plural)	he/she shouts	they shout

SET 1 Copy onto card stock

I give	you give (singular)	you give (plural)	he/she gives
we give	they give	I enter	you enter (singular)
you enter (plural)	he/she enters	we enter	they enter
they tell	I tell	you tell (singular)	you tell (plural)

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he/she tells	we tell	they tell	narr
narr	am	am	don
don	clam	clam	intr
intr	am	narr	don

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he/she tells	we tell	narr	narr
narr	am	am	don
don	clam	clam	intr
intr	am	narr	don

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vid	rid	ten	hab
I see	he/she sees	you see (singular)	you see (plural)
they see	we see	I laugh	we laugh
you laugh (singular)	you laugh (plural)	he/she laughs	they laugh

SET 2 Copy on card stock

I hold	you hold (singular)	you hold (plural)	he/she holds
we hold	they hold	I have	you have (singular)
you have (plural)	he/she has	we have	they have
iub <small>(pronounced "yoob")</small>	I order	you order (singular)	you order (plural)

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he/she orders	we order	they order	iub <small>(pronounced "yoob")</small>
iub <small>(pronounced "yoob")</small>	hab	hab	hab
vid	vid	vid	ten
ten	ten	iub <small>(pronounced "yoob")</small>	iub <small>(pronounced "yoob")</small>

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he/she orders	we order	they order	I order
iub <small>(pronounced "yoob")</small>	hab	hab	hab
vid	vid	vid	ten
rid	rid	rid	ten

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