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for one game show queen/host and 2-4 players

Want to style your nanogames like a quiz show? Have we ever got the games for you! With 8 Aces in Space themed nanogames to challenge your players, you can either use them singly or run them game-show style over multiple sessions.

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How to Play - General Info

Some nanogames give points to the first person to get an answer right. You may want to use a bell or buzzer if playing face to face. An alternative that also works online is to use a group chat: players who are ready to answer type 'me!' - then it's clear who's the quickest.

Be sure to read through a nanogame yourself before springing it on your players, especially if you're playing online. You may have to prepare (i.e. by having a timer ready or using a software that allows screen sharing).

How to Play - Game Show Style

Pit your players against each other and find out who's the overall Aces in Space nanogames winner. To go tournament style, run two nanogames at the start of each of four RP sessions. Add up the players' nanogame points each time and award session points as follows:

Winner	4 points
Second place	2 points
Third place	1 point

After all four sessions are finished (meaning each nanogame has been played once) add up the session points and declare your winner!

The Nanogames

Answer Schmanser

How to Play

Each clue consists of two parts - a picture and a textual clue. To solve the clue the players must smash the clues together in the order shown. The first player to get the correct answer gets one point.

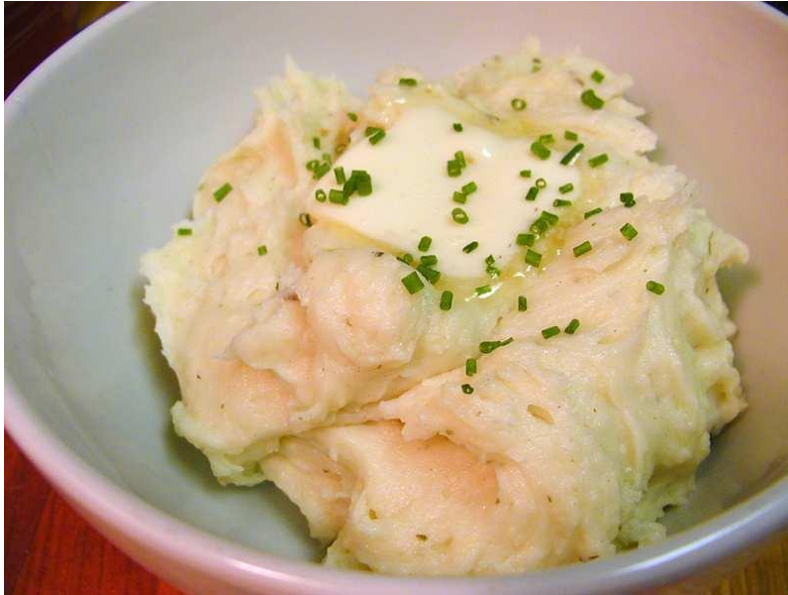
How to Run it

The clues are each on separate pages with an answer key at the end so that you can just show the group one page at a time.

Example

Term for casual sex

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Answer: **SMASHED POTATOES**

Clue #1



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A jockey's other half

Clue #2

Tetherball in Space

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Clue #3

Hot influencer on social media

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Clue #4

Affirmative

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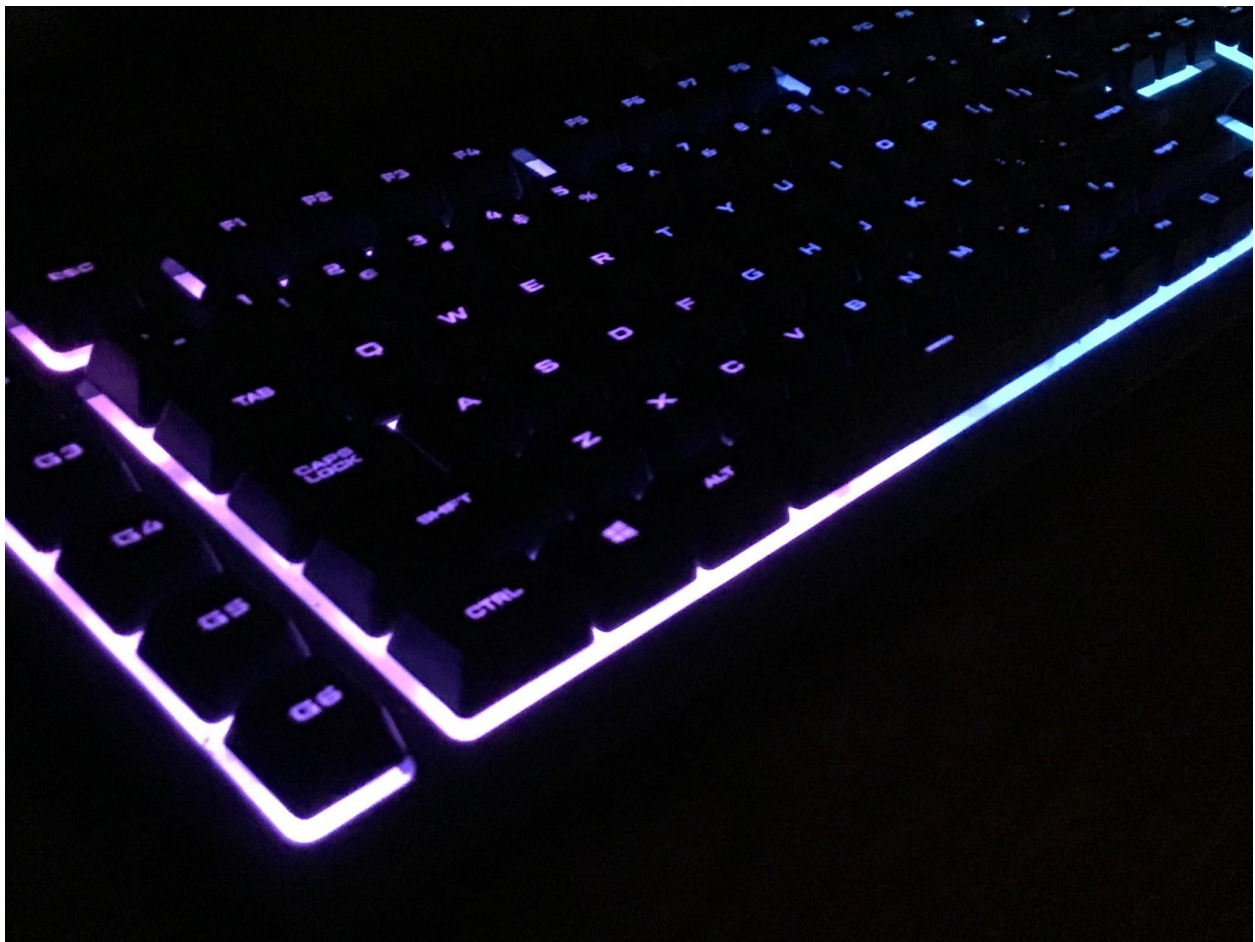


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Clue #5

Person who flies a chopper

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Clue #6

Hunting for likes

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Clue #7



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A formalized Chopper duel

Clue #8

Bro way to say “funny”

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Answer Key

1. PORK CHOPPER (or LAMB CHOPPER)
2. BROBALL PIT
3. GRAMSTARFRUIT
4. HUNDO PIZZA
5. JOCKEYBOARD
6. MILKING KONG
7. FRIED CHICKEN HUNT
8. BROLESQUESADILLA

It's All In Here

How to Play

All the answers for the clues in each round of this nanogame can be found in one noun. Each player gets one clue per round and receives one point for each correct answer.

How to Run it

Announce the phrase for the round and write it down on an index card or in your online chat so that every player can see it. Give each player one clue. If they can't guess it, open it up as a free-for-all and give a point to the first player who gets it right.

Expert mode: Create your own clues using the players' or characters' names and/or callsigns.

Example

ACES IN SPACE

Questions:

Something that is mightier than the sword	Pen	ACES IN SPACE
The opposite of insane	Sane	ACES IN SPACE
Something a superhero wears	Cape	ACES IN SPACE
A popular kind of room	Escape	ACES IN SPACE

Clue #1**CHOPPER JOCKEY**

The common name for the wild card in a standard deck of playing cards	Joker	CHOPPER JOCKEY
Nostradamus was said to be an expert in this	Prophecy	CHOPPER JOCKEY
While also the name for someone that crochets, this term is best known as slang for a lady of the night	Hooker	CHOPPER JOCKEY
Contestants in Masterchef had better be good at this	Cookery	CHOPPER JOCKEY

Clue #2**KOBENI BELT**

Rorschach's psychological test	Inkblot	KOBENI BELT
Common term for dry pet food	Kibble	KOBENI BELT
Acid produced by the liver breaking down fat	Ketone	KOBENI BELT
To take small bites from food like a mouse	Nibble	KOBENI BELT

Clue #3**AME NO UZUME**

Forced insertion of a liquid to encourage defecation	Enema	AME NO UZUME
Bullets, cartridges, and shells are all types of this	Ammo	AME NO UZUME
A puzzling collection of pathways that lead to a central goal	Maze	AME NO UZUME
Natural phenomena believed to predict the future	Omen	AME NO UZUME

Clue #4**REAPER VIRUS**

A narrow fencing blade	Rapier	REAPER VIRUS
English pop duo whose hits include Sometimes and A Little Respect	Erasure	REAPER VIRUS
An expression of respect and gratitude	Praise	REAPER VIRUS
Cooked fruits blended to a liquid consistency	Puree	REAPER VIRUS

Clue #5**MINKOWSKIUM**

Faust famously did this to Mephisto	Summon	MINKOWSKIUM
A small booth selling newspapers, confectionery, etc	Kiosk	MINKOWSKIUM
Residents of a monastery	Monks	MINKOWSKIUM
Flightless bird native to New Zealand	Kiwi	MINKOWSKIUM

Clue #6**GRAVITONIUM**

A type of fish often associated with kissing	Gourami	GRAVITONIUM
The Japanese art of paper folding	Origami	GRAVITONIUM
A cocktail made without alcohol is said to be this	Virgin	GRAVITONIUM
A term for when birds fly south for the winter	Migration	GRAVITONIUM

Clue #7**IPHEGENIA SYSTEM**

The builders of the pyramids are either aliens or these people	Egyptians	IPHEGENIA SYSTEM
Compound involved in immune responses in the body	Histamine	IPHEGENIA SYSTEM
Athletes that use such equipment as the pommel horse, parallel bars, and beam	Gymnasts	IPHEGENIA SYSTEM
Microorganism essential in making bread rise	Yeast	IPHEGENIA SYSTEM

Clue #8**ACES IN SPACE**

A gathering at which people attempt to make contact with the dead through a medium	Seance	ACES IN SPACE
A small piece of bread or similar topped with a savory food, held in the fingers and often eaten in one bite	Canape	ACES IN SPACE
A mass of ice that covers less than 50,000 km ² of land	Ice cap	ACES IN SPACE
Biology, chemistry, and physics are classed as the natural branch of this investigative discipline	Science	ACES IN SPACE

Move Your Vowels

How to Play

In this nanogame four clues per category are revealed one at a time; each clue is a simple word that has had its vowels replaced with other vowels. The players must guess which category all these clues belong to. The first player to guess correctly wins a point; if they guess incorrectly they are out for that category.

How to Run it

Reveal the clues per category one at a time, either by typing them into an online chat, writing them on an index card, or uncovering them line by line on a printed copy of this PDF.

Example

Clues:

Cancipt
Tuxocoty
Chuppar
Licky Churm

Answer: **Aspects**

Unscrambled clues:

Concept
Toxicity
Chopper
Lucky Charm

Clues #1

Beets

Libri

Smush

Witch year sox

Answer: **Slang**

Unscrambled clues:

Boots

Lobro

Smash

Watch your six

Clues #2

Leep

Ospact on gla

Fungs eat

9G tern

Answer: **Aviation Terms**

Unscrambled clues:

Loop

Aspect angle

Fangs out

9G turn

Clues #3

Pallaen

Unfloancar

Tonkirir

Hitshit

Answer: **Playbooks**

Unscrambled clues:

Pillion

Influencer

Tinkerer

Hotshot

Clues #4

Unfarcur

Voca-prisodant

Roud cuptuon

Jickay

Answer: **Gang titles**

Unscrambled clues:

Enforcer

Vice-president

Road captain

Jockey

Ebroji

How to Play

This game is played in pairs. If you have three players, do three rounds: A + B, B + C, A + C. For each round the players are given a Gang Title and must translate it into emojis. Each pair takes it in turns to guess what gang title their partner is trying to communicate. If they are successful, both players get a point.

How to Run it

For each round, pick randomly from the list of gang titles and give each player in the round one title. They send their emoji translation back to you. You show the group the emoji translations one at a time and the partner of the player who created it has three guesses to figure out which gang title it represents.

Example



Answer: Gold member

Gang titles

- Enforcer
- Jockey
- Road Captain
- Prospect
- President
- Sergeant-at-Arms
- Vice-President
- Wingpal
- Wingqueen

You spell bad

How to Play

This game is played in pairs. If you have three players, do three rounds: A + B, B + C, A + C. For each round the players are given a clue. One player must answer the clue and the other player must spell the answer. One point for a correct answer, one point for a correct spelling.

How to Run it

Give each pair a clue from the list, then after they have answered, a second clue. For the first clue, either can answer and the other must spell it, for the second clue, they must switch it up and the speller must answer. You might want to give the harder clues first

Example

Extremely buff or physically fit

Answer: **Swole - S W O L E**

Clue #1

A drug, applied as an eye drop, which allows navigating and traveling on Highways without getting lost in folded spacetime.

Answer: **Minkowskium - M I N K O W S K I U M**

Clue #2

Hanging out with your gang members.

Answer: **Brocrastinate - B R O C R A S T I N A T E**

Clue #3

A mysterious, almost mythical system rumored to be ruled by a supreme AI, holding boundless treasures of advanced tech, precious resources, and unfathomable knowledge for those who dare to find it.

Answer: **Iphegenia or The Iphegenia System - I P H E G E N I A**

Clue #4

A simultaneous half loop and half roll to switch flight direction by 180°.

Answer: **Immelmann or Immelpal - I M M E L M A N N**

Clue #5

The "Hive". A former fleet of cargo vessels wrecked during a solar storm, now rebuilt into an immense clusterfuck that serves as a space habitat on free-turf. Not related to Mmmmbop but the inhabitants do like their rave music.

Answer: **Mmboro - M M B O R O**

Clue #6

A character aspect that hinders your char from being a good wingpal. Something that stands between you and your team as an internalized barrier. Basically: what makes your char an asshole sometimes?

Answer: **Toxicity - T O X I C I T Y**

Stick 'em up

How to Play

This game can be played in pairs or as a group. Each player is given a stick figure and the name of a playbook and has 30 seconds to add to the drawing. Guessing can start while the drawing is ongoing. First correct answer gets a point.

How to Run it

Give each player in turn a stick figure. Let them get ready, then start a 30 second timer. Give a warning 5 seconds from the end

If playing face to face, save printer ink and just draw them a big stick figure.

If playing online, the player on turn will need to open the file in Paint (or equivalent) and share their screen.

Here's a link: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/cd/Stick_Figure.jpg

Playbook list

- Flypal
- Hotshot
- Commander
- Tinkerer
- Influencer
- Phantom
- Pillion

This round is in 3 15 4 5

How to Play

In this round, all the clues are in code. Every clue is an answer in the category “**Objects in the solar system**” and the code is a simple alphanumeric cypher where A=1, B=2, and so forth. Each clue will be shown singly and the first player to guess correctly gets one point.

How to Run it

Tell your players what the category is and show them the example. The answer key is at the end. If playing face-to-face you can write the clues out on index cards or on a whiteboard; if playing online you can copy paste the clues into your chat.

Example

13 1 18 19

Answer: **Mars**

Clue #1

13 5 18 3 21 18 25

Clue #2

16 12 21 20 17

Clue #3

22 5 14 21 19

Clue #4

1 19 20 5 18 15 9 4

Clue #5

14 5 16 20 21 14 5

Clue #6

10 21 16 9 20 5 18

Clue #7

13 15 15 14

Clue #8

5 1 18 20 8

Clue #9

3 15 13 5 20

Clue #10

21 18 1 14 21 19

Clue #11

13 5 20 5 15 18

Clue #12

19 1 20 21 18 14

Answer Key

1. Mercury
2. Pluto
3. Venus
4. Asteroid
5. Neptune
6. Jupiter
7. Moon
8. Earth
9. Comet
10. Uranus
11. Meteor
12. Saturn

You Can't Say That!

How to Play

Each clue is a picture. Players are given one word per round which they may not say, but all answers contain that word. Whoever gives the correct answer first gets one point.

How to Run it

Make sure your players understand how to give their answers: without including the forbidden word! The clues are each on separate pages with an answer key at the end so that you can just show the group one page at a time.

Example

The forbidden word is: **STAR**

Clue:



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Answer: FRUIT (from **Star**fruit)

Clue:



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Answer: MUD (from **Mustard**)

Clue #1

The forbidden word is BRO



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Clue #2

The forbidden word is BRO



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Clue #3

The forbidden word is BRO



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Clue #4

The forbidden word is BRO



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Clue #5

The forbidden word is BRO

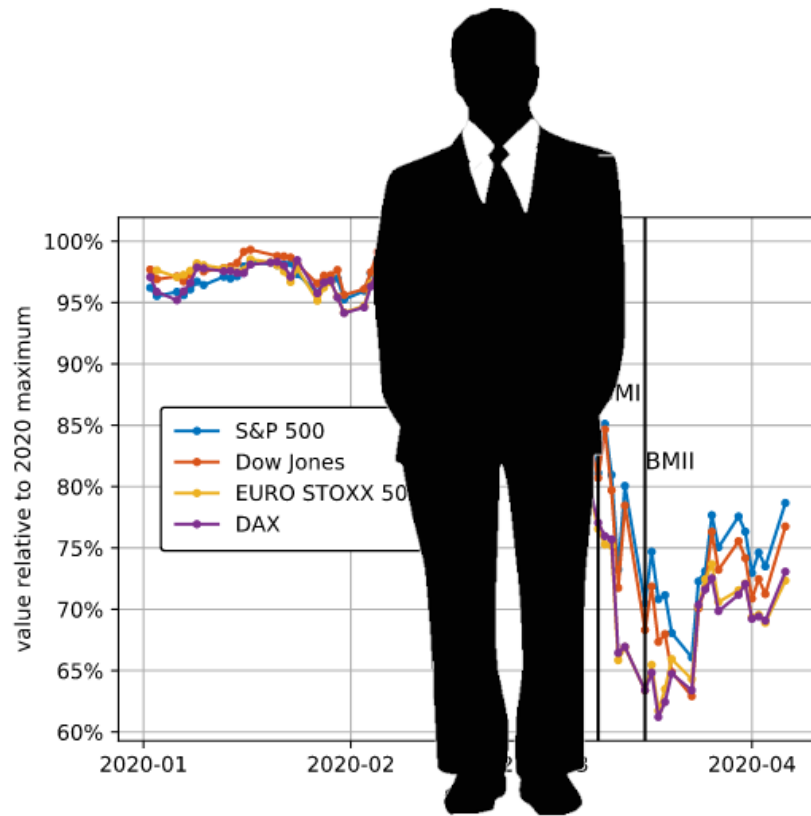


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Clue #6

The forbidden word is BRO



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Clue #7

The forbidden word is ACE



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Clue #8

The forbidden word is ACE



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Clue #9

The forbidden word is ACE



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Clue #10

The forbidden word is ACE



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Clue #11

The forbidden word is ACE



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Clue #12

The forbidden word is ACE



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Answer Key

1. Ccoli (from **Bro**ccoli)
2. Eyew (from Eye**bro**w)
3. Om (from **Bro**om)
4. Emidery (from Emb**bro**idery)
5. Stockker (from Stock**bro**ker)
6. Och (from **Bro**och)
7. Spsuit (from **Spa**cesuit)
8. Brs (from **Brac**es)
9. Footr (from Foot**rac**e, you can allow 'r' for **Rac**e if you feel nice)
10. Shoel (from Shoel**ac**e) or Bootl (from Boot**lac**e)
11. Rhorse (from **Rac**ehorse)
12. Crustan or Crustans (from Crust**ac**ean)