

For 2-4 players
Playing time about 15 minutes

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Ages 5+
Grades K+

Woody Words™

Read and play the eco way!

HOW TO PLAY

1. Choose a flat playing area.
2. Hold all sticks vertically in one hand and stand them up straight within the playing area. *You may also play with half the sticks provided.
3. Quickly open your hand to release the sticks and allow them to fall freely in the playing area.
4. Pick either the youngest or the oldest player to go first.
5. Player one decides which stick to pick up and reads the word printed on it. This allows the other players to know which stick is being picked up.
6. Carefully pick up the stick without moving any of the other sticks.
7. The only stick that is allowed to move is the one the player is trying to pick up. If the player is successful, he/she chooses another stick, reads the word and continues to pick up sticks. A player may pick up a maximum of five sticks on each turn.
8. If any other stick moves when the player is trying to pick up the chosen stick or if the player has successfully picked up five sticks in a row that player's turn is over. Play now passes to the next player on the left.
9. **BONUS STICK:** If you pick up the bonus stick you can use it as a tool to help pick up your chosen stick (for example, to separate two sticks that are lying close together, or to flip away one stick that is resting on another stick). The player that picks up the **BONUS STICK** can use it every turn for the rest of the game. No other stick may be used in this way. Remember, the bonus stick has red letters on it, and it says, "BONUS STICK."
10. When all sticks are picked up, each player counts his/her sticks, creates a sentence using all of the words on their sticks, and reads it aloud.
11. The player with the most sticks wins!

For more fun, try these other ways to play:

Counting Sticks

Play the game as usual, but this time add up your points according to the color of the word on each stick. The player to score the most points wins!

Red word stick: **10 points**
Brown word stick: **5 points**
Orange word stick: **4 points**
Green word stick: **3 points**
Teal word stick: **2 points**
Purple word stick: **1 point**

Color Counting

Play *Counting Sticks* as above, but this time a player picks up the colors in the following order: green, brown, teal, purple, orange, and red.