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ALSO: DEAL OUT A SIXTH
CARD FOR THIS ROUND
(UNLESS DECK IS EMPTY)

SHRDLU

A GAME ABOUT FITTING LETTERS INTO BOXES
FOR 2+ PLAYERS, BY KEVAN DAVIS

Shrdlu is a game of finding words that fit into randomly-dealt constraints.

GAMEPLAY

Shuffle the deck and deal out a row of **five cards**. (If one of those cards has the "deal out a sixth card" instruction, deal out a sixth card.)

An example spread would be:



Players then race to think of a word where **each letter obeys the constraint** on the card in the corresponding position, with asterisks allowing any letter.

(So in the example above: a word that starts with E, T, A, O, I or N; whose third letter only appears once; and whose fifth letter is alphabetically later than its fourth. The second and fourth letters can be any letter, and the word must have five letters in all. A valid answer would be NIGHT.)

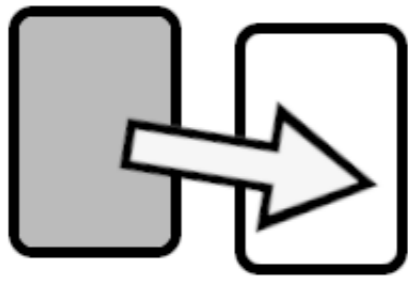
The first player to call out a valid word **wins the round**.

If a player believes that nobody will be able to find a word during a round, they may call "**shrdlu!**", if nobody else has done so - their opponents then have thirty seconds to find a word. If anybody does, that player wins the round as normal; if nobody can find a word, the shrdlu caller wins that round instead. (A player who calls shrdlu may not also call a word for that round.)

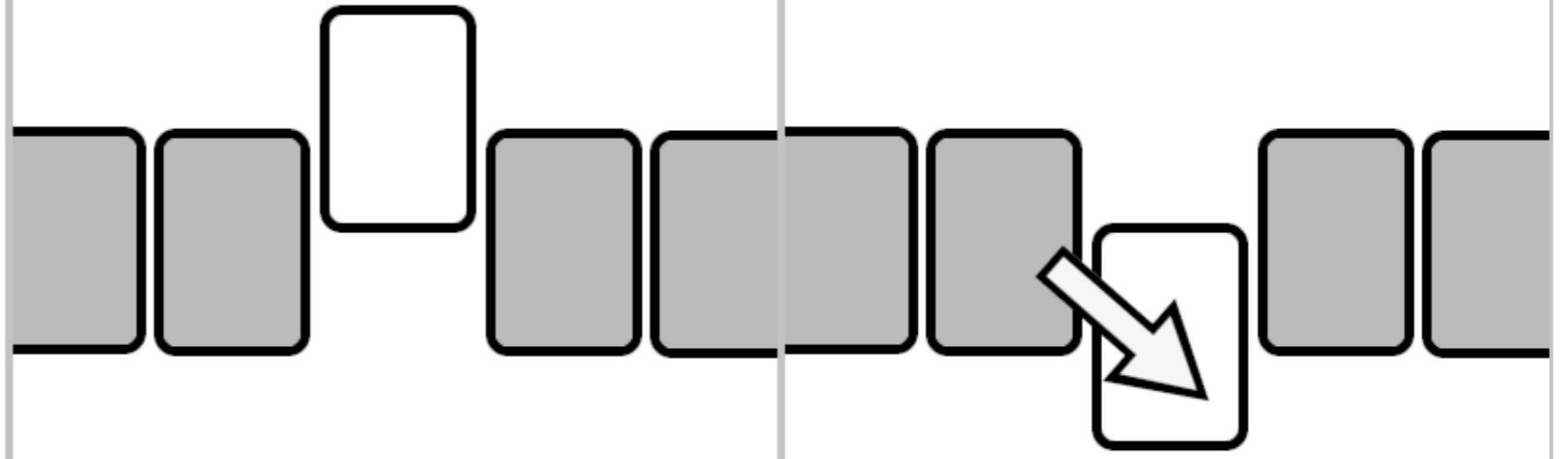
The winner of a round takes the leftmost card of the word and keeps it face-down in front of them for **scoring**. Take the other cards of the spread and put them onto the bottom of the deck in a random order.

After **eleven rounds** (when there are no longer enough cards to deal out another round), the game ends and the player who took the most face-down cards wins. If tied, the tied players reshuffle the deck and play a final tiebreaker round.

Note: The "repeat any of the final 3 letters" card cannot choose to repeat itself, if dealt into one of those positions.



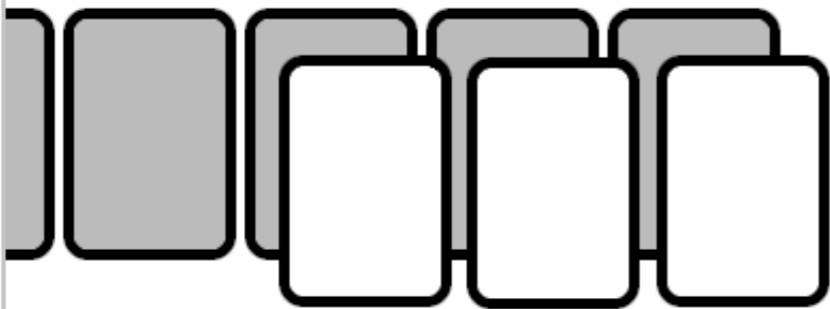
ALPHABETICALLY
ADJACENT TO ANOTHER
LETTER



ALPHABETICALLY
EARLIEST LETTER
IN THE WORD

ALPHABETICALLY LATER
THAN PREVIOUS
LETTER

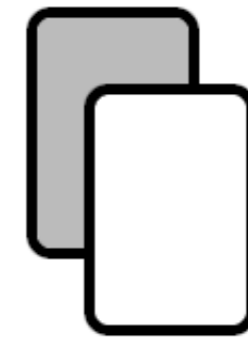
(IF THIS IS THE FIRST CARD, THEN
LATER THAN THE FINAL LETTER)



REPEAT ANY
OF THE FINAL
3 LETTERS



ONLY 1
OF THIS
LETTER



REPEAT
ANY
LETTER

