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## Hasbro Gaming 14577

# Hasbro Upwords Board Game Instruction Manual

Model: 14577

## INTRODUCTION TO UPWORDS

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The Hasbro Upwords Board Game is a unique word-building game where players not only create words across and down the board but also stack letters upwards. This three-dimensional aspect adds a strategic layer to traditional word games, allowing for higher scores and dynamic gameplay. Designed for 2-4 players, ages 8 and up, Upwords offers an engaging experience for families and friends.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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Before starting, please ensure all components are present:

- 1 Gameboard
- 4 Rubber Feet
- 100 Letter Tiles
- 4 Tile Racks
- 1 Label Sheet
- 1 Game Guide (this manual)

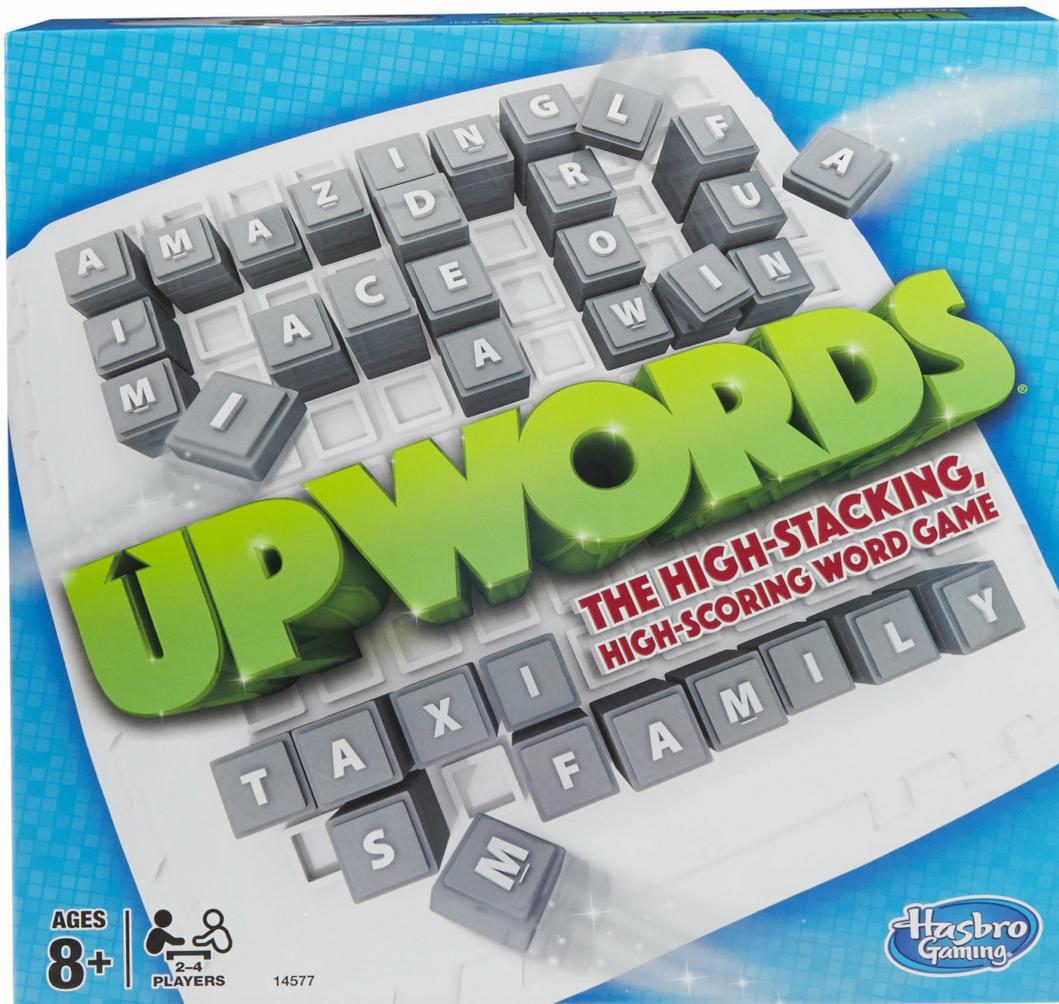


Image: All components of the Upwords game, including the game board, letter tiles, and two tile racks.

## SETUP

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Follow these steps to prepare the game for play:

1. **Assemble the Gameboard:** Place the four rubber feet into the designated holes on the underside of the gameboard to prevent it from sliding.
2. **Prepare the Letter Tiles:** Place all 100 letter tiles face down and mix them thoroughly. These form the draw pile.
3. **Distribute Tile Racks:** Each player selects one tile rack.
4. **Draw Initial Tiles:** Each player draws seven letter tiles and places them on their tile rack, keeping them hidden from other players.
5. **Determine First Player:** The player with the letter closest to 'A' goes first. In case of a tie, those players draw again. Return drawn letters to the pile and mix.

## HOW TO PLAY

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Upwords is played in turns, with players forming words on the gameboard. The unique stacking mechanic

allows for strategic play and higher scores.

## Playing Words

- On your turn, use some or all of the letters on your rack to form a word on the gameboard.
- Words must be at least two letters long.
- Words can be formed horizontally or vertically, but not diagonally.
- The first word played must cover the center square of the board.
- Subsequent words must connect to at least one existing letter on the board.

## Stacking Tiles

- You can place a new letter tile on top of an existing letter tile on the board, provided the new tile changes the word.
- A stack of tiles can be up to five tiles high.
- When you stack a tile, the new word formed must be valid and incorporate the new top letter.
- You cannot place a tile on top of another tile if it does not form a new, valid word.



Image: An example of gameplay with words formed and tiles stacked on the Upwords game board.

## Ending Your Turn

- After playing your word(s) and calculating your score, draw new tiles from the draw pile to replenish your rack to seven tiles.
- If the draw pile is empty, continue playing without drawing new tiles.
- Your turn ends, and play passes to the next player clockwise.

## SCORING

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Points are awarded for each letter in every word formed or altered during your turn. The height of the stack determines the point value of each letter.

- **Single-Layer Word:** Each letter in a word that is only one tile high scores 1 point.
- **Stacked Word:** Each letter in a word that is part of a stack scores points equal to the number of tiles in that stack. For example, a letter in a stack of three tiles scores 3 points.
- **Multiple Words:** If your play forms or alters multiple words (e.g., a word across and a word down), you score for all words formed or altered.
- **Using All Tiles:** If you use all seven tiles from your rack in a single turn, you receive a bonus of 50

points in addition to your word score.

Keep a running tally of each player's score throughout the game.

## WINNING THE GAME

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The game ends when all letter tiles have been drawn and one player has used all the tiles from their rack, or when no player can make a valid move. The player with the highest total score at the end of the game wins.

## MAINTENANCE

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To ensure the longevity of your Upwords Board Game:

- Store all components in the original box when not in use to prevent loss or damage.
- Keep the game away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- Clean the gameboard and tiles with a soft, dry cloth if necessary. Avoid abrasive cleaners or liquids.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you encounter any issues while playing Upwords, consider the following:

- **Missing Components:** Refer to the 'What's Included' section. If components are missing upon opening, contact Hasbro customer support.
- **Unclear Rules:** Re-read the relevant sections of this manual. For specific rule clarifications, online resources or official Hasbro support may provide further assistance.
- **Tiles Not Stacking Properly:** Ensure tiles are placed flat and centered on the squares. Stacks can be up to five tiles high.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions	1.97 x 10.51 x 10.51 inches
Item Weight	1.23 pounds
Model Number	14577
Manufacturer Recommended Age	8 - 15 years
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