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Scrabble Fans to Choose Newest Playable Word in the Scrabble Word Showdown

The Merriam-Webster Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary To Be Updated With A Fan-Voted Word

PAWTUCKET, R.I.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Over the past decade, changes in technology, trends and pop culture events have introduced many new words like 'selfie' and 'hashtag' into everyday vocabulary. To keep relevant for today's fans, SCRABBLE and Merriam-Webster will be updating *The Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary* for the first time in nine years with thousands of new words and have reserved a spot in the dictionary for a word nominated and chosen by SCRABBLE fans during the SCRABBLE Word Showdown.

Starting today through March 28, fans can nominate their favorite words that they want added to the dictionary on the [Hasbro Game Night Facebook](#) page. These nominations could include fan favorites that haven't been made official yet, or a new word that's become popular since the last edition of the dictionary was published in 2005. On April 2, SCRABBLE and Merriam-Webster will unveil sixteen words from the pool of nominations for the bracket-style SCRABBLE Word Showdown. Fans will cast their votes on the Hasbro Game Night Facebook page until it is narrowed down to one final word. The chosen word will be revealed on April 10 and will be included in the fifth edition of Merriam-Webster's *Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary*, available this August, making it an official playable word.

"The SCRABBLE Word Showdown will let fans nominate and vote on words that are fun and relevant for today's players," said Jonathan Berkowitz, vice president of marketing at Hasbro. "We are excited to see which word rises to the top and makes its way into *The Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary*."

"Our language changes faster than ever today," says Peter Sokolowski, Editor at Large at Merriam-Webster. "It's great to include a word in the new edition that dedicated SCRABBLE players are eager to use on the board."

Merriam-Webster's *Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary* is the official dictionary for English-language SCRABBLE in the United States and Canada and is the official arbiter of which words are "play eligible." The updated fifth edition will be available wherever books are sold in August 2014. The selected word will also be available to play later this year in the digital versions of SCRABBLE on Facebook, iPhone, iPad, and Android from Electronic Arts.

For more information on SCRABBLE, go to hasbro.com/scrabble. For more information on Merriam-Webster and *The Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary*, visit merriam-webster.com/scrabble.

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