

# 98-252

## Wordplay: Fundamentals of Scrabble Strategy



### Lesson 3: What's in the bag?

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# Blanks

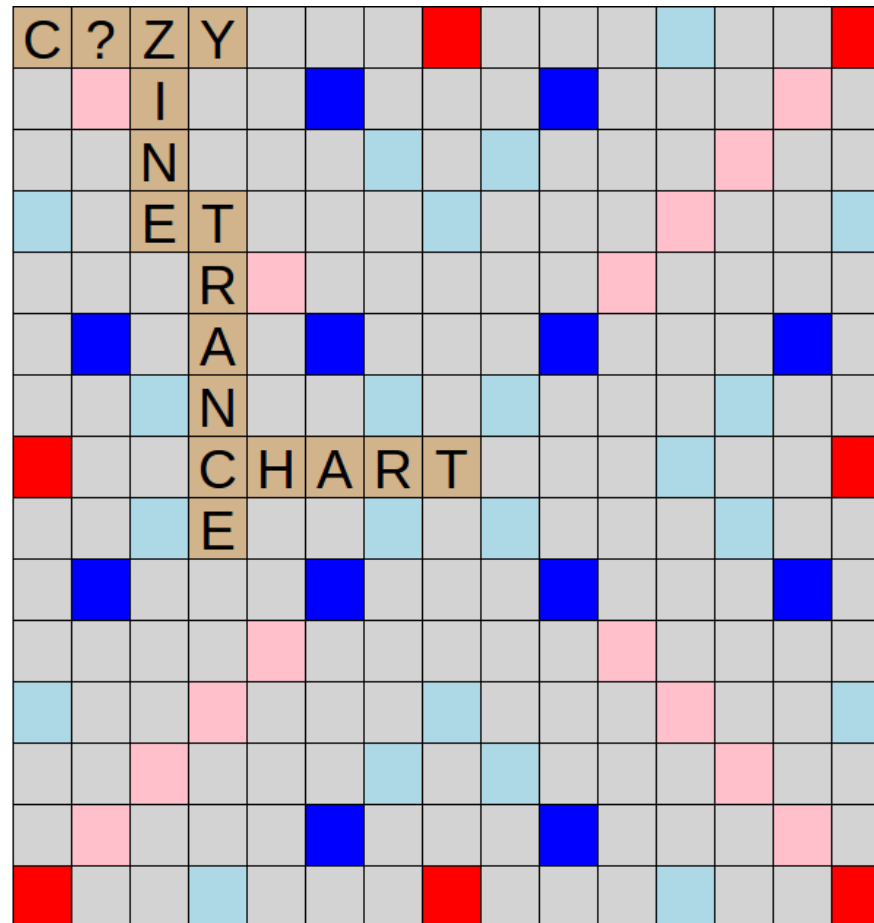
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# Example 1



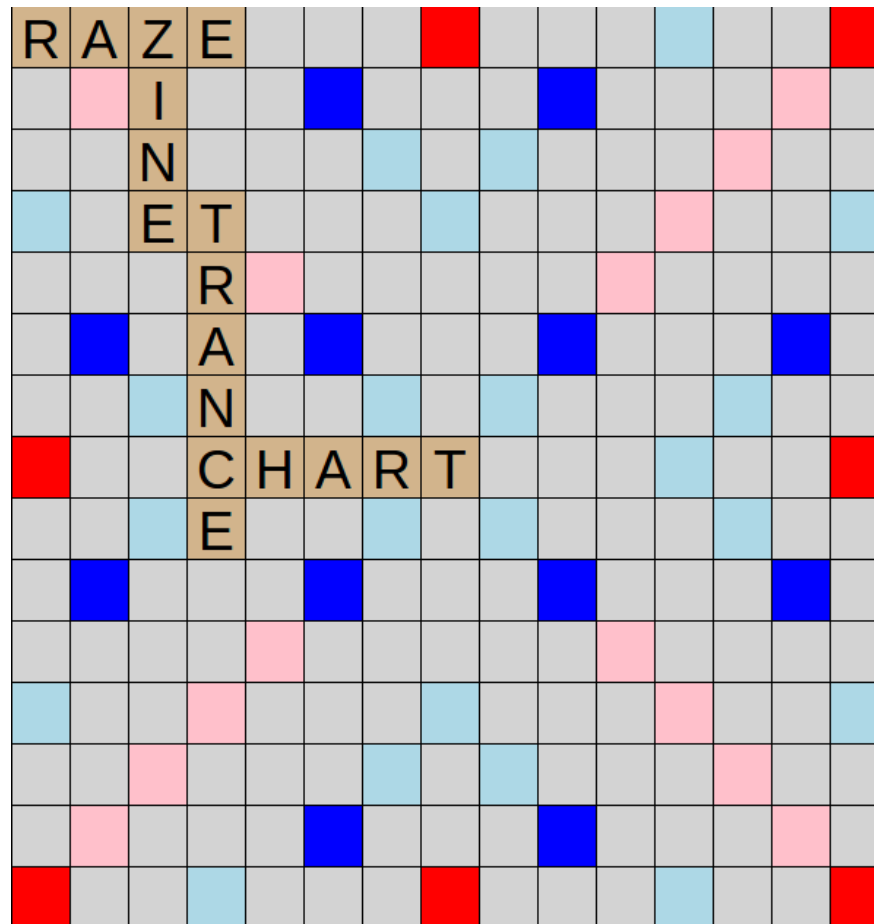
Rack: ACERSY?

# Example 1



1A Co(Z)Y 63  
 Leave: AERS

# Example 1



1A RA(Z)E 42  
Leave: CSY?

# Example 1 Analysis

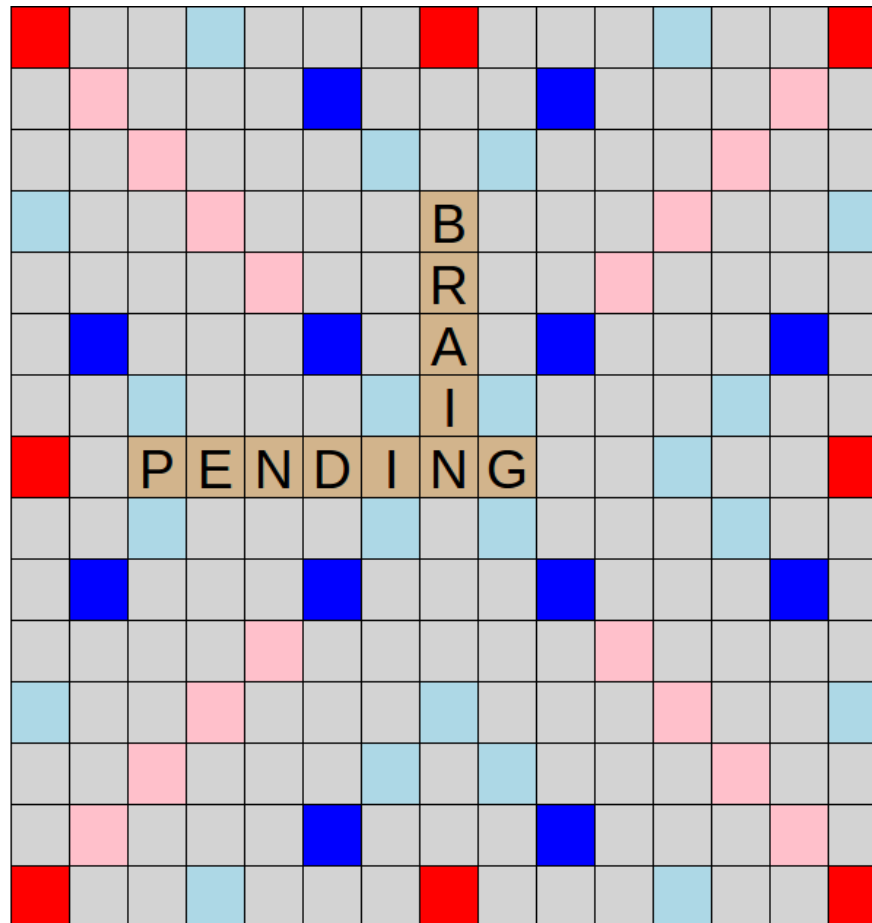
- 1A Co(Z)Y 63 leaving AERS:

$$\text{True} = 63 + 18.8 = 81.8$$

- 1A RA(Z)E 42 leaving CSY?:

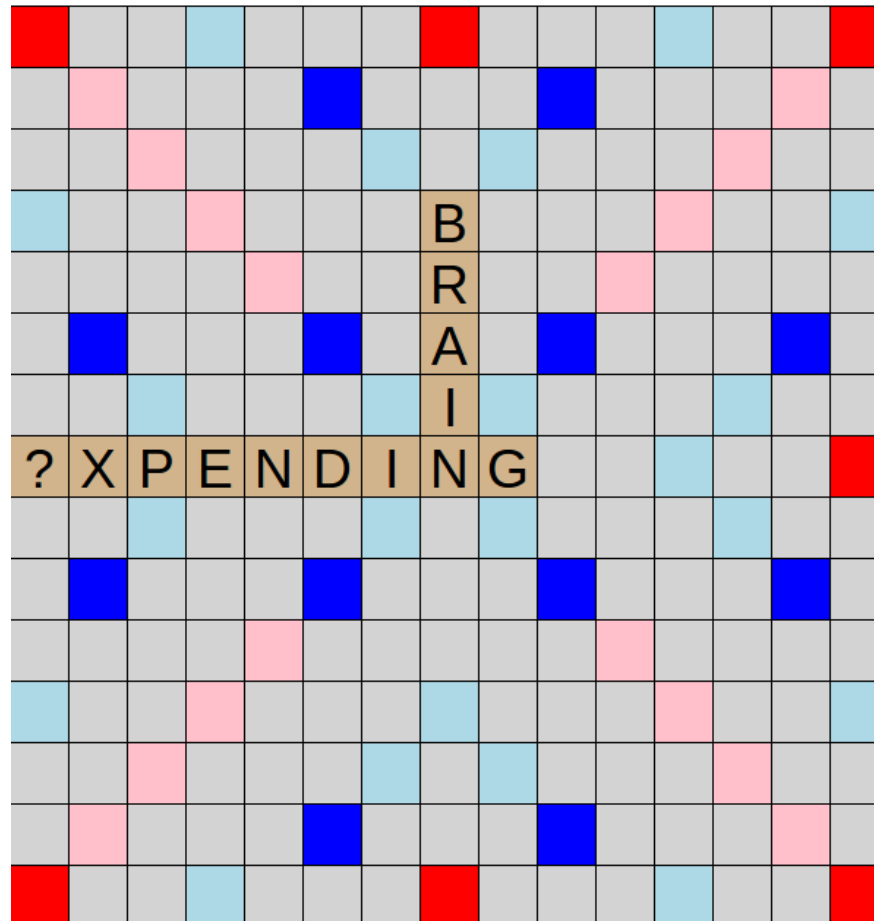
$$\text{True} = 42 + 33.7 = 75.7$$

# Example 2



Rack: HKMOTX?

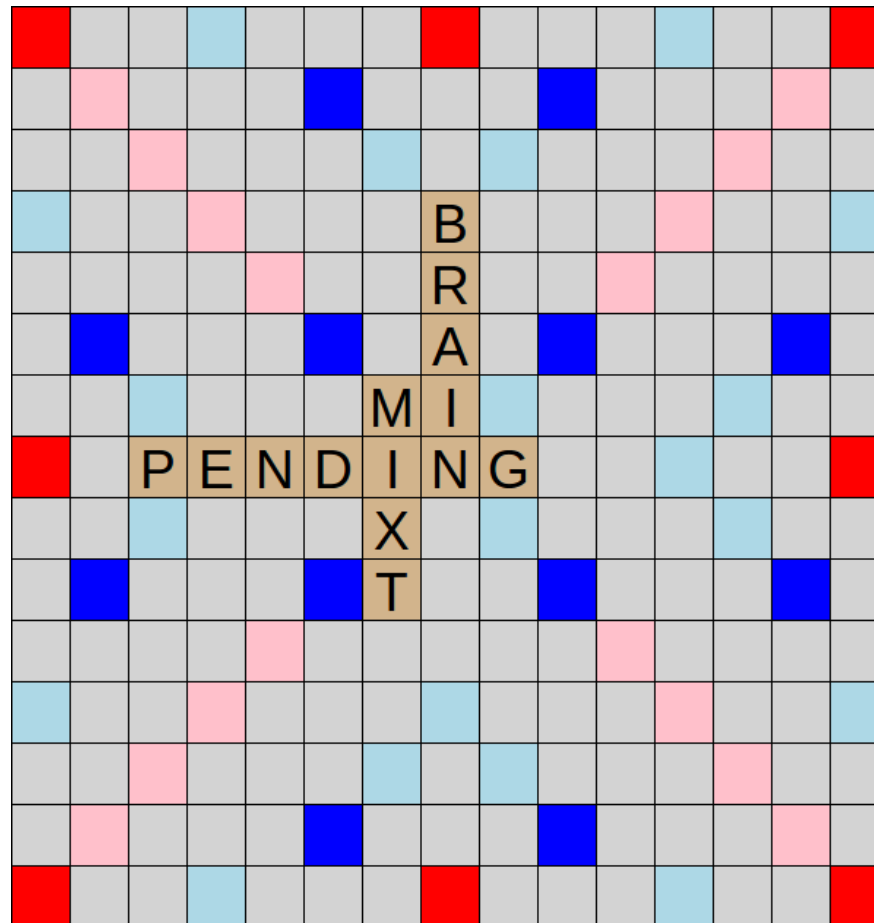
# Example 2



8A eX(PENDING) 57  
Leave: HKMOT



# Example 2



G7 M(I)XT 31  
Leave: HKO?

# Example 2 Analysis

- 8A eX(PENDING) 57 leaving HKMOT:

True:  $57 + -4.8 = 52.2$

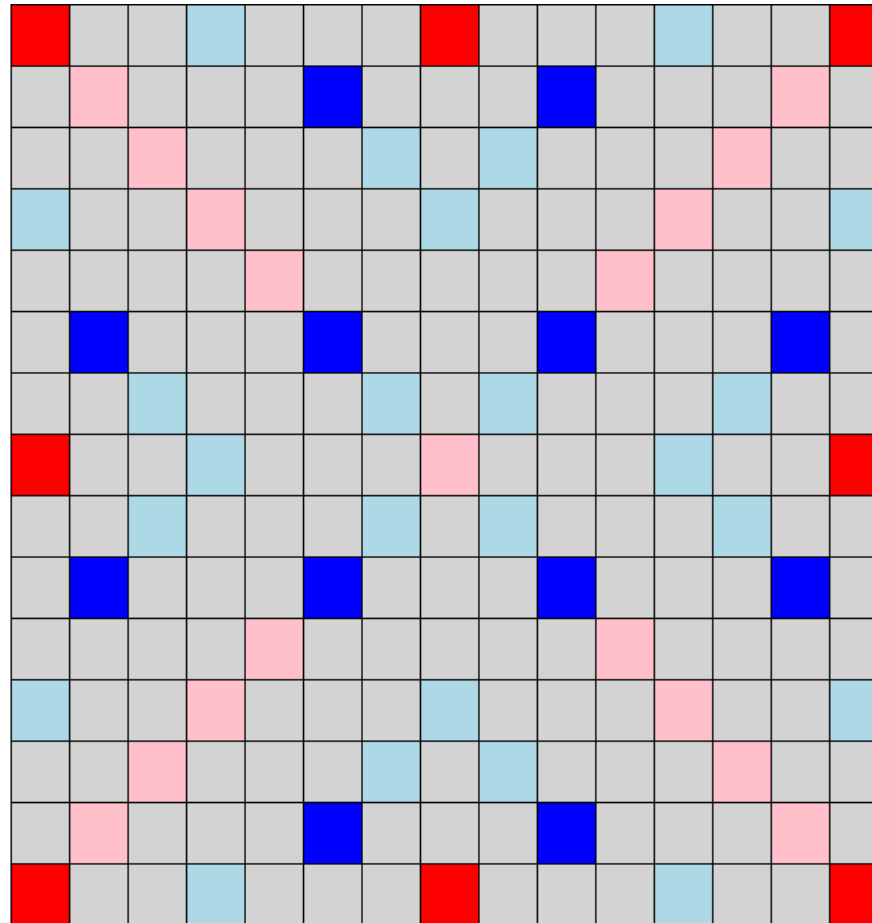
- G7 M(I)XT 31 leaving HKO?:

True:  $31 + 26.6 = 57.6$

S

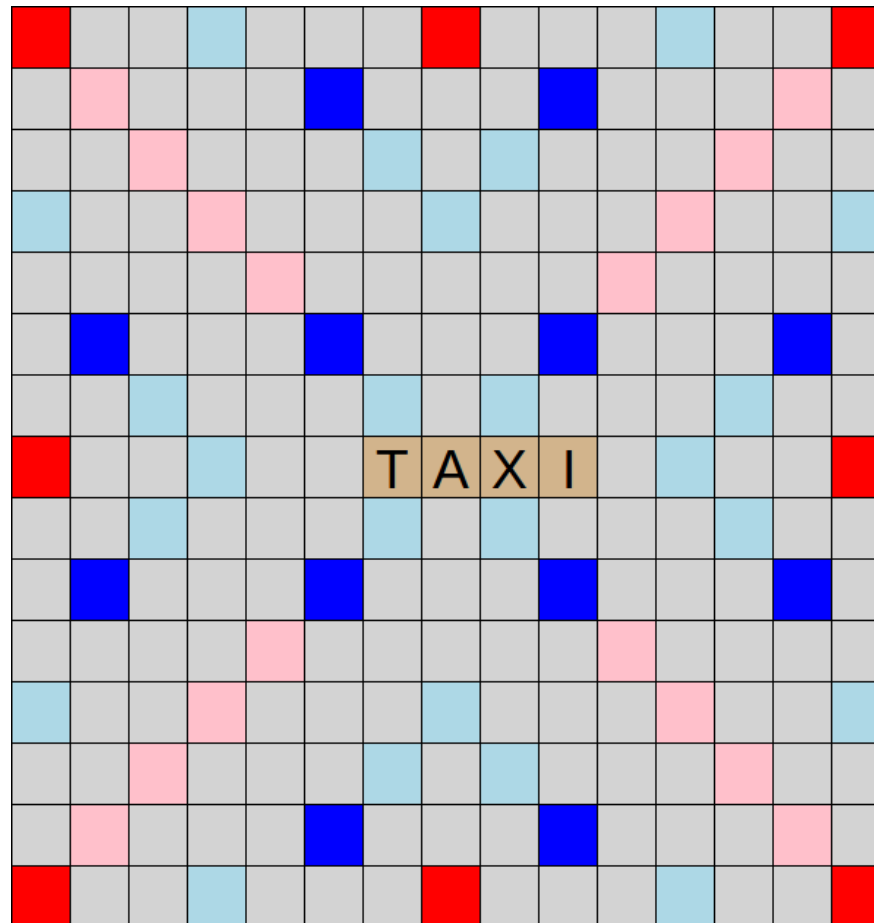
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# Example 1: Spend or Save?



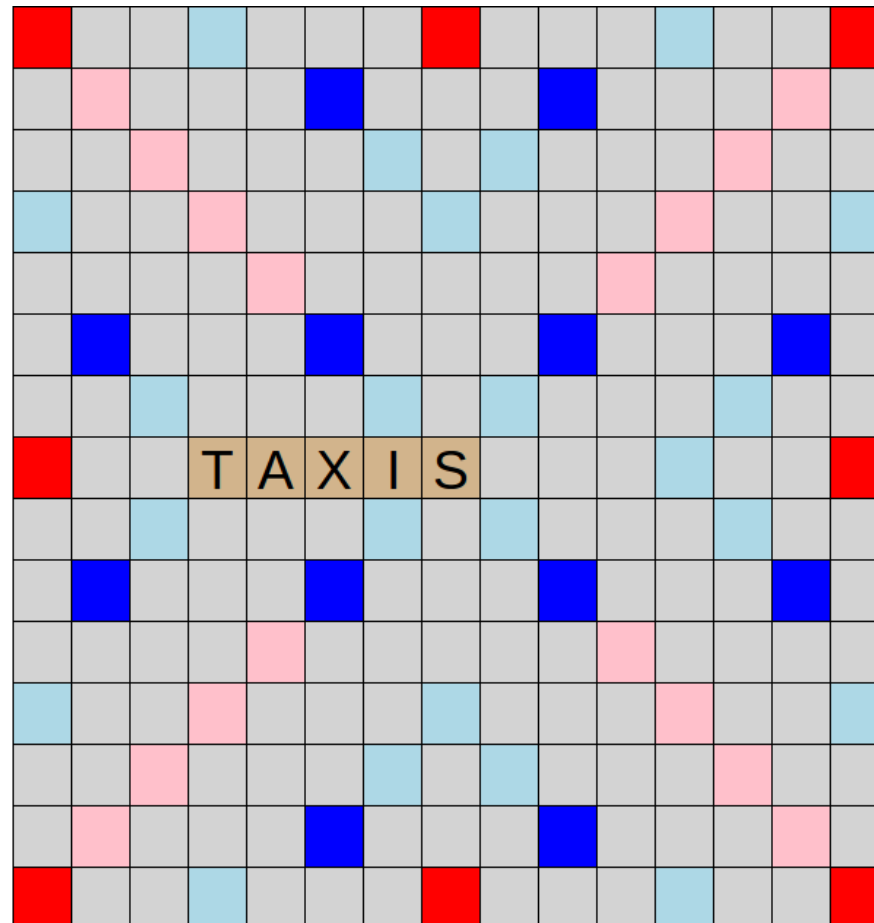
Rack: ADIISTX

# Example 1: Spend or Save?



8G TAXI 22  
Leave: DIS

# Example 1: Spend or Save?



8D TAXIS 26

Leave: DI

# Example 1 Analysis

- 8G TAXI 22 leaving DIS:  
True:  $22 + 8.8 = 30.8$
- 8D TAXIS 26 leaving DI:  
True:  $26 + -1.1 = 24.9$

# Example 2: Setup



Rack: holding last S



# Example 2: Setup

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	Red			Light Blue				Red				ARK			Red
2		Pink				Blue		CLIMB						Pink	
3			Pink				Light Blue	H	Light Blue					Pink	
4	Light Blue			Pink				A				Pink			Light Blue
5					Pink			S			Pink				
6		Blue				Blue		S		Blue				Blue	
7			Light Blue				Light Blue	I	Light Blue				Light Blue		
8	Red			TAXIS				S				Light Blue			Red
9			Light Blue				Light Blue		Light Blue			Light Blue			
10		Blue				Blue				Blue				Blue	
11					Pink						Pink				
12	Light Blue			Pink				Light Blue				Pink			Light Blue
13			Pink				Light Blue		Light Blue				Pink		
14		Pink				Blue				Blue				Pink	
15	Red			Light Blue				Red				Light Blue			Red

Setup play: 1L ARK 12

# Example 2: Setup

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	█			█				█				A	R	K	S
2		█				█		C	L	I	M	B		█	H
3			█				█	H	█				█		E
4	█			█				A				█			Q
5					█			S			█				E
6		█				█		S		█				█	L
7			█				█	I	█				█		
8	█			T	A	X	I	S				█			█
9			█				█		█				█		
10		█				█				█				█	
11					█						█				
12	█			█				█				█			█
13			█				█		█				█		
14		█				█				█				█	
15	█			█				█				█			█

Boom: O1 SHEQEL 108

Q

Q is almost always #theworst.

# I don't need U

- QI
- QAT
- QAID
- QADI
- QOPH
- QANAT
- QINTAR/QINDAR
- TRANQ
- FAQIR
- SHEQEL
- QABALA
- QWERTY

# Example

(888) Jchang504 470 p.		(864) desertfox7 313 p.		Main Console	Buddies
00:02		00:30		Jchang504: MOVE 10J eye 17	
				desertfox7: MOVE 13N so 9	
				Wait until your play is validated ..	
				OK	
				Jchang504: MOVE 11N Ma 9	
				desertfox7: MOVE J9 del 4	
				Jchang504: PASS	
				desertfox7: PASS	
				Wait until your play is validated ..	
				OK	
				Jchang504: MOVE J9 dell 5	
				desertfox7: PASS	
				Wait until your play is validated ..	
				OK	
				Jchang504: MOVE K13 nu 2	
				No more tiles in the pool, wait to see if you	
				challenges your last move.	
				desertfox7: PASS	
				Jchang504(---)	desertfox7(qr)
				448 + 22 = 470	313 = 313
				Jchang504 wins the game.	
				Jchang504 rating: 870 --> 888	
Seek a game				Tell desertfox7	
Tiles left: 0		Q R			

# Anagram challenge!

- GHINOSV
- DEEIRST
- ALLSUY?
- ADEEMT?
- AEIMPRT