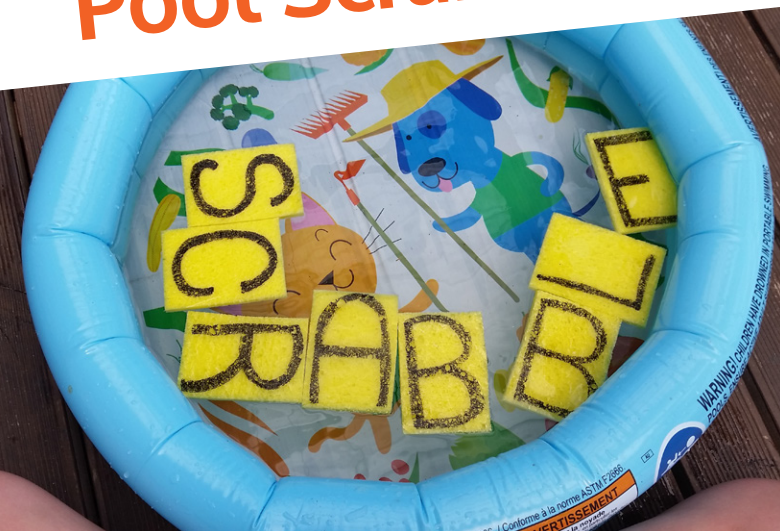


Pool Scrabble



Items needed (quantity per creation)

- Sponges
- Permanent markers
- Scissors

Scrabble Piece

Cut sponges in half then write letters on each sponge.

Game Instructions

Depending on your group size divide the group into teams. Throw the "scrabble sponges" in the pool, then each team swims to collect as many of the pieces as they can until all are collected.

Once collected begin a game of scrabble against the side of the pool. How many simple words can be formed using the letters collected? The team with the most words wins.

Throw them back in and start over again.

Alternatives: Instead of making it a competition, the whole group can all work together to collect all of the pieces, and make words. For older children you could add points per number of letters in each word or points on each letter.

In addition to being a fun and active way to play with letters, this game provides an excellent way to improve stroke technique/ efficiency (by having to reach for the letters) without seeming like "swimming instruction".

This game could also be played out of the water as a relay. Have the sponges in a paddling pool or bucket and each team takes turns to collect the wet sponges then plays scrabble with their team.

