

## 🐦🐦🐦 What's in a Name? 🐦🐦🐦

### **Supplies**

Blank paper  
Pens or pencils  
Clock, watch, or timer  
Prize(s)  
Dictionary (optional)

### **Preparation**

None

### **Instructions**

Hand out the paper and pens/pencils and ask each guest to write their name. State the full names of the bride and groom-to-be (first, middle, last) and ask the guests to write them down as you spell them out.

Give your guests five minutes to make words using the letters of the bride and groom's name. For example, if the bride's name is "Jill Marie Smith" and the groom's name is "John Scott Baker," you could create the following list of words:

ill/ills	illness	skate/skates	month/months	sale/sales
bill/bills	bake/bakes	brake/brakes	rake/rakes	take/takes
lamb/lambs	march/marches	arch/arches	it	sit/sat
cot/cots	crab/crabs	jams/jams	tot/tots	time/times
home/homes	crate/crates	smart/smarts	ache/aches	rank/ranks

When three minutes have elapsed, determine which guest has the longest list of words. Plural forms of a word should count as one word.

Ask the high scorer to read through the list of words to determine if they are "real words." This will usually create some good-natured competition and generate a few laughs. Use a dictionary as a reference or ask the bride to determine the words validity. If the list survives scrutiny, she is the winner.

### **Notes**

Consider having clipboards, heavy magazines, or small phone books for the guests to use as a lap desk

If you need a tiebreaker, fold the papers in half and in half again, place in a large bowl or shopping bag, and ask the bride to draw the winner.