THE SECRET WORD GAME

SETTING UP:
This game can be played in a group of up to eight players. If you have a large group, select random people from the audience to participate, and bring them to the front of the room. If you have a small group, everyone can play. First, cut out the cards on the next three pages. Then, divide the participants into two teams and hand out a stack of cards to each team. Someone will need to take the role of Moderator for this game.

HOW TO PLAY:
1. One team is selected to go first. A player from that team is designated as the first Reader.
2. The Reader’s job is to convey the “secret word” at the top of the card in a way that will allow his or her teammates to guess what the secret word is.
3. The trick is that the Reader is not allowed to use any of the forbidden words printed on the card. The Moderator must look over the Reader’s shoulder to make sure he or she doesn’t say any of the forbidden words.
4. If the Reader says a forbidden word, he or she loses a point and must move on to the next card.
5. The Reader has one minute to convey as many secret words as possible. Once the minute is up, the Reader’s score is tallied and the points go to the Reader’s team. Then the next team gets a turn using their stack of cards.
6. A new Reader is picked every time a team has a new turn. The game ends once everyone has had a chance to go or once the cards run out, and the team with the highest number of points wins.
7. If this game is played in front of a large group, it would be best for the Moderator to write the secret word on an easel that everyone in the audience can see, so as to make it more fun for non-playing participants.
THE SECRET WORD GAME (CARDS)

SECRET WORD
beach

FORBIDDEN WORDS
sand
yellow
seaside

SECRET WORD
orange

FORBIDDEN WORDS
long
haul
colour
book
nine

SECRET WORD
spade

FORBIDDEN WORDS
bucket
dig
shovel

SECRET WORD
camera

FORBIDDEN WORDS
photograph
flash
picture

SECRET WORD
swimsuit

FORBIDDEN WORDS
swim
bikini
trunks

SECRET WORD
ice cream

FORBIDDEN WORDS
cone
cold
chocolate flake

SECRET WORD
volleyball

FORBIDDEN WORDS
game
ball
play
sport

SECRET WORD
postcard

FORBIDDEN WORDS
picture
post
letter
stamp

SECRET WORD
summer

FORBIDDEN WORDS
sun
ice cream
holidays
seaside

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