

Connected Reality

“Everything is connected.”

This is a game you can play individually and with friends. Your goal is to figure out a possible path between two randomly selected “things”. Time is limited for each turn and at the time the two “things” are revealed to you, you need to explain a connection between them and give a reason. The timer starts from 20 seconds.

If you play it without a partner, this can be considered as an exploratory practice and you decide on your own explanation. If you play it with friends, you start the game with 5 points. Whenever you can't find a connection between your randomly selected things or other players vote you down, you lose a point. If you reach 0 point, you are out of the game.

Each turn ends by the other players giving a vote if the connection path is realistic and the reason is acceptable or not. This makes the game more interesting, because you might have a great idea during the game and others can still vote you down.

If the player is voted down, but feels he is right against the others: he can write down the connection he described to a paper or a note taking application, then if he reaches 0 point later he will have a chance to come back and prove he is right. He will have another 20 seconds again and it is not allowed to change what s/he wrote down before. If the explanation is accepted by the voters, he will stay in the game with 1 point. If he loses again, he is out of the game.

Rules for the connections and reason:

- The connection path and the reason should be:
 - Possible in reality
 - Needs to be logical
 - Needs to be true
- For example in case of **bird||cybersecurity** it is an accepted connection that *“A cybersecurity company chose a bird as their logo because the wings refer to a protective system.”*
- It is not valid to give an answer like *“Birds like cybersecurity because it makes them more secure.”* or *“Cybersecurity companies use birds to send messages because it is more secure.”*

On the next page you will find words for the game which you can print and cut out or use the python3 script provided separately.

art	ramen noodles
alchemy	right button on the mouse
magic	Amazonas
advertising	scarecrow
vikings	income
gravity	silence
prime minister	healing
speed skating	diamond
nuclear weapons	camera
tights	salad
an old book	mother
a lovely bird	father
fingerprint	cookie
galaxy	Mars
plane pilot	submarine
landmines	chemical engineer
pink doll	human society
beach	popcorn
feeling thrilled	Elon Musk
a call on a phone	bitcoin
social media	stone tools for cooking
unicorn	feeling happy
polar bear	feeling angry
empathy	joyful afternoon
beautiful flower	peace
legal advice	stress
ghost	mammoth