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## This Vocabulary Game Might Teach Your Kid More Words Than Scrabble

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It's rare that a word game is both educational for kids and wildly entertaining for adults. At least not without the requisite amount of beers, which makes Anaxi such a cool oddball. This competitive vocabulary lesson for family game night uses Venn diagrams — those things you kind of remember from a place you went to for 4 years. What was it called? Oh yeah; high school.

Fortunately, playing Anaxi is easier than Algebra II. The box comes with 75 word cards, each with adjectives like lumpy, square, green, etc., as well as 2 base cards and a timer. One person picks 3 color-coded word cards and puts them together on the base. Start the timer and write down as many people, places, or things (or as English majors call them, nouns) that share those overlapping qualities. For example, Brown + Furry + Hilarious = Alf. If someone else said Alf (as they're likely to do) the person who wrote down a unique answer like "a UPS truck driven by Zach Galifianakis" get a higher score.

As with all good games designed for kids 8-and-up that use fancy math/logic diagrams, the more smart-ass the answers, the more likely you are to dominate. Play continues for 5 rounds and whomever possesses the strongest vocabulary wins. It's probably going to be the person who uses whomever.  
Anaxi Word Game (\$22)

### ABOUT FUNNYBONE TOYS:

While most people love to play games, very few appreciate the "art" that goes into their creation. This is because, for the most part, the art is hidden in the background, secondary to game play. But a new game design company was tired of seeing the art of games taking a back seat to play...so they decided put artwork on equal footing. Funnybone Toys was created in 2011 to provide products that are a true combination of form, function, and beautiful, minimalist design. One of our favorite elements of design is color, so color reigns supreme in every one of our products. We launched Funnybone Muse in 2013, allowing us to offer other items that inspire us, that are outside the toy and game category. Every product that comes out of our design studio will show our company's commitment to beautiful, minimalist design.