

Remember when you used to go to a store to rent videos? Remember VHS tapes? If you answered "yes" to those questions or you're just a big movie buff, then you might like playing the Blockbuster Party Game. Yes, it's inspired by Blockbuster Video. And if you don't know what that is, ask your grandma.

In this movie trivia game, teams try to be the first to collect a movie from all eight genres: action, all-time classics, drama, comedy, horror, family, animation, and sci-fi and fantasy. So you'll need the double-sided VHS/parking lot game board and the Blockbuster parking lot sign set up in the middle of your playing space. You'll also need the sound effects buzzer (and batteries), the Movie cards, and the Head-to-Head cards within easy reach of both teams.

You'll only use the Head-to-Head cards in the first round, which pits one player from each team against each other. Flip over a Head-to-Head card and read the category aloud. For instance, "Movies where there's a race". The first player to think of a movie that fits shouts it out loud and presses the buzzer to start the 15-second countdown. Now, it's the opponent's turn to shout out a movie with a race in it. Keep going back and forth until time is up, and if it buzzes on your turn, you're done. The winner moves into the Movie Round.

That player draws six Movie cards from the deck and secretly looks at them. The Movie cards all have the title of a movie on them. The hardest three cards are given to the player who lost the Head-to-Head round (who keeps them secret from his team) and now the player is left with three "easy" cards. The game board has two sides, and on each side are three category squares: One Word, Quote It, and Act It. The players who have the Movie cards must figure out which card to play on which category. If you think you can get your team to guess the movie *Stand By Me* by just giving them a one-word clue, then you'd place that Movie card face-down in the One Word spot. Quote It means you have to give a quote from the movie or make one up if you don't know one. And Act It is essentially Charades. Silently act out the movie.

The winner from the Head-to-Head challenge goes first and presses the buzzer so the 30-second timer starts. Once a movie has been correctly guessed, that Movie card gets flipped over. When time is up, the team gets to keep any Movie Cards flipped over. Then it's the other team's turn.

Then, two new players start a Head-to-Head round, and you keep playing in the same fashion until one team has cards from all eight genres.

There are also some rules about stealing movies from the other team and things that aren't allowed as you play, but to try and keep this short, we'll let you read the instructions for yourself.