

EENG663 Game 2: Visual Representation of Course Content

Activity summary

Overview: Word game similar to Pictionary; Win, Lose or Draw; Fast Draw; Draw Something; and iSketch.

Setting: In class, or any location with a whiteboard.

Curricular elements: gaming

Prerequisites: completion of a majority of the course

Topics/concepts covered: everything in the course to date

Learning outcomes: After completing this activity, students should be able to:

- Know the definitions of most of the major concepts covered in the course
- Depict/explain course concepts using sketches

Expected time to complete: one 1-hour class session

Required hardware/materials: A whiteboard, dry-erase markers, and a timer. The instructor should also print this handout on heavy card stock and use a paper cutter to separate the cards.

Required instructor interaction: The instructor serves as scorekeeper and moderator

Common mistakes/pitfalls: Some students forget the rules or don't pay attention to them. Students might miss the point of the activity if it is not reinforced; it is recommended to periodically encourage the students to prepare for this game throughout the course, so they spend time trying to understand each concept graphically rather than attempting to figure it out on the fly.

Method of assessment: Scored by instructor during game play. The winning team can be offered bonus points or non-grade-related perks.

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This is a word game similar to *Pictionary*; *Win, Lose or Draw*; *Fast Draw*; *Draw Something*; and *iSketch*.

Rules

- Divide into two teams, A and B. The object of the game is for one person to draw on the whiteboard and get their teammates to guess as many words as possible, without speaking. Gesturing is acceptable, charades are not.
- Cards are worth 2 to 5 points, as noted on each card. You may pass a card, incurring a loss of 2 points. Rule violations count as passing.
- Most cards simply state the *guess word* in italics. A few give descriptions instead, and you have to figure out the intended word before drawing it.
- Words on the card in parentheses do not have to be guessed, they are just there for clarification. Other than that, the guessers must say the exact word or phrase on the card, though alternate tenses and swapping singular for plural are acceptable.
- There are two types of play, “timed” and “all play”. During timed play, one team gets one minute to go through as many words as possible. During all play, both teams draw at once, and the first team to guess the word wins.
- If both teams agree, the time limit per turn may be extended to 1.25 or 1.5 minutes.
- During either type of play, one or both teams each send up a leader and a wingman. The leader must do all of the drawing. However, the leader can confer (quietly) with the wingman if he/she does not know the guess word or wants suggestions on drawing ideas.
- When drawing, words and most mathematical symbols are forbidden. The allowed symbols are:

$+ - \pm \oplus \times \cdot * \otimes \div / > < \geq \leq = \neq \approx$

$\rightarrow \Rightarrow \leftrightarrow \Leftrightarrow () [] \langle \rangle \{ \} \# ?$

All other Roman letters, Greek letters, and mathematics are forbidden. Plots and block diagrams are allowed.

	All Play	All Play	
Guess Phrase: <i>Estimation</i>	Guess Phrase: The type of estimation that uses prior knowledge	Guess Phrase: <i>Deterministic</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Bias</i>
2 points	4 points	4 points	2 points
	All Play		
Guess Phrase: <i>Optimum</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>UMVU</i> (uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator)	Guess Phrase: <i>Maximum Likelihood</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Cramer-Rao (Lower) Bound</i>
2 points	3 points	2 points	2 points
All Play		All Play	
Guess Phrase: <i>Fisher Information</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Efficient</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Classical</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Cost (Function)</i>
3 points	2 points	4 points	2 points
All Play			
Guess Phrase: <i>Risk</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Mean Squared Error</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Mean Absolute Error</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Uniform Cost</i>
2 points	2 points	2 points	2 points

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Guess Phrase: <i>MAP estimate</i> (<i>maximum a priori</i>)	Guess Phrase: <i>Mean</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Median</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Mode</i>
2 points	2 points	2 points	2 points
All Play			
Guess Phrase: <i>Parameter</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>PDF</i> (<i>probability density function</i>)	Guess Phrase: <i>Gradient</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Exponential</i>
3 points	2 points	2 points	2 points
	All Play		
Guess Phrase: <i>Gaussian</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Covariance</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Noise</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Linear</i>
2 points	3 points	2 points	2 points
All Play		All Play	All Play
Guess Phrase: <i>Rejection</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Error Ellipse</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Convex</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>i.i.d.</i> (<i>independent and identically distributed</i>)
4 points	2 points	3 points	4 points

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Guess Phrase: <i>Least Squares</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Detection</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Hypothesis</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>SNR</i> (signal to noise ratio)
4 points	2 points	2 points	2 points
All Play			
Guess Phrase: The type of detector that uses costs, but when the prior is unknown	Guess Phrase: <i>Neyman-Pearson</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Miss</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>False Alarm</i>
2 points	2 points	2 points	2 points
		All Play	
Guess Phrase: <i>ROC (Curve)</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Threshold</i>	Guess Phrase: The name for the source PDF or PMF you have before you even observe anything	Guess Phrase: <i>Binary</i>
2 points	2 points	4 points	2 points
		All Play	
Guess Phrase: <i>M-ary</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>arg max</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Search</i>	Guess Phrase: <i>Q-function</i>
2 points	2 points	4 points	2 points

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