

**Spelling  
Game****Make the Play!****Players:** 2**You need:** football field game board from page 177 (copy and mount on tagboard), football markers, word cards for Unit 27 Basic Words**How to play:** Players write each Basic Word on an index card, shuffle the cards, and place them face-down in a pile near the game board. Each child colors a football marker, using a different shade than his or her opponent, and places it on the 50-yard line of the football field.

1. One player chooses a word card and reads the word aloud. The other player spells the word. If the word is spelled correctly, the speller advances his or her football marker 10 yards closer to the appropriate goal. If the word is misspelled, the football marker is moved back 10 yards.
2. Players take turns reading and spelling words. The first to reach the goal line and make a touchdown wins the game.

**Other ways to play this game:** Use chalk to draw an outdoor football field on the sidewalk or blacktop. Players stand on the chalked outline and move toward their goal as they spell words correctly.