Pick and Spell

Players: 2, plus a timekeeper

You need: 15 blank cards, timer or stopwatch, paper, pencils, list of Unit 1 Basic Words

How to play: Make 15 letter cards by writing letters on blank cards. Make two cards each for the letters a and i. Make one card each for the letters d, f, g, j, l, m, n, s, t, w, and x. Each player takes an a and i card and puts them face up on the table. Shuffle the rest of the cards and put them face down in a pile.

1. The first player takes the top three cards from the pile. That player has one minute to make a Basic Word, using a, i, and the cards he or she picked. If a word can be made, the player writes it on his or her paper. If a word cannot be made, the player must pass his or her turn.

2. Players take turns until one player has five Basic Words written on his or her paper. Once all the cards have been chosen, shuffle them again and make a new pile.