Spin and Spell

Players: 2 teams of 2–3 players, plus a checker

You need: circular cardboard game board divided into eight wedges with one letter—h, n, t, e, r, p, m, and c—written in each wedge, list of Unit 14 Basic Words for each player, paper, pencils, timer, spinner*

How to play: Players take turns spinning and then spelling a Basic Word that either begins or ends with that letter.

1. Players begin by reviewing the word list. Then they put away their lists and Team 1 spins.
2. When the spinner lands on a letter, the checker sets the timer. Team 1 has one minute to list as many Basic Words as possible that begin or end with that letter.
3. When time is up, the checker looks over the list, awarding 1 point for each word that appears on the Basic Word list and another point for spelling it correctly. Then the game continues and the next team spins.
4. If a team lands on a letter that has already been used, the other team gets a turn.
5. When all eight letters have been used, the game ends. The checker adds up each team’s points and announces the winner.

*To make a spinner, cut an arrow out of cardboard. Use a brad to attach it loosely to the gameboard.