Treasured Words

Players: any number of players, plus a checker

You need: Unit 25 Basic Word list; a drawing of a treasure chest for each player; 40 cards, 20 with the beginnings of Basic Words and 20 with the endings: ain, eon, ture, or sure

How to play: Players make Basic Words by putting together word parts.

1. To begin, one player shuffles the cards and deals 6 cards to each player. The remaining cards are placed in a stack, upside down.

2. Player 1 draws a card and checks to see if he or she can make a match (such as surg and eon to make surgeon). If so, Player 1 has the match checked by the checker. If the word is correct, Player 1 puts the cards in his or her treasure chest. If the word is not correct, Player 1 puts the cards back in his or her hand and puts 1 card on the discard pile.

3. Now Player 2 takes a turn and can either draw a new card from the stack or pick up the card from the discard pile. To end a turn, a player places one card in the discard pile. Then play continues with the next player.

4. The game ends when one player discards the last card in his or her hand. Matches are counted, and the player with the most matches in his or her treasure chest wins.