

FAMOUS SCRABBLE QUOTES

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Some famous people have dabbled in Scrabble: Richard Burton, King Farouk, Omar Sharif, President Nixon and Martina Navratilova, to name a few. But there are many other celebrities who, in the course of a game, have uttered immortal comments which have since become part and parcel of the Scrabble player's vernacular.

- SOCRATES I have HEMLOCK but I can't get it down.
- RICHARD THE THIRD (playing Henry Tudor on Bosworth Field) Gad-zooks, I'm stuck with the Q!
- ANNE BOLEYN (playing her torturer in the Tower of London) Damn this rack! I can't get any E's.
- SAINT AUGUSTINE (on his death-bed) Lord, did I miss something?
- MICHELANGELO I can't make anything with these tiles.
- CASANOVA It's hard to score with a tight board.
- MARTIN LUTHER (playing Clement the Seventh) I challenge POPE.
- COUNT DRACULA I prefer to play upside down.
- WILD BILL HICKOK Let's draw to see who goes first.
- KARL MARX I'll change the lot.
- ALBERT EINSTEIN Can we check the score? I think I've added up wrong.
- CAPTAIN ROBERT SCOTT (playing in a tent near the South Pole) That's life -- finally you have TRIUMPH on your rack and then somebody takes your spot.
- H.G. WELLS Oh, I'm over time on my clock.
- HENRY FORD I play a defensive game. On my board no one gets a 50-point bonus.
- KING EDWARD VIII I pass my turn.
- DOCTOR LIVINGSTONE (playing Stanley in the Congo with E-G-I-M-P-S-Y on his rack) I just know there's something in here somewhere.
- MAE WEST (playing with Cary Grant) If you were a gentleman, sweetie, you wouldn't have blocked my opening.
- REVEREND WILLIAM SPOONER (last words) Are there any betters left in the lag?
- ADOLF HITLER (playing with Neville Chamberlain in Munich) Do you mind if I take back my word?
- NELLIE MELBA (playing with the Duke of Orleans) I can't get used to these French letters -- in America CON can take an I-hook at the front and the back.
- AL CAPONE So? Taking out more than seven is a crime?
- GROUCHO MARX I wouldn't play in any Scrabble tournament agreeing to have me as an adjudicator.

- HARRY HOUDINI This game is so closed not even I can find somewhere to go.
- JUAN FANGIO I win. My flag just dropped.
- JACK BENNY All I get is I's O's and U's.
- ORSON WELLES Is ROSEBUD one word or two?
- ARCHIE MOORE (playing Rocky Marciano in 1955) I'll turn you into CORKY MACARONI.
- HAROLD STEPTOE (playing his father) You dirty old man! You never change! But when I dump a rackful of vowels I just pick up more rubbish.
- HENRY KISSINGER (playing Nixon on the flight back from China) What I said, Richard, was 'Peking's in the bag, okay' not 'Peeking in the bag's okay'.
- RONALD REAGAN (playing Gorbachev in Geneva) Is it your move or mine?
- JOHN McENROE (sending back a challenge slip at Wimbledon) You've got to be joking, you nerd! What do you mean, there's a hyphen in MOTHERF-----?
- HUMPHREY BOGART No smart guy's gunna beat me at this game, see. I'll make him eat his words.
- SAMUEL GOLDWYN Success in Scrabble means drawing a blank.
- GEORGE BURNS I used to play Scrabble with Gracie. It was the only way I could get a word in edgewise.
- JAMES CAGNEY (caught with F-B-I-F-B-I-Q at the end of the game) You dirty rack!
- ALFRED BUTTS I called my dog Bingo because I can never find the critter when I want him and he always makes a mess of my lettuce trying to dig up a 50-point bonus.

CALL FOR HELP

Leonard Gordon would like to produce a computer-based word list with no proper names which is (1) large enough to represent modern English, but (2) small enough for use by an amateur programmer with a PC, or by a non-programmer with WORDPERFECT. He suggests that words come from, but not necessarily be limited to, Chambers Twentieth Century, the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, and Webster's 9th Collegiate. He has the OSPD already on disk but wishes to add Chambers and Collegiate words not found therein. He is looking for volunteers who would be willing to type portions of the needed words and send these to him on disk; he would incorporate received lists (after culling duplications) in his, and return the combined results on disk, either as ASCII files or as a WORDPERFECT speller file. He uses an IBM-PC clone; contact him for details at the (temporary) address 23 Rinewalt Street, Williamsville NY 14221.