Each of these list pairs contains a total of 30 different countries, the current record.

Another related puzzle comes from noting that the largest number of countries in any of our lists is 18. Is it possible to make more than 18 countries if we are not required to use all the tiles? The answer is yes - here is a list made with 97 tiles containing 19 countries:

Belize Chad Egypt Fiji India Iraq Laos Lesotho Mexico Niger Oman Peru Rwanda Serbia Sweden Togo Tonga Turkey Tuvalu

The unused tiles are E,F,V, totalling 9 points, which we conjecture is the minimum possible.

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Bringing my knitting to meeting.  
The meeting’s on reading.  
Knitting for meeting,  
meeting for reading.  
Reading or knitting?  
Knitting for reading.  
Needing to meet,  
needing to knit,  
meaning to read  
about needing to knit.