ALLOWABLE WORDS: ALL OF THEM! IN ANY LANGUAGE! AS LONG as you're sure of the spelling (otherwise you can check) AND AS LONG as you basically know its meaning. All grammatical variations are acceptable, as are words that are simple, complicated, rare, scientific, poetic, or fantastic; swear words, proper names, first names, last names, acronyms, brands, onomatopoeias; or words that are very easy, very short, or have already been used.

ALLOWABLE SENTENCES: Any sentence WITH A VERB that sounds correct grammatically and is remotely possible, from the serious to the wacky to the poetic. "The cat is drinking milk." "A pear can eat a diamond, in a painting, if she's hungry!"

COUNTDOWN: In certain games, while a player is thinking, another player with an idea can start nicely counting down aloud before sharing their idea, from 5 to 0. The other players can also join the countdown, even if they don't have any ideas! At the beginning of the game, the youngest player can change the countdown duration for everyone: from 10, 5, or even 3 to 0.

DIFFERENT DIFFICULTY LEVELS mean that beginners can play with experts in some games.

"DEAL OUT ALL THE CARDS" means deal all the cards evenly and set the extra cards aside.

PLAY clockwise.