It's like Scrabble with math, but fun

By KATE JORDAN

The Tattoo

It's even worse when you find yourself playing Scrabble and thinking, "Gee, if only this game were more complicated and required more math skills!"

One way to do this is by playing BuyWord, the board game designed by Mark Winter, creator Alan R. Moon, who co-founded the company, based in Madison, Wis., allow all of its employees to work from home, and their children get in on the act. Madison, Wis., allows all 10 of them to work from home, and their children get in on the act.

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Hoopla: A riot

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