

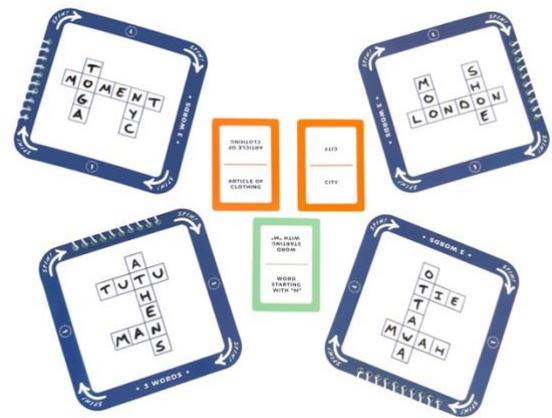
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FUEL MOM AND DAD’S ZEAL FOR CROSSWORDS THIS YEAR WITH HELP FROM JOPAT GAMES

*Cross Spin Makes for a Wonderful Mother’s Day or Father’s Day Gift that Will
Bring You and Your Folks Closer at Family Game Night!*

Chicago, IL (March 13, 2026) – Although parents should be celebrated year-round, those special days in May and June are there to remind us to always cherish Mom and Dad. And even though we love them, it’s tough to get a word in edgewise sometimes with their wisdom and robust vocabulary. Why not turn that toil of unsolicited advice into a fun foil, all with the help of Cross Spin, from **JoPat Games!** **Cross Spin (2-6 players | 30 minutes+ | Ages 8+)** takes crossword puzzles (a favorite pastime of parents everywhere) and engineers a competitive twist! With just one game under their belt so far, JoPat Games has made a big splash in the toy and game space, with glowing praise from highly regarded institutional voices. The National Parenting Product Awards (NAPPAs), Mom’s Choice Awards, the PAL Awards, Autism Live and Clamour’s Influencer Choice Awards have all heaped praise on Cross Spin, JoPat’s debut game!



Players must race against each other to fill out one of several mini crossword puzzles based on randomly drawn prompt cards. In order to triumph, all your solutions must be readable like a crossword – left to right and top to bottom! This can make even these 4-5 line mini puzzles a tricky challenge, since your prompts are different each round. But if you’re stuck in a rut, try rotating your puzzle left, right, or 180 degrees to get a fresh perspective. Ah, now your words fit! Once someone finishes their board, the remaining players have a mere 20 second sand timer to fill out as much as they can. Points are tallied based on completion; the first to 25 points is the winner!

Parents will appreciate the robust replay value of Cross Spin. With 10 boards in each puzzle booklet and 160 prompt cards, no two rounds will ever be the same. The simple to understand rules and nearly limitless depth of Cross Spin make it an ideal addition to your parent’s game shelf, perfect for unboxing and enjoying during visits back home, or to pass the time with each other while the nest is empty. Thanks to the dry-erase markers and compatible boards, rounds are quick, and the fun can continue for nights far into the future. Cross Spin is an amazing, screen-free way to engage with Mom and/or Dad and spend some quality parent-child time. Bring in siblings to crank up the competitive energy and make even more sparks fly! Feel free to get creative and introduce house rules with words based on family inside-jokes!

With such a knockout first impression, anticipation mounts for JoPat’s future catalog. Thankfully, the wait won’t be long; set for debut in Summer 2026 are JoPat’s 2nd and 3rd debut games: **Connect the Dots** and **Initial Reactions!**



In **Connect the Dots (2-10 players | 20 minutes+ | Ages 10+)** players must endeavor to match thoughts with each other to earn the most points. At the top of each round two prompt cards are drawn. Then everyone secretly writes down a concept that links the two prompts on their dry erase card. For example, if the prompts are 'Grand Canyon' and 'Haunted House', good answers to try may be 'Spiders' or 'Echoes'. Upon revealing answers, any matches between players get filed away and those players earn points! If you don't find a match with anyone else, don't worry, all is not lost - you can now attempt to make a connection from the remaining non-matching answers from round 1. Match by round 3 or you may be the odd man out and lose a point! Connect the Dots will put both your pattern brain and memory to the test!

Initial Reactions (3-10 players | 30 minutes+ | Ages 17+) continues the word games! Players roll letter dice, and based on what they get, must create acronyms in response to humorous prompt questions. Whoever's acronym most impresses the HPIC, Head Player in Charge, will win the round and earn a point. The HPIC rotates after each round, so not only will you have to rack your brain to come up with clever acronyms, but you'll also need to cater your acronyms to each HPIC. Take advantage when someone rolls a wild asterisk on the dice to get as creative as possible and impress the HPIC for that round. Who will come out on top and become MVP!

To see more info on JoPat Games' offerings, and perhaps pick up a copy in advance of Mother's Day or Father's Day, visit <https://jopatgames.com/> or their [Amazon storefront](#). Give the gift of quality time and wordy whimsy with Cross Spin!

ABOUT JOPAT GAMES

JoPat Games is a Chicago-based game company dedicated to creating easy-to-learn, fun-to-play games that bring friends and families together. Its first release, Cross Spin, is a fast-paced word game perfect for game night—now available both as a physical board game and as a daily web puzzle/downloadable app for on-the-go play. Learn more at JoPatGames.com.

