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**ACTIVITY:  
A-Z of Gambling**



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This activity, developed around the letters of the alphabet, helps participants share and explore the information and opinions they have about gambling, while learning some of the terminology related to gambling.



**Time:**  
10min



**Resources:**  
Flip-chart, felt-tip pens



**Materials to print:**  
A-Z of Gambling practitioner notes (optional)

## Method

- 1** Write down on some flip-chart sheets the letters of the alphabet.
- 2** Ask the group to write down next to each letter any word related to gambling they can think of.
- 3** Once they have finished, help them to discuss what they have written and clarify any terminology they haven't met before. This should give you an overview of their knowledge and thoughts about gambling. Encourage them to say what they think of gambling - some may be keener than others who, perhaps, think it's rather a waste of money. Be ready to introduce terms they haven't thought of, and that you judge relevant to their needs and stage of understanding, explaining each.

### Alternative options:

You can go round the room and ask participants to name something to do with gambling that begins with the first letter of their name, as an icebreaker at the start of a session.

With bigger groups, you can split participants in 3 teams, with a flip-chart paper each (A-H; I-O; P-Z) and with 1 felt-tip pen each (3 different colours). Rotate the flip-charts every 3 minutes, so that all the groups have a chance to add their ideas on the whole alphabet. At the end, the different colours on the flip-chart should let you identify which team wrote what: this might be helpful if you are focusing the discussion on their views and opinions of gambling.



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## Practitioner Notes

Some ideas for A-Z words about Gambling:

<b>A</b>	addiction, addicted, adrenaline, all in, ante, affiliates	<b>N</b>	naïve, nervous, no winners
<b>B</b>	bookies, bingo, broke, betting shop, buzz, blockers	<b>O</b>	odds, online gambling, organised crime
<b>C</b>	chance, casino, cost, coupon, chips	<b>P</b>	poker, problem, puggies, probability
<b>D</b>	dealer, debt, dog racing, dice, disorder, dopamine hit	<b>Q</b>	questions, quitting, quality of life
<b>E</b>	expensive, excitement	<b>R</b>	risk, racing, raffle, roulette
<b>F</b>	fixed odds betting terminals, fruit machines, football	<b>S</b>	stake, scratch card, slot machines, sports, stealing, suicide, streaming, skins
<b>G</b>	greedy, gambling GG's, games, gambling blockers	<b>T</b>	ticket, Tombola
<b>H</b>	high risk, horse racing, house, hope, hooked	<b>U</b>	unseen, underlying issues, unfair
<b>I</b>	internet, infectious, in-game	<b>V</b>	value for money, vulnerable people, VIP, Vegas
<b>J</b>	jackpot, joker, jack	<b>W</b>	winning, wager
<b>K</b>	kiosk, kick on, king	<b>X</b>	x rated (= over 18)
<b>L</b>	losing, lottery, loan shark, Las Vegas, lucky, loot boxes, limits	<b>Y</b>	young people
<b>M</b>	money, machines, millionaire	<b>Z</b>	zeno's paradox, zone (in the zone), zeros (000,000)