

Benefits of Playing Scrabble for Youth

***Promotes family time**

- It's fun
- Relatively low cost or free to play
- Sharing quality time together while learning
- Creates memories

***Cultivates social skills**

- Enhances friendships NB
- Allows for social engagement and communication
- Promotes fair play and responsibility as it is mostly self-refereed and self-scored
- Allows for equal importance when playing adults

***Develops spelling ability**

- Promotes to spell correctly
- Solid spelling ability at a young age builds a foundation

***Builds vocabulary**

- Exposure to new words
- Curiosity to know the meanings
- Learn the cultural origins of words (many Maori words are allowed)

***Improves mathematical ability**

- Opportunities for point calculations
- Cumulative addition
- Comparing values of choices

***Advanced benefits**

- Incorporates probability and advanced calculations in decision-making
- Provides practice managing risk
- Provides practice with time management
- Creates spatial awareness
- Leads to understanding board geometry
- Promotes critical thinking skills - question, analyse, interpret, evaluate
- Enhances clear thinking

NB including from other nations potentially leading to opportunities in other walks of life