

Recommended Games:

Electronic Games-History

Civilization III
Revolution
Age of Empires III
Oregon Trail
Pirate Raider
Where in the World is C. Sandiego?
Pharaoh
Making History
Nancy Drew: Message in a Haunted Mansion

Electronic Games-Science and Logic

Return of the Incredible Machine Contraptions
Bioscopia
Chemicus
Zoombini's Logical Journey
Spore
Roller Coaster Tycoon 3

Electronic Games-Mythology

Age of Mythology
Dark Age of Camelot

Electronic Games-Business and Law

Railroad Tycoon II
Trade Empires
Law & Order

Electronic Games-Personal Skills

Sim City 4
Sims 2
Whyville
Quest Atlantis

Electronic Games-Fitness

Dance Dance Revolution

Board Games

There are numerous board games that involve critical thinking, strategic thinking, vocabulary, math, spatial reasoning, etc.—and that are less expensive than electronic games. Here are a few with the manufacturer's age recommendations.

To find more ideas, the magazine Parenting for High Potential published by the National Association for Gifted Children publishes their highly rated toy list each September. www.BoardGameRatings.com (which also sells the games) has ranked the games in various categories and lists the awards presented to the games by multiple groups. Other sources for these games are available at such websites as Amazon.com, www.mindwareonline.com, www.educationallearninggames.com, www.fatbraintoy.com, and www.Boardgames4Us.com

Good game developers (with their own websites are):

Brain Bender Games

Educational Insights

Fox Imaging

FoxMind

Gamewright

Out of the Box Publishing

Simply Fun

Think Fun

AmuseAmaze	Ages 10 to adult
Apples to Apples	Ages 10 to adult
Architecto	Ages 7 to adult
Blokus, Blokus Trigon, and Giant Blokus	Ages 5 to adult
Blurt! (also Blurt! Junior)	Ages 7-adult
Castle Knights, Together We Are Strong	Ages 5 to adult
Chain Game	Ages 12 to adult
Chaos	Ages 8 to adult
Connect Four	Ages 7-14
Ducks in a Row	Ages 5-7
Equilibrio	Ages 5 to adult
Five Crowns	Ages 8 to adult
Hit or Miss	Ages 10-adult
Keesdrow	Ages 8 to adult
Labyrinth	Ages 8 to adult
Lunar Lockout	Ages 8 to adult
Mastermind and Advanced Mastermind	Ages 8 to adult
Max	Ages 3-5
Mix Up	Ages 8 to adult
Newton's Apples	Ages 7 to adult
Number Chase	Ages 6-9
Orijinz & Orijinz 2	Ages 13- adult
Othello	Ages 8 to adult
Pentago	Ages 6 to adult
Perfect Sense	Ages 12 to adult
Quarto	Ages 8 to adult
Quiddler	Ages 8 to adult
Quadrango	Ages 6 to adult
Qwirkle	Ages 6 to adult
Ringgz	Ages 8 to adult
Royal Rescue	Ages 5 to adult
Rummikub	Ages 8 to adult
Rush Hour (various versions)	Ages 8 to adult
7Ate9	?
Set	Ages 6 to adult
Shokoba	Ages 8 to adult
Shuttles	Ages 8 to adult
Simplexity	Ages 8 to adult
Six	Ages 7 to adult
Syllable Rally	Ages 5-12
Suitcase Detectives	Ages 5 to adult
10 Days in Asia (other settings available)	Ages 10 to adult
Think-ets (several varieties)	Ages 3-adult
Trhyme	Ages 12 to adult
Tumblin' Dice	?
24Game (various levels)	Ages 7 to adult

Upwords	Ages 8 to adult
Wise Alec	Ages 8 to adult
Word on the Street	Ages 12 to adult (junior version age 8+)
Wordigo	?
What's Yours Like?	Ages 10 to adult
Yamslam	Ages 8 to adult
You've Been Sentenced	Ages 8 to adult