



GAMES

THAT BUILD THE BRAIN



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Games that Sharpen Logical Thinking & Goal Planning

10 Days Games

(Geography game (assorted locations
-Africa, Asia, Europe, USA, The Americas)
– Builds critical thinking skills.

Backgammon

Use of abstract thinking and strategizing.

Battleships

High use of logic, planning & strategizing.

Blokus

Develops logic and spatial perception while kids learn to be tactical

Big Brain Academy

Nintendo

Big Brain Academy trains your brain with a course load of mind-bending activities across five categories: think, memorize, analyze, compute, and identify!

Cathedral

Pattern building, pattern recognition.

Checkers

Classic game that is a great all-around brain workout.

Chess

An all-around perfect brain game.

Chinese Checkers

Learn to think ahead.

Clue

Great game for many cognitive reasons, but especially deductive reasoning.

Connect 4

Vertical strategy creates unique challenges.

Corintho

Historical, strategy building game.

Cranium

(assorted – Cranium, Cadoo, Cariboo, Hullabaloo + more)

Many different Cranium games – all of them great for a brain workout. Uses many different Cognitive Functions.

Cribbage

Century old game that involves strategy, logic and adding.

Dao

Abstract strategy building game.

Deal and Learn Rhyming

Rhyming long vowels card and CD game

Dominos

Another classic game of logic and strategy.

Guess Who

Excellent game for enhancing deductive reasoning and logic.

Hide & Seek Pirates

(Assorted Hide & Seek games)
Logical Brainteaser

Kewbz

Clever, abstract strategy game

Lumosity.com

Online series of games that give the brain an all-around workout.

Mastermind

Uses logic and deductive reasoning.

Monopoly

Good planning strategies needed as well as economic negotiating.

Qubic

Strategizing and orientation in space.
Strengthens abstract thinking.

Pictionary

Planning, drawing, expression.

Risk

War game that promotes goal setting, planning and strategy.

Scotland Yard

Deductive reasoning.

Settlers of Catan

(assorted)

Works on planning skills and decision-making.

Solitaire

Board game

Puzzles for the solitary player.

Stock Market

Speculation.

Sudoku

Mathematical planning, addition, organization

Tac-tickle

Mathematical abstract strategizing.

Ticket to Ride

Strategic and tactical decision making

Yiddishe Kop

Brainteasers and riddles with a Jewish bent.

Games that Sharpen Precision, Accuracy & Labeling

Brain Teaser Puzzles**Brain Quest**

(Assorted)

Educational trivia

Crosswords

Individual or partnered word game

Dot-to-Dot

Classic paper/pencil game that requires carefulness and numerical sequencing.

Find Differences Photos/art

Builds attention to detail.

Guess Who

Precision, deductive reasoning, and detection

Herd Your Horses

Categorization game

Mazes

Great for improving focus.

Scrabble

Word game, strengthens spelling, labels and definitions.

Sudoku

Strengthen precision and accuracy.

Super Collapse Puzzle Gallery

(PC Game)

Develops spatial skills and also logic skills. Single player game.

Uno

Matching game. Card game.

Organizational skills.

Games that Facilitate Word Play & Flexible Thinking

Apples to Apples

Extensive use of text – conversational.

Balderdash

Combines wordsmithing and bluffing.

Bananagrams

Word game that strengthens spelling and planning skills.

Boggle

Great for improving spelling and exercise for the dyslexic brain.

Bulldog Letter Reversals (bd)

Website with downloadable games - <http://bulldogletterreversals.com/>

Catch Phrase

Fast-talking game, good for helping verbal expression.

Cause & Effect

Reading Comprehension Practice Cards.
Think ahead.

Charades

Physical word game that involves deduction.

Clusters

Word building game.

Drawing Conclusions

Reading comprehension card game.

Mad Gab

Word game

"It's Not What You SAY, It's What You HEAR!" – good for improving auditory processing.

Pictionary

Strengthens visualization and expression.

Pixel

Abstract strategy game.

Pizza to Go

Categorizing and strategy skills increased.

Probe

Card game, word game, deduction.

Race Around the Clock

Elapsed-Time Game

problem solving within specified time.

Scattergories

Word game

strengthens expressive verbal tools.

Scrabble

Word game

Strengthens spelling, labels and definitions.

Spill and Spell

Word game that works mental addition.

Smart Mouth

Shout it out word game.

Synonyms

Deductive reasoning, word game.

Take 4

Crossword-type word game.

Text Twist

PC Game

Develops vocabulary skills and reaction time. Fosters a love of words.

Upwords

Stackable Scrabble

Strengthens word building.

Taboo

Word game that emphasizes expression.
Increases flexible thinking.



Games that enhance Mathematical Thinking

Blokus

Work on spatial orientation and geometrics.

Brain Boxes

(all sorts)

Hone your math skills with the Ten Minute Brain Challenge.

Engineering.com/GamesPuzzles/ CargoBridge2.aspx

Online game- build/design bridges

Meet a material and dollar budget.

Chess

Board Game

Improves: hand eye coordination, spatial abilities, logic, patience, and math abilities.

Connect 4

Vertical strategy creates unique challenges.

Cribbage

Century-old game that involves strategy, logic, and adding.

Dominos

Matching dots numerically.

Equations

Math game that challenges thinking in the abstract.

Factor Frenzy

Electronic math game.

Go

Establishes math skills, logic and spatial reasoning.

Mahjong

Illustrated tile game that strengthens categorizing and making numbered suits.

Monopoly

Good planning strategies needed as well as economic negotiating.

Muggins

Works on analytical, mathematical skills.

Too Many Monkeys

Numerical order game

Pachisi

Helps hand-eye coordination as well as basic problem solving which stimulates both right and left brain hemispheres.

Pay Day

Dice game, economics, negotiation.

Rummy

Card game that helps with building categorization skills.

Rummykub

Abstract number strategy game.

Sudoku

Mathematical planning, addition, organization

Tac-tickle

Mathematical abstract strategizing.

Tangram

Develops spatial abilities and mathskills. Also fosters creativity.

Tetris

Develops improved response time and spatial abilities.

Trango

pattern building game.

Triominos

Matching tiled numbers game
abstract strategizing.

Tuf

Build Mathematical equations. Dice game.

Yahtze

Mathematical, set making.

Games that Increase

Memory

Brain Quest

(Assorted)

Educational trivia that assists memory.

Charades

Builds memory.

Cranium

Helps one hold sequential tasks in mind.

Guess Who

Keep several concepts and pieces and information in mind.

Mind Quiz

Playstation

The game includes 49 exercises from 4 genres of calculation, reflex, judgment, and memory.

Professor Noggin

(Assorted)

Card games – Trivia and memorization of interesting facts and information.

Rummy

Card game that helps with building categorization skills and working the memory.

Sci-ology GAME

Uses memory, thinking, and strategy skills.

Simon

Board Game Improves concentration, hand-eye coordination, response time, and memory.

Simon Says

Memory, movement and following directions skills are emphasized.

Twister

Strengthens focusing and remembering skills. Movement game that helps with directional concepts.



Games that Promote Sharing Behaviour & Cooperation

Cranium Games

(Assorted)

Whole brain games that plays well in a group.

Farmer's Market

Cooperative play. Lots of decision making.

Granny's House

Encourages thought and imagination.

Harvest Time

Encourages helping each other out.

Pictionary

Partnering

Scotland Yard

Working in partnership and cooperation.

Settlers of Catan

Negotiation skills are built and forming alliances.

Wild Craft

A cooperative game that teaches edible and medicinal plants.

