

Popular board games through the years



Board games remain timeless, despite the popularity of video games and mobile gaming. Ask any person about a favorite game they may have played, and it's likely some traditional board games will be at or near the top of the list.

Some may be interested to find out which games were the most popular the year they were born or garnered their fair share of devotees during their childhood. Here's a look at popular games throughout the seventies, eighties and nineties, courtesy of researchers with Popular Mechanics.

- 1974: Connect Four combined the strategies of Tic Tac Toe and checkers into this strategic game.
- 1975: Pay Day involved getting through a calendar month paying bills and other expenses. It's basically balancing the budget in game form.
- 1976: Whosit? had players trying to guess their opponent's secret identity.
- 1977: Electronic Battleship added noises to the regular game of trying to sink battleships to make play more exciting.
- 1978: Simon required players to improve their pace in this heart-racing memory game.
- 1979: Guess Who was another game of figuring out a person's identity by asking questions.
- 1980: Can't Stop had players rolling pairs to see how long their luck would last.
- 1981: Trivial Pursuit became the most well-known of trivia games.
- 1982: Sequence combined a card game with a board game and included up to 12 players for big game nights.
- 1983: Topple asked players to stack colored pieces high on the board without having the tower topple.

- 1984: Balderdash was all about having players bluff their way through definitions of words and more.
- 1985: Pictionary required players to channel their inner artists to draw the words on the cards so teammates could guess.
- 1986: Fireball Island involved moving around the board to retrieve a giant ruby from the top of a mountain.
- 1987: Jenga was another stacking game but instead of piling pieces on top, it involved removing pieces without toppling the tower.
- 1988: Mall Madness came out during the height of the shopping mall boom. Players used a credit card to buy everything on their shopping lists.
- 1989: Taboo forced players to try to describe the word on the card without using the forbidden words listed below.
- 1990: Crocodile Dentist required players try to pull out crocodile teeth without triggering the jaws to snap shut.
- 1991: Atmosfear incorporated an interactive component through use of a VHS tape. The Gatekeeper popped up on screen to keep the game unexpected.
- 1992: Terrace appeared as a prop on "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and then gained popularity in real life.
- 1993: 13 Dead End Drive required players to escape from a boobytrapped house.
- 1994: Pylos involved being the player to place the last marble at the top of the pyramid.

Those wondering about the most popular game in 2023 may want to pick up Hegemony: Lead Your Class to Victory. Hegemony is centered on various "classes" of people and how to make alliances and political maneuvers to advance.

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- 5. Where there's ___, there's fire 38. Told on
- 10. Talked incessantly
- 12. Skill
- 14. Without shame
- 16. Where teens spend their
- days (abbr.)
- 18. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Cluster cups 22. Footballer Newton
- 23. They make up a forest
- 25. Split pulses
- 26. Self
- 27. Post-office box
- 28. Test for high schoolers
- 30. Large, flightless bird
- 31. Expectorated
- 33. Falsehood
- 35. Prickly, scrambling shrub

- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Cathedral city in Cambridgeshire
- 45. Witness 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers, abbr.
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. A type of "cast"
- 56. Encourage
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Relating to position north of south of equator
- 63. Gadget whose name you forget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Small blisters
- 67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 2. " and flow'
- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of
- 5. Central cores of the stem
- 6. Angry
- 7. Ceramic jar
- 8. Scraped a car
- route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Strong hostilities
- 13. Vitamin of the B complex
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher
- 21. A Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Characterized by crying eyes

- 32. Soft touch
- 34. American spy organization
- 35. A person's chest
- 36. Came from behind to win
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie ___, journalist
- 43. Great places to kayak
- 44. Suffer patiently
- 46. Majestic bird
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Organic compound used as an antiseptic
- 51. Objects connected to the web (abbr.)
- 54. Ship as cargo
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Upper-class young woman (abbr.)
- 61. Judge in OJ Simpson trial
- 62. One's grandmother
- 64. Siberian river

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NAME SPONSOR

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Indicates tire pressure
- 4. Request
- 7. Clairvoyance
- 10. 007's creator
- 11. Adult male
- 12. Scandinavian god of battle
- 13. Cloths spread on a coffin
- 15. Breeze through
- 16. Ladyfish genus
- 19. It's good to take them
- 21. Noble-governed territory
- 23. Members of U.S. Navy
- 24. Card game resembling rummy
- 25. Affected by injury
- 26. Member of a Semitic people
- 27. Left
- 30. Woman's cloak
- 34. S. American plant

- 35. Prohibit
- 36. Offense
- 41. Dish soap brand
- 45. Ottoman military commanders
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 47. Makes unhappy
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Medical instrument
- 55. Promote
- 56. A beloved carb
- 57. Tag the base runner to get him o
- 59. Prehistoric people
- 60. Large African antelope
- 61. Vehicle
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. Scientific instrument (abbr.)
- 64. A major division of geological time
- 65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Plant of the nettle family
- 2. Fit to be sold
- 3. Rather
- 4. Collected
- 5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 6. Patella
- 7. Ageless
- 8. Lists of course requirements
- 9. Pokes at
- 13. TV network
- 14. They
- 17. Cooking hardware
- 18. U.S. Army title
- 20. Iron-containing compound
- 22. Swiss river (alt. spelling)
- 27. Former French coin
- 28. Electronic countermeasures
- 29. Taxi

- 31. Helps little firms
- 32. Woeful
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Glowing
- 38. Tasks which should be done
- 39. An informal body of friends
- 40. Intrinsic nature
- 41. Neural structures
- 42. Brews
- 43. Where ships unload cargo
- 44. Singer
- 47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 48. Southwest Scotland town
- 49. Most worthless parts
- 51. Viscous
- 52. Put to work
- 53. Old world, new
- 58. Swiss river

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PUZZLE SOLUTION



Guess Who?

I am a chef and TV personality born in Ohio on January 22, 1968. I worked as a food product developer before making it big on the Food Network. I'm known for my gregarious personality and bleached hair.

Answer: Guy Fieri

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Texas on April 16, 2002. I started in theater, playing "Annie" on Broadway. I've been in a number of TV shows, but I am best known for my work on an ensemble show about strange happenings in a Midwestern town.

Answer: Sadie Sink

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in New York on May 20, 1981. I began taking piano lessons at age 4. My style has been called catchy, light pop with lyrics that share hard truths about life. I have been compared to Alanis Morissette.

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Malaysia on August 6, 1962. I was a beauty pageant winner prior to becoming an actress. I've been in a James Bond movie and recently won a Best Actress Oscar for a role in a 2022 film.

Answer: Rachel Platten

Answer: Michelle Yeoh



The origins of video games

The worldwide gaming market is a multi-billion dollar industry. Statista reports that revenue from video games was estimated at almost \$347 billion US in 2022, and the mobile gaming market generated an estimated \$248 billion US of that total. While digital games like "Call of Duty" and "The Legend of Zelda" series are commonplace today, that wasn't always the case. Video games are a relatively recent invention. The American Physics Society says that in October 1958, physicist William Higinbotham, who was part of the Brookhaven National Laboratory's Instrumentation group, invented what is believed to be the first video game. His game mimicked tennis play and was called "Tennis for Two." Higinbotham was not a game designer by trade; he specialized in nuclear arms control. Higinbotham never patented his creation, and it was bought by Sanders Associates. Sanders Associates received the first patent for a video game in 1964. That was eventually bought by the gaming company Magnavox, which began producing video game systems in the early 1970s. The company's Magnavox Odyssey console was the first ever video game system, says The Computer Museum of America. The Museum of Play cites "Pong" from Atari as the first video game to garner wide attention. Pong arrived in 1972 and first appeared in arcade machines. The home version was introduced in 1975. Much like Higinbotham's "Tennis for Two" years earlier, Pong was a simple tennis-like game.

Raise the stakes of family game night



- Getting the entire family _ together can take a little effort. There is no shortage of activities that pull family members apart most days of the week, from work obligations to sports practices to school events. The United Kingdombased media provider Independent reported in 2023 on a study of 2,000 parents with children at home. The study found families are only spending six hours a week together, which is less than an hour each day. Furthermore, they only eat meals as a household four days out of seven. Eking out more time for family may be as easy as scheduling activities that everyone can rally behind. Family game nights give everyone an excuse to gather at least once a week. These tips can make family game night a can't-miss activity.
- Start with simple games and branch out. The first step to a successful family game night is choosing the right game to engage all participants. This can be challenging when there are young children, teenagers, middle-aged adults, and even seniors participating. Visit an independently owned toy and games store and pick the brain of the proprietor. He or she will likely have some suggestions to get you started. As participants become more comfortable, you can branch out with games.
- Make it a recurring event. Set a firm day of the week for the game night. This way participants will block out that date and time and make every attempt to attend. Treat game night like any other important appointment.
- Consider games with movement. Game night doesn't have to mean sitting around a board game, which

- young children who have trouble sitting still may characterize as a "bored" game. Games that get people moving, whether it's charades, drawing games or a game such as TwisterTM can be more engaging. Game night also can take activities to a golf driving range or an arcade.
- Gather for the right reasons. Game night should focus on having the entire family together laughing and competing in a good-natured way. It should not be a strict competition where winning is the only goal. Avoid the potential for sore losers who can sour game nights in a flash by letting everyone know that fun is the foremost priority of the night.
- Offer prizes. Encourage participation with the lure of prizes at the end. Prizes will not just go to the overall winner. There can be humorous awards, such as the player who messed up trivia questions the most, or the one who rolled matching pairs of the dice most frequently. You can customize the winning categories depending on the game played so everyone gets a fighting chance at a prize. Keep awards simple, like candy bars or other appealing treats.
- Identify a "game master." Every game night should feature a game master who presides over the rules of the game. The rules can be the ones strictly off of the information sheet, or the ones you customize for your own fun. The game master's job is to make sure the rules are enforced, but also to determine when it's alright to let things slide. Family game nights are a vital way to bring everyone together at least once a week in a manner that is entertaining and fosters solid family relationships.



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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to building.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 18 = R)

A. 16 11 15 7 13 18 22 16 13

Clue: Build

B. 6 17 13 8 18 14 17 5 7

Clue: Supplies

C. 7 22 25 8 18 12 14 7 8

Clue: Manage

D. 4 18 17 6 8

Clue: Outer structure

Answers: A. construct B. materials C. supervise D. fra

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to community papers.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 3 = N)

A. 18 10 22 3 5

Clue: Text on paper

B. 3 23 17 24

Clue: Newly received information

C. 14 8 15 20 14

Clue: Belonging to a neighborhood

D. 15 8 9 9 7 3 22 5 11

Clue: Local area

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to fishing.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 16 = A)

A. 7 24 24 3 17

Clue: Winds fishing line

B. 11 2 16 1

Clue: Water vessel

C. 11 16 4 1

Clue: Lures prey

D. 1 16 25 6 3 24

Clue: Fishing supplies

Answers: A. reels B. boat C. bait D. tackle

Answers: A. print

t B. news

C. local D. community



Print two copies of these playing cards. Cut out, shuffle and place face down on a table. Lift one card and try to find the match. Pick both up if a match is made; otherwise, place face down again. Take turns with all game players until all cards are used. The greatest number of matches wins.

KITCHEN & BATH WORD SEARCH

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WORDS

BATHROOM CLEANLINESS ESSENTIAL FAUCET FIXTURES GATHER GRANITE HUMIDITY **ISLAND KITCHEN** MAT **MICROWAVE** OVEN REFRIGERATOR REMODEL SHOWER SINK **TABLE TILES TOILET** VANITY

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to vision.

SPUILP



Answer: Pupils

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CONQUER CLUTTER WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

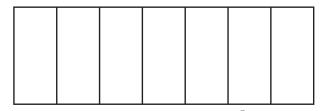
WORDS

CABINET CATEGORY CLEANING CLOSET CLUTTER COLLECT **COORDINATE DISARRAY DISTRIBUTE DONATION GARBAGE GROUP HOARD** LABEL LEAD LISTS **MESS MOBILIZE ORDER** ORGANIZE **PLANNING SCHEDULE SHELVING SORT**

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to hamburgers.

TKEUPHC



Answer: Ketchup

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on table in pot turned 4. Ivy in square pot on table I. Extra potted plant bottom right corner $\,$ 2. Missing small pot on table $\,$ 3. Garden tool

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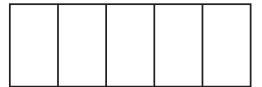


I. Lettuce on table 2. Dish is opposite 3. Extra tassel on hat 4. Tomatoes on enchiladas

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to chickens.

NGSIW



Ringwer: Wings

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Road-Trip BINGO®

Cut out the game cards and distribute to 4 players. Notice items as a passenger on a road trip and mark them on your game card. The first person with 5 marked boxes in a row wins.

	Taxi	Cow	Horses	Tunnel	Farm
	Green Light	Bridge	Stop Sign	Red Light	Traffic Cones
	Motor- cycle	Tractor Trailer		Rest Stop	Blue Car
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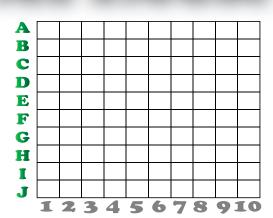


RD ATTACK

Play this game in the fashion of the classic Battleship® game.

- 1. Print two copies of this page, one for each player.
- 2. Think of five words each. One with 5 letters; one with 4 letters; two with 3 letters; and one with 2 letters.
- 3. Write the words on your grid, but be sure not to overlap them.
- 4. Take turns calling out grid coordinates. When there is a "hit," mark an X on that square in the larger grid; otherwise, tell your opponent it was a "miss."
- 5. Keep track of your coordinate guesses in the smaller grid.
- 6. The first person to "sink" all of the opponent's words wins.

Tip: Slip game pages into a clear plastic page protector and use a dry-erase marker to reuse pages over and over.



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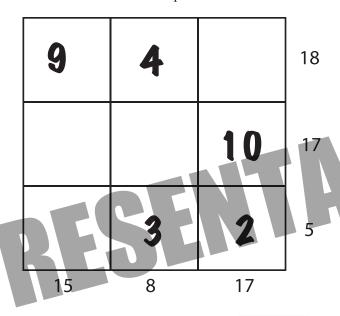
FIBER AND RELATIVELY LOW IN CALORIES.

ANSWER: POPCORN



Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.



2	3	0
01	ŀ	9
S	4	6
ис	0,1,11,10	25



force applied to an object





ENGLISH: Pop

SPANISH: Pum

ITALIAN: Scoppio

FRENCH: Bruit

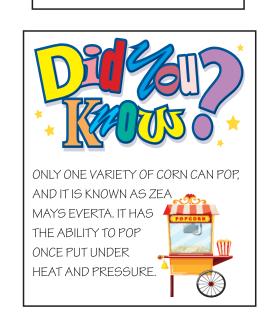
GERMAN: Knall

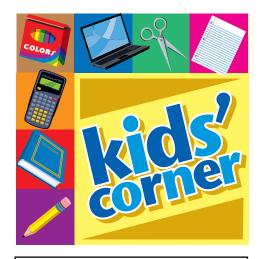
Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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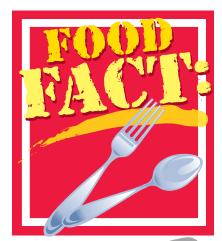
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Creative Coloring

Celebrate the benefits of hot tea. Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



THIS BEVERAGE IS RICH IN ANTIOXIDANTS AND CAN HELP A PERSON WHO IS EXPERIENCING A COLD FEEL BETTER.

ANSWER: HOT TEA



ENGLISH: Tea

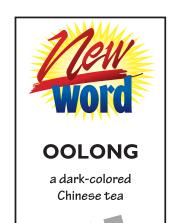
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ITALIAN: Té

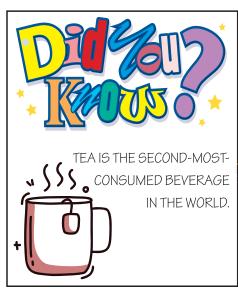
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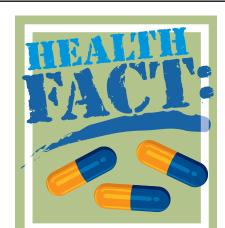












TRUE OR FALSE? EATING TOGETHER AS A FAMILY CAN REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD KIDS DEVELOP CERTAIN HEALTH ISSUES.

ANSWER: TRUE



ENGLISH: Father

SPANISH: Padre

ITALIAN: Padre

FRENCH: Père

GERMAN: Vater

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A





əsnoy uo 14811 right side 3. Mom's shirt neckline 4. Missing Answers: I. Boy in window 2. Extra bushes on



FAMILIAL

relating to or occurring in families

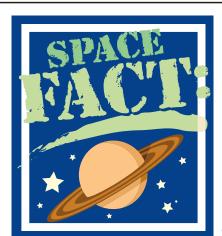




YNƏMEK: BIKE MHEEL IN PUDDLE

FAMILIES MAY INCLUDE MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE. AS LONG AS THERE IS LOVE INVOLVED, ANYONE CAN BE CONSIDERED FAMILY.





THE PHRASE "THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER" REFERS TO A STAR KNOWN AS "THE DOG STAR" THAT IS IN THE CONSTELLATION CANIS MAJOR.

ANSWER: SIRIUS

ENGLISH: Summer

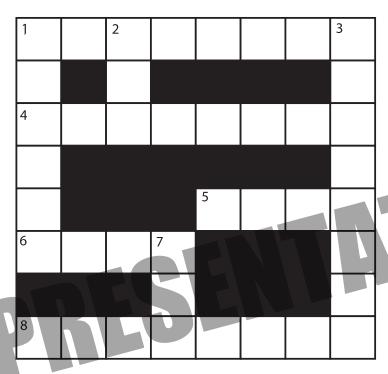
SPANISH: Verano

ITALIAN: Estate

FRENCH: Été

GERMAN: Sommer

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Happens irregularly
- 4. More than one
- 5. Type of fruit
- 6. Things in a straight line
- 8. Moving through water

DOWN

- 1. Hot season
- 2. Liquid used for fuel or lubricant
- 3. Shouting for joy
- 7. Total from adding two numbers

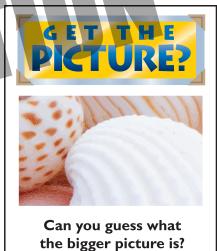
1. Summer 2. Oil 3. Cheering 7. Sum UMOM

8. Swimming 1. Sporadic 4. Multiple 5. Pear 6. Rows Across :SY9WSUA



HUMID

high levels of water vapor in the atmosphere



VNSMEK: SEVEHEITS

