

WORD GAMES

Boggle
eWorldChallenge.ScienceOnTheWeb.net. (2+) Sign up for a name. Refresh and join game. Easy-to-join ongoing public games are at [Weboggle.info](#) and [SerpentineGame.com](#). [Cyberspaces.app/wordmine](#) features video chat for 8 people, join easily with shared link.

Bananagrams
[Anagrams.JonMarkGo.com](#). (2-8) Not really bananagrams, close enough. Create room and share link, sign up to have a name.

Scrabble
[isc.ro](#). (2-4) Sign up, send game invites. There's many options for online scrabble!

Scatagories
[ScattergoriesOnline.net](#). (2-34) Share link. Sign up for extra categories. [Keiranking.com/Gary/](#) is a simple alternative with no connecting, just generates new cards.

Out of Context
[OutOfContext.party](#). (2+). Features various "Build the Story" type games (read the rules for each one). Share game code, no sign up involved.

Just One
[OneWord.games](#). (3-7) Share room name. Don't have to sign up.

Fishbowl / The Hat Game
[Fishbowl-Game.com](#). (4+) Share game code. No sign up involved.

Taboo
[PlayTaboo.com](#). (2+) Everyone visits same site, no connecting. Just generates new words.

DRAWING GAMES

Pictionary
[skribbl.io](#) (2-12) Create room, share a link, no sign up involved. Similar include [Sketchful.io](#) (2-64) and [Drawasaurus.org](#) (2-20). Sketchful and Skribbl can have custom words. Drawasaurus has other slightly unique settings.

Telestrations
[DrawPhone.tannerkrewson.com](#). (4+) Simplest and best, just share game code. Can adjust timer, can't draw in colour. [BrokenPicturePhone.com](#). Simple, share room code. No timer, people's "books" visibly backlog. [Cose.io](#). Simple, share a link. 90 sec timer. [Drawception.com](#). (6, 12, 15) Sign up first. Create private games and share a link. Can only have 10 min or 90 sec turns, can't have simultaneous goes. This site is good for displaying drawings.

Fake Artist Goes to New York
[kc-FakeArtistOnline.herokuapp.com](#). (3-10) Share game code. No sign up involved.

DEDUCTION GAMES

Wavelength
[Longwave.web.app](#). (2+) Share a link, no sign up involved. [HereToThere.app](#) and [gjeuken.github.io/telewave/](#) doesn't involve connecting, screen share or take screen shots.

Codenames
[CodenamesGame.com](#) (4+) is the official site. Share link, no sign up involved. No cheating possible (can't peek at key card).

Decrypto
[whoawhoa.github.io/decrypto/](#). (3-8) No connecting, only gives new codes. Screen share and digitally note take elsewhere.

Hanabi
[Hanabi.Live](#). (2-5) Sign up and join game from lobby. Simply laid out.

Liar's Dice
[Cyberspaces.app/liarsdice](#). (2-8) Just share link. Features video chat. [FunNode.com](#) has up to 10 players, join game via lobby, don't have to sign up.

Dixit
[Isolant.Games/en/](#). (3-16) Register and sign up, then share room code.

Skull
[Skull.games](#). (3-6) Just enter room, no sign up involved.

SITES USED FOR CARD GAMES

Trickster Cards
Simplest card game site! Has 9 different trick-based card games. Share room code, don't have to sign up. Also available on app for iOS.

- 500
- Bridge
- Euchre
- Hearts
- Oh Hell
- Pinochle
- Pitch
- Spades
- Whist

PlayOK
Sign up or play as a nameless guest. One of the best classic games sites, more games to come. 17 classic board games:

- Backgammon
- Chess
- Checkers (few variations)
- Mahjong (Solitaire)
- Go
- Gomoku
- Hex
- Monopoly
- Paper Soccer
- Ludo
- Makruk
- Mill
- Xiangqi
- Yahtzee

14 card games:

- 3-5-8
- Barbu-King
- Bridge
- Canasta
- Cribbage
- Durak
- Euchre
- Gin Rummy
- Hearts
- Oh Hell!
- Pinochle
- Skat
- Spades
- Switch

CardzMania
Need to sign up. Add friends to play together. Has 22 different card games.

Solitaires: FreeCell, Klondike, Seahaven Towers, Spider, Yukon

Trick Games: 325, Barbu, Euchre, Hearts, Oh Hell, Pinochle, Rung, Sergeant Major, Spades, Whist

Rummies: Canasta, Gin, Rummy, R. 500

Others: Crazy Eights, Durak, President

Playingcards.io
Has a few games (Go Fish, Match Up, Crazy Eights, Checkers). Just share a link, no sign up involved. At this site you can easily design or set up and run whatever card game you want with the "custom game" option. It gives you a deck of cards to play with, as well as the option to make your own cards. Manual dealing though. You can even set up games with game pieces, spinners, and checkers boards!

OTHER GAMES

Advanced Civilization
[Civ.Rol-Play.com](#). (2-8) Sign up, then add friends and create a game.

Agricola
[Play-Agricola.com](#). (1-5) Join the same game room, don't have to sign up.

Catan
[Colonist.io](#). (3-4) Create game and share a link. Catan Universe on Steam and mobile is free, but more glitchy.

Chess
[LiChess.org](#) or [Chess.org](#). (2) Share link, don't have to sign up. [Chess.com](#) - Has more features, sign up needed first, also on mobile.

Diplomacy
[Backstabbr.com](#). (2-7) Sign up, create a game and share a link to join.

Dominion
[Dominion.games](#). (2-6) Sign up and join "table". Pay for expansions.

Dominoes
[Dominoes.PlayDrift.com](#). (2-4) Just share a link, don't have to sign up. Features Draw, Block, All 5s, All 3s.

Go
[Online-Go.com](#). (2) Sign up, join game via lobby. Site has many features. For simpler, see [Mattle.online](#) or [PlayOK.com](#).

Monopoly
[Webopoly.org](#) (2-4) Share game ID or game name. No sign up involved. [Pogo.com](#) (need to sign up) and [PlayRento.com](#) (don't have to sign up) are both more complex with joining up, but have traditional aesthetics.

Mattle.online
Sign up or easily join as nameless guest from the lobby. 6 games:

- Azul (2-4)
- Blokus (2-4)
- Splendor (2-4)
- Go (2)
- 7 Wonders: Duel (2)
- Century: Spice Road (2-5)

The lists featured above only includes board games found on the web. It mostly excludes game platforms, so therefore games are generally easier for people quickly to share and play. Some mentioned board games have a number websites that facilitate them - the list aims to reference the best ones. There are so many board games accessible on the web - this list would be too long if it was listing them all!

Monopoly Deal
[PlayMDeal.com](#). (2-5) Sign up and join game from lobby. [Covidopoly.io](#) (2+) is a COVID-19 themed version, share game code, no sign up involved.

Quiplash
[QwiqWit.com](#). (3-12) Virtually just Quiplash from Jackbox. It's free, and can have more players than Quiplash. Share room code.

Risk
[Warzone.com](#). (2+). Need to sign up. Can customize maps and rules. [ConquerClub.com](#) and [WarGear.net](#) are among similar sites, though none of these are as simple as playing on Steam/mobile or [Pogo.com](#) (2-6). There are variations of Risk called "Dice Wars". At [QDice.wtf](#) (2-8) you don't have to sign up, at [KDice.com](#) (2-7) you do. At both sites you just join a game room, but can't make games private.

Set
[SetWithFriends.com](#). (1+) Just share a link, no sign up involved.

Stratego
[Stratego.io](#). (2) Simple site, share link, no sign up involved. [Stratego.com/en/play/](#) has more features, but requires sign up.

Tak
[PlayTak.com](#). (2) At least sign up as guest. "Join game" to vs friends.

Uno
[Play.UnoFreak.com](#). (2-10) Share link don't have to sign up. Most sites don't allow playing with friends. Can also use Uno app.

PaperGames.io
Site features 4 classic games. Just share link. If the host signs up you can play tournaments. (2+)

- Gomoku** (2)
- Tic-Tac-Toe** (2)
- Battleship** (2)
- Connect 4** (2)

Ultimate TTT at [bejofe.net/ttt](#), just share link. Game also found at [c4arena.com](#), just share link.

See [PlayOK](#) (left) or [FunNode](#) for more classic games.

SOCIAL DEDUCTION GAMES

The Resistance and Avalon
[Snakeout.tannerkrewson.com](#). (5-10) Simplest site for Resistance, share room code. No extra roles featured, and mission leaders are randomly assigned. [NetGames.io](#). Simple Avalon (see below). [TheResistancePlus.com](#). This site is a modified clone of [ProAvalon.com](#) and has multiple versions of the game (including Avalon). Sign up, join through lobby. Site has small learning curve, but features voting history and many roles.

Secret Hitler
[NetGames.io](#) (5-10) is simple, share game code. [SecretHitler.party](#) is also simple, share link or game code. This site can uniquely have down to 3 or 4 players. [Secret.Ethan1.ee](#). Simple site, Share game code. don't have to sign up but should so your name is displayed. Unlike the sites above this site has a traditional game board view. [Private.SecretHitler.io](#). More complex. Sign up, join via URL or lobby. Features voting history.

Mafia and Werewolf
[Mafia.gg](#) or [EpicMafia.com](#), as well as [Werewolf.es](#). (4+) Sign up, join game room. Features many roles. There's a bit to understand with how these sites can facilitate games.

Spyfall
[Spyfall.AdrianoCola.com](#) (3+) allows 1 or 2 spies. [Spyfall.tannerkrewson.com](#) can enable a 2% chance of everyone being spies. [Netgames.io](#) doesn't feature roles. At each of these sites, just easily share a room code, no sign up involved.

Coup
[ChickenKoup.com](#). (2-6) Simply laid out. Share game code. No sign up involved.

Deception: Murder in Hong Kong
[ninjabunny.github.io/mihk/](#). (4-12) No connecting, Forensic Scientist visits site and screen shares. Need to come up with other ways of assigning roles and having murderers communicate to the FS.

Inhumane Conditions
[Interrogation.ftWinston.com](#). (2) Share link, no sign up involved.

NetGames.io

Simple site, no sign up involved. Share game code or link. Has 6 deduction games. Easy mobile access. As of the release of this list, more games are currently in development, including The Hat Game.

One Night Ultimate Werewolf (3-13) **Love Letter** (2-4) **Avalon** (5-10) No original Resistance. **Spyfall** (3+) Has locations but no roles. **Secret Hitler** (5-10) Doesn't show board laid out.

See above for alternatives for these last three games

ONLINE BOARD GAME PLATFORMS

These platforms house multiple games all together. You need to sign up and create an account to play, this generally isn't much of an obstacle to overcome.

Board Game Arena
This website has 175 different board games. The games are well set up and simple to follow. Very good site! Some games include:

- 6 Nimmt!
- Colt Express
- French Tarot
- Hanabi
- Hive
- Quarto & Quoridor
- Perudo
- Red 7
- Stone Age
- Saboteur

There are better games available for Premium members (roughly \$6.50 per month). Only one person in the party needs premium for all to play. Premium games include:

- 7 Wonders
- Carcassonne
- Coup
- Kingdomino
- Love Letter
- Lost cities
- Puerto Rico
- Sushi Go!
- Terra Mystica
- Werewolf

Board Games on Steam
Steam is a free gaming platform. When online, everyone needs the same game, so if it costs money all need a paid copy of the game. Some free games:

- Simply Chess
- Catan Universe (A bit glitchy, also on mobile)
- Risk: Global Domination (\$18.50 to remove wait times. Also on mobile)

Some paid games:

You can get most of these games cheaper on mobile. Prices usually range from \$10-\$25 excluding sales. Games include:

- Axis & Allies 1942
- Galaxy Trucker
- Game of life
- Labyrinth: W.O.T.
- Monopoly Plus
- Cleudou
- Evolution
- Terra Mystica
- Terraforming Mars
- Ticket to Ride
- Pandemic
- Scythe
- Stockpile

People on the same wifi network can't play with each other unless someone in the game has a premium account. Can currently bypass this if an account is just initially created on a different IP network (e.g. create an account on mobile data).

Happy Meeple
Can play as a guest, must play a few games prior to versing strangers online. 9 quick 2P games: Lost Cities, Hanamikoji, Level X, Circle the Wagons, plus Raging Bulls.

Tabletop Simulator
Costs around \$30, but has an excellently vast selection! Over 30 thousand various games and RPG's! Can even create your own games on the Steam workshop. Much like Tabletopia it just provides a simulator for you to interact with the pieces. Just slightly harder than Tabletopia with regards to understanding the functionality. Can play some games locally on the same computer.

Board Space
Features 84 mostly abstract games, including Khet, Hive, Container, Euphoria, and Viticulture. Must download a game client. There's a small learning curve to knowing how to join others online.

Pogo.com
Currently not the simplest website. Many ads. "Early access experience" has fewer games. Has 14 very common multiplayer games including:

- Boggle
- Chess
- Canasta
- Scrabble
- Risk
- Dominoes
- Monopoly
- Yahtzee

A few other platforms are already mentioned above. [PlayOK.com](#), [CardzMania](#), [FunNode.com](#), and others.

Tabletopia
Has over 800 board games! The games aren't set up and run for you, instead it provides you with a simulator that has all the pieces you need for the game on a virtual table. You need to actively move, turn over, and shuffle all components of the game yourself (which takes a bit to learn). Just interacting with pieces can take a little while as well. Can play some games locally on the same computer. Some games require the premium account. Tabletopia has lots of lesser known games, including:

- Euphoria
- Santorini
- Viticulture
- Railroad Ink
- Terra Mystica
- Quips about Christianity
- Scythe
- Spyfall
- Stockpile
- Sub Terra
- Secret Hitler

Boîte à Jeux
Translates well into English. Pay premium for a few features like hosting games only friends can join. 61 games including: Agricola, Alchemists, Concordia, and Dixit.

Brettspielwelt
German site (doesn't translate well, little harder to understand). 60 games including: 7 Wonders, Catan, 3 versions of Carcassonne, Evolution, Stone Age, Power Grid, and Puerto Rico.

Vassal
Old game client that simulates board games. Bit to learn with how to download the client and games, how to run games, and how to join with others. Benefit to Vassal is that there's over 2000 games available, though many are removed due to copyright. Used lots for playing War games.

There are plenty of other platforms available, including [Boardgamecore](#) and [ZunTzu](#). Board Games Arena is probably the most accessible and has the most mainstream games.

BOARD GAME APPS FOR ANDROID & IOS

UNO! **Fluxx** **Skip-Bo** **Werewolf and Mafia** (Other apps available) **Chess.com** (Also on web)

Classic Games
For the likes of Backgammon, Reversi, Go, Chess, etc. Search for the developer "al factory ltd"

Catan Universe Free, but glitchy also on Steam **Catan Classic** Roughly \$8 per person, also glitchy

Houseparty Video chat app with a few games - Trivia, Heads Up, Pictionary, Apples to Apples

Risk Free to play, pay \$18.50 to play without wait times. Also on Steam

Trickster Cards iOS only, also on web

Hive Android only, uses BGA account

Some examples of paid games

- 7 Wonders \$8.50
- Agricola \$8
- Carcassonne \$8
- Castles of Burgundy \$9
- Evolution Free*
- Exploding Kittens \$2.90
- Galaxy Trucker \$6.50
- Game of Life \$4
- Istanbul \$12
- Monopoly \$6
- Pandemic \$8
- Puerto Rico (iOS only) \$4
- Race for the Galaxy \$10
- Small World \$8
- Splendor \$8
- Terra Mystica \$14
- Terraforming Mars \$12
- Ticket to Ride \$9.50
- Through the Ages \$15
- *\$8.50 for ∞ multiplayer games

This list is considerably sparse. There are so many options, search a game and there's probably an app for it! Most decent games either cost money, or exist as glitchy knock-offs.

OTHER

Jackbox
Collections of different party games. The host pays for it (ranges \$12-\$30 per pack, different per pack). Platforms include Steam and consoles. Someone with the game streams. Other players don't need to sign up or buy anything, instead they simply watch and join game with their devices to [jackbox.tv](#).

Town of Salem
Similar to Mafia/Werewolf. There's a bit to understanding with how it runs. Was free, now costs \$5-\$10 depending on platform (Steam, web, mobile). Classic is free on mobile (limited free goes per day).

Air Console
Website with many different knock-off board games and video games. Players join with their phone as a controller, going on the app or the site [airconsole.com](#). This site functions best with everyone in the same room, but if you can withstand the lag then the host can stream the screen and others can join and play.

Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes
Fun co-op game that involves one person describing a bomb and others instructing how to defuse. Platforms include Steam, mobile, and consoles. Only the host with the bomb buys the game (ranges \$12-\$22 depending on platform). Other players just need the bomb manual found at [bombmanual.com](#). Anyone playing remotely can't have turns with the bomb unless they also buy/install the game.

Online Collectable Card Games
There's so many different options for online CCG's. Some, like [Magic](#), require payments to be playable. Some, like [MTG Arena](#), require clients to be set up. It'd take another list of it's own to name all options (there's a few good lists online). Here are just 5 CCG's played for free on browsers (after sign up).

Android: [Netrunner](#) [Jinteki.net](#) **Card Hunter** [CardHunter.com](#) **Legend of the Five Rings** [Jigoku.online](#)

Keyforge [TheCrucible.online](#) **Yu-Gi-Oh** [DuelingBook.com](#)

TRIVIA

QuizWitz
Host signs up and streams screen, players simply connect with their devices to [catlab.tv](#). Need to pay \$44 to play with more than 6. Can create your own quizzes. Various question types.

Jeopardy Labs
Host just needs to stream screen and other players watch and play along. Don't have to sign up. Can create your own jeopardy games.

Kahoot
Host signs up on [Kahoot.com](#) and streams screen, others connect with their devices to [Kahoot.it](#). Can create your own quizzes. Used a lot for education, but does feature general trivia. Usually multiple choice.

MultiplayerTrivia.com
Players need to sign up. Share link to join private game room. Type in written answers. Simply laid out, but as of the release of this list the site is still in beta and lacks features such as choice of categories.

Protobowl
Create room and share link. "Buzz in" and type answers to the questions being read. There are countless other multiplayer trivia sites and mobile apps, including [QuizUp](#), [Trivia Crack](#) and [Sporcle.com](#).

It's assumed that for most of these games you'd run a video or voice chat service simultaneously for the best experience (e.g. Zoom, Discord). Prices mentioned are in AUD, and many games mentioned are not authorized implementations. As said, this is not an exhaustive list, many more random sites facilitate games! To play a specific game, either research and discover if it exists online already, or get creative, and say, work out how to play it over video chat!

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