OPTIONS FOR ONLINE BOARD GAMES

WORD GAMES

Boggle
eWordChallenge.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.

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.

Bananagrams
Playbananagrams.com. (1-8) Create or Join room, don't have to sign up.

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

Articulate
Drumondpark.com/articulate_cards. (2+) Just generates new cards, no connecting.

Snatch
PlaySnatch.io. (2+) No turns, just share link. Anagrams.JonMarkGo.com. (2-6) Turn based, Create room and share link, sign up for a name.

Scrabble
isc.ro. (2-4) Sign up, send game invites. There's many options for online scrabble! iScramble.net (2-20) is a **fast passed alternative**.

Scattagories
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.

Random Word Generators
Search the web, there are many! Use for Pictionary, Charades, etc. No connecting online. Pantoparty.com generates 5 words per 3 min.

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.
Avalon.fun for Avalon. Good layout, sign up first.
ProAvalon.com. This site is a modified clone of TheResistancePlus.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.

Mafia and Werewolf
Mafia.gg or EpicMafia.com, as well as Werewolv.es. (4+) Sign up, join game room. Features many roles. There's quite a bit to understand with how these sites can facilitate games. For **One Night** see NetGames.io, or use the very cute PlayOvernight.com for a different variant (join from lobby, no sign up involved).

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

Insider
Insider-online.herokuapp.com. (4-8) Share game code. No sign up involved.

Good Cop Bad Cop
Gcbc.arantius.com. (4-8) Share link, no sign up involved. Rules aren't enforced.

Blood on the Clocktower
Clocktower.online/. (5-20) Requires discord account. All visit site, Host share game ID.

Shadow Hunters
ShadowHunters.live. (4-8) Just enter room, 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.

The Chameleon
Elongman.uk/chameleon/. (3-8) The host needs a physical copy of the game to upload images of the cards. Join via game code.

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.Ethanl.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.

Spyfall
Spyfall.Adrianocola.com (3+) allows 1 or 2 spies. Spyfall.tannerkrewson.com can enable a 2% chance of everyone being spies. Spyfall.app has nicer layout. Netgames.io doesn't feature roles. At these sites, easily share a room code, no sign up involved.

Werewords
AnyWhereWords.com. (4-10) Just share link. Requires Werewords app.

Bang!
Chriscarr.name:8080/westerncardgame/. (4-7) Share link or join from lobby, no sign up involved. Change name in lobby. A user friendly variant called "Zap" (4-8) is found at playingcards.io/game/zap. Just share link.

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 7 deduction games. Easy mobile access. As of the release of this list, more games are currently in development.

One Night Ultimate Werewolf (3-21)
Love Letter (2-4)
Avalon (5-10) No original Resistance.
Spyfall (3+) doesn't feature roles.
Secret Hitler (5-10) Doesn't show board laid out.
See above for alternatives for these last three games

Town of Salem
Like Mafia/Werewolf. There's a bit to know with how it runs. Was free, now costs $5-$10 depending on platform (Steam, web, mobile). Free on mobile (limited plays per day).

DRAWING GAMES

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.
Cosel.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.

Drawing Competition
LetsDraw.It. (2+) Quickly sign up, then share link. There's a few game modes.

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, Drawsaurus has other slightly unique settings. Drawbattle.io features **two teams facing off**.

Fake Artist Goes to New York
el-artista.herokuapp.com. (3-10) Share game code. No sign up involved. fake-artist.herokuapp.com has extra features, but requires drawing elsewhere.

There's many collaborative drawing sites. Draw.Chat is among the simplest, just share link, no sign up involved. Aggie.io has more features such as layers.

DEDUCTION GAMES

Codenames
CodenamesGame.com (4+) is the official site. Share link, no sign up involved. No cheating possible (can't peak at key card).
Custom words - CodeWordsGame.com.
Codenames Duet (2) - CodenamesGreen.com.
Codenames Pictures (4+) - Codenames.dport.me.

Decrypto
Netgames.io. (4-8) Just share room code. At whoawhoa.github.io/decrypto/ no connecting, only gives new codes.

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

Balderdash
FlannelJesus.github.io/Balderdash/. (2+) Just generates new words/definitions, no connecting.

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

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.

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

Fugitive
Fowers.net/games/fugitive/. (2) Sign up, then host or join game, share code.

Liar's Dice
Cyberspaces.app/LiarsDice. (2-8) Just share link, features video chat. FunNode.com can have up to 10 players. Join game via lobby, don't have to sign up.

Competitive Sudoku
Sudoku sniper - DKMGames.com (2). Point-based race - Usdoku.com (1-7) or DKMGames.com (1+), Each have different rules.

SITES USED FOR CARD GAMES

Bridge Base Online
Bridgebase.com. Extremely active online bridge club. Sign up to play. For simpler, see other card game sites mentioned.

PlayOK
Sign up or play as a nameless guest. One of the best classic games sites, more games to come.
20+ classic board games:
- Backgammon
- Chess
- Dominoes
- Checkers (few variations)
- Mahjong (Solitaire)
- Go
- Gomoku
- Hex
- Ludo
- Makruk
- Mill
- Monopoly
- Paper Soccer
- Reversi
- Shogi
- 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. 40+ different card games, including:
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
Climbing Games: Big Two, President, Tien Len
Others: Cheat, Crazy Eights, Cribbage, Palace.

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

Playingcards.io
Has several games classic and licensed games. Just share a link, don't have to sign up. At this site you can easily **design or set up and run whatever board / 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, game pieces, and game boards!

Online Collectable Card Games
There are 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).

Card Hunter CardHunter.com
Android: Netrunner Jinteki.net
Legend of the Five Rings Jigoku.online
Keyforge TheCrucible.online
Yu-Gi-Oh DuelingBook.com

The lists featured above mainly include board games found on the web. It mostly excludes game platforms, so therefore games are generally easier for people quickly to share and play. For more classic games, see FunNode, GoldToken and DKMGames. Also see SuperDuperGames and IGGameCenter, each have 100+ abstract games. Sites like BoardGamePlay have popular turn-based games.

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.

Acquire
Acquire.tlstyer.com. (2-6) Quickly sign up, join from lobby. UI not impressive.

Brass: Lancashire
Brass.orderofthehammer.com. (2-4) Sign up, create/join game from lobby.

Carcassonne
Concarneau.herokuapp.com/. (2-6) Sign up, then add friends by username.

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. More variants at chessvariants.com (sign up first).

Citadels
Citadelsgame.herokuapp.com/. (2-7) Sign up, then share game ID.

Diplomacy
Backstabbr.com. (2-7) Sign up, create game and share link to join. Alternatives are WebDiplomacy.net and PlayDiplomacy.com.

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.

Monopoly Deal
PlayMDeal.com. (2-5) Sign up, join game via lobby. Covidopoly.io (2+) is COVID-19 themed, share game code, no sign up involved.

No Thanks!
NoThanksCardGame.com.(3-7). Just share room name, no sign up involved.

Onitama
Onitama.lannysport.net/. (2) Create game or join from lobby.

Risk
Warzone.com. (2+) Sign up, maps and rules are customisable. ConquerClub.com and WarGear.net are among similar sites. Simpler versions are 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.

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

Railroad Ink
Ondras.github.io/rri/. (1+) Share room name, no sign up involved.

Hey Robot!
PlayHeyRobot.com. (2+). Host needs smart speaker and a good mic. Just share link.

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

Siege the Castle
Gomobo.app/. (3-6) Exclusive online board game. Host signs up, shares link.

Snake Oil
Snakeoilgame.com/sobsedu-intro/. (3-10) This is just a one-off demo, players each have images of pre-drawn hands of cards.

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.

Wits & Wagers
Mindblastgames.com/wits/. (2-7) Host must share screen and submit votes/bets.

13 Days
chantry-games.com. (2) Sign up, then create/join game from lobby.

18XX Games
18xx.games. Sign up, then create/join game. Sites like Rails.SourceForge.io and Board18.org involve play by email.

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) Ultimate TTT at bejofo.net/ttt, just share link.
Battleship (2) Just share link for game also found at en.battleship-game.org.
Connect 4 (2) Game also found at c4arena.com, just share link.

Mattle.online
6 games, sign up or join as nameless guest.
Azul (2-4) **Blokus** (2-4) **Splendor** (2-4) **Go** (2) **7 Wonders: Duel** (2) **Century: Spice Road** (2-5)

Online Wargames
Sign up and game clients are required for most sites, there are learning curves involved with connecting. Clients include Vassal (2000+ games, see below), ZunTzu (100+ games), Wargameroom (20+ games), and Cyberboard (play by email, 1250+ games). There are other play by email sites, as well as many commercial wargames. Too many to list here.

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!
- Bandido
- Concept
- Colt Express
- French Tarot
- Hanabi
- Hive
- Libertalia
- 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
- The Crew
- For Sale
- Kingdomino
- Race/Roll for the Galaxy
- Incan Gold
- Love Letter
- Lost Cities
- Puerto Rico
- Sushi Go!
- Terra Mystica
- Forbidden Island

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 playing strangers online. 10 quick 2P games: Lost Cities, Hanamikoji, Circle the Wagons, Cartographers.

Yucata
158 mostly hobbyist games. Can play as a guest (joining little more complicated). Includes:
- Red 7
- Port Royal
- Stone Age
- Castles of Burgundy
- 2 versions of Carcassonne
- Terra Mystica
- Puerto Rico
- Machi Koro

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 (also on mobile)
- Risk: Global Domination ($18.50 to remove wait times. Also on mobile)

Some paid games:
Many hobbyist games have steam adaptations. 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
- Through the Ages
- Wingspan
- Gloomhaven
- Terra Mystica
- Ticket to Ride
- Terraforming Mars
- Cluedo
- Pandemic
- Scythe
- Stockpile
- Root
- Raiders of the North Sea

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

Triqqy
Has 25 Euro and traditional games, including:
- Through the desert
- Lost Cities
- Ra
- Shipwreck
- Tigris & Euphrates
- Samurai

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 hobbyist games, including:
- Euphoria
- Santorini
- Viticulture
- Paperback
- Terra Mystica
- Cattographers
- Scythe
- Spyfall
- Stockpile
- Sub Terra
- Secret Hitler
- K2

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 Wargames.

Other platforms available include Pogo.com, Tabletop Playground, Boardgamecore, Sovranti and Little Golem. Board Game Arena is perhaps most accessible and has the most mainstream games.

A few other platforms are already mentioned above. PlayOK.com, CardzMania, FunNode.com, and others.

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
- **Star Realms** Pay for the extra cards

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.

Party Hubs
Built for convenience, many sites offer collections of games with video/voice chat. Backyard.co has 20+ games/activities including One Night and Fake Artist. Gamepack.io has simple drawing and word games. Share room codes, don't have to sign up.

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 Tabletop RPGs
For virtual tabletops Roll20.net is the most popular option. It's free and features the likes of DnD and Pathfinders. Pay $50-$100 per year for better features. D20Pro ($10 per month, $30 for GM), Fantasy Grounds ($56 on Steam) Astral Tabletop (free), and Foundry ($50 for GM) are other popular options. Tabletop Simulator also features RPGs. Some free options with fewer games and features include Tableplop, Let's Role, Beyond Tabletop, Fabletop, TaleSpire, Rolisteam and Maptool. Each virtual tabletop has pros and cons, look up sites that compare in more detail.

TRIVIA

QuizWitz
Host signs up and streams screen, players connect their devices to catlab.tv. $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.

Protobowl
Create room and share link. "Buzz in" and type answers to the questions being read.

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.

Quizizz
Host signs up on Quizizz.com. Others connect with their devices to joinmyquiz.com. Can create your own quizzes. Used a lot for education, but does feature general trivia. Players can race and answer at own pace.

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

There are many other trivia sites and apps, including QuizUp, Trivia Crack and Sporcle.com. Most sites, like RandomTriviaGenerator, don't facilitate online multiplayer.

It's assumed that for most games you'd run a video or voice chat service simultaneously (e.g. Zoom, Discord). Prices mentioned are in AUD, and many games here are not authorized implementations. This is not an exhaustive list, there are many more random sites that 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.

Happy Board Gaming!

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