

# 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](#). [Cyberspaces.app/wordmine](#) features video chat for 8 people, join easily with shared link.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**Articulate**  
Drumondpark.com/articulate\_cards. (2+) Just generates new cards, no connecting.

## 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**  
Skrribbl.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 [Skrribbl](#) can have custom words, [Drawasaurus](#) 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

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

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

**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.

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

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

**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
- 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
- Dominoes
- Checkers (few variations)
- Mahjong (Solitaire)
- Ludo
- Gomoku
- Hex
- Monopoly
- Yahtzee
- Paper Soccer
- Reversi
- Shogi
- Xiangqi
- Yahtzee
- Paper Soccer

14 card games:

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

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

**Playingcards.io**  
Has several games (Go Fish, Match Up, Crazy Eights, Checkers, and others). 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. It no longer features manual dealing. You can use game pieces, spinners, and self made 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](#)

## 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.

**Bang!**  
Chrisarr.name:8080/westerncardgame/ (4-7) Share link or join from lobby, no sign up involved. Change name in lobby.

**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).

**Diplomacy**  
Backstabr.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.

**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.

**Mattle.online**  
Sign up or easily join as nameless guest from the lobby. 6 games:  
Azul (2-4) **Blokus** (2-4) **Go** (2) **7 Wonders: Duel** (2) **Century: Spice Road** (2-5)

**Quiplash**  
QuiqWit.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.

**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**  
PlayUnoFreak.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)  
Ultimate TTT at [bejofe.net/ttt](#), just share link.

**Battleship** (2) **Connect 4** (2)  
Just share link for game also found at [c4arena.com](#), [en.battleship-game.org](#), just share link.

**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.

**Online Wargames**  
Sign up and downloaded 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.

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.

## 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.EthanLee](#). 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. [Netgames.io](#) doesn't feature roles. At each of these sites, just easily share a room code, no sign up involved.

**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.

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

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

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

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

**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.

**Shadow Hunters**  
ShadowHunters.live. (4-8) Just enter room, no sign up involved.

**One Night Ultimate Werewolf** (3-21) **Love Letter** (2-4) **Avalon** **Spyfall** **Secret Hitler**

**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.

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
- Puerto Rico
- Red 7
- Stone Age
- Saboteur
- Puerto Rico
- Kingdomino
- Carcassonne
- Coup
- Terra Mystica
- Roll for the Galaxy
- Terra Mystica
- Lost cities
- Werewolf

**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.

**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.

**Yucata**  
158 mostly lesser known games. Can play as a guest (joining little more complicated). Includes:

- Red 7
- Terra Mystica
- Port Royal
- Puerto Rico
- Stone Age
- Machi Koro
- Castles of Burgundy
- 2 versions of Carcassonne

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

**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
- Evolution
- Terra Mystica
- Ticket to Ride
- Terraforming Mars
- Roll for the Galaxy
- Cluedo
- Pandemic
- Scythe
- Stockpile

**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.

**Triqpy**  
Has 25 Euro and traditional games, including:

- Through the desert
- Ra
- Shipwreck
- Tigris & Euphrates
- Samurai

There are plenty other platforms available, including [Pogo.com](#), [Tabletop Playground](#), [Boardgamecore](#) and [Little Golem](#). Board Game Arena is perhaps most accessible and has the most mainstream games.

**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
- Wingspan
- 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 Wargames.

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## 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

**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.

**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

**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](#).

**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.

## 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.

**Quizzz**  
Host signs up on [Quizzz.com](#). Others connect with their devices to [joinmyquizz.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 [Spore.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, working out how to play it over video.

Happy Board Gaming!  
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