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+) 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.

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. (2-20) 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.

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.

Mafia and Werewolf
Mafia.gg and Werewolv.es. (4+) Sign up, join game room. Features many roles. There's a bit to understand with how sites facilitate games.

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

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

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. Netgames.io doesn't feature roles. At each of these sites, just share a room code.

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.

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.

Avalon	Spyfall	Secret Hitler	Codenames	One Night Ultimate Werewolf	Love Letter
(5-10) No original resistance.	(3+) Has locations but no roles.	(5-10) Doesn't show board laid out.	(4+) No cheating. Board isn't in classic 5X5 view.	(3-13)	(2-4)

See above for alternatives for these first four games

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, Drawsaurus has other slightly unique settings.

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

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.

DEDUCTION GAMES

Wavelength
Longwave.web.app. (2+) Share a link, no sign up involved. Allows free play or team games. gjeuken.github.io/telewave/ and HereToThere.app doesn't involve connecting, would need to screen share or take screen shots.

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

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
CodeWordsGame.com (4+) is the best. Share link. Cyberspaces.app has video chat for 8 people. Likes of Codewords.tv and HorsePaste.com are even simpler, but allow easy cheating by seeing the code master's view. Codewords.tv allow custom words.

CodenamesGreen.com. (2+) Just share a link. This game ISN'T STANDARD CODENAMES. Read the rules, it's more like "cooperative codenames" each team is both the code master and guesser.

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

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
- 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. 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.

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

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.

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

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) is virtually just Quiplash from Jackbox. It's free, and can have more players than Quiplash. Share room code, 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.

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 play with friend.

Uno
Play.UnoFreak.com. (2-10) Just share a link, don't have to sign up. Most sites don't allow the game to be played with friends. Can otherwise use Uno app or Facebook 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) Variation of game also found at bejofo.net/ttt, just share link.

Battleship (2) Game also found at en.battleship-game.org, just share link

Connect 4 (2) Game also found at c4arena.com, just share link.

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

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!

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
- Puerto Rico
- Sushi Go!
- Terra Mystica
- Werewolf

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).

Mattle.online
Can sign up or play as a nameless guest. Has 6 games:

- Azul
- Blokus
- Go
- Splendor
- 7 Wonders: Duel
- Century: Spice Road

Board Games on Steam
Steam is a free gaming platform. Some board games are free, most you'd need to pay for. When playing online, everyone needs to acquire the same game. Therefore if it's a paid game, everyone needs a paid copy of the game.

Some free games:

- Simply Chess
- Catan Universe (A bit glitchy, also on mobile)
- Risk: Global Domination (Pay $18.50 to be able to play whenever you want without 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
- Cluedo
- Galaxy Trucker
- Game of life
- Labyrinth: W.O.T.
- Monopoly Plus
- Pandemic
- Scythe
- Stockpile
- Terra Mystica
- Terraforming Mars
- Ticket to Ride

Tabletop Simulator

Costs around $30. Can create and play various board games and RPG's. Much like Tabletopia it provides a simulator for you to interact with the pieces. It has a harder learning curve than Tabletopia with regards to understanding the functionality. Hundreds of different games available. Can play some games with friends online or locally on the same computer.

Pogo.com
Not the simplest website to wrap your head around at the moment. Lots of ads also. The "early access experience" has fewer games. Has 14 very common multiplayer games including:

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

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 with friends online or locally on the same computer. Tabletopia has lots of lesser known games. Some popular ones below:

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

Yucata
158 mostly lesser known games. includes: Castles of Burgundy, Machi Koro, Puerto Rico, Red 7, Stone Age, Terra Mystica, and 2 variations of Carcassonne.

Board Space
Features 84 classic and abstract games including Kulami, Khet, Hive and Raj. Needs you to download an old game engine. There's a small learning curve to knowing how to join others online.

Vassal
Old game engine that simulates board games. Bit to learn with how to download the engine 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 board game platforms available, including the German sites Boiteajeux and Brettspielwelt. Board Games Arena is probably the 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
- Hive — Android only, uses BGA account

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.

Some examples of paid games

7 Wonders	$8.50
Agricola	$8
Carcassonne	$8
Castles of Burgundy*	$9
Exploding Kittens	$2.90
Galaxy Trucker	$6.50
Game of Life	$4
Istanbul	$12
Monopoly	$6
Pandemic	$8
Puerto Rico*	$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

* iOS Only

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. Only 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 (e.g. zoom, discord) for the best experience.

As said, this is not an exhaustive list. So many random sites facilitate games, it'd be too much to list them all! When you want to play a specific game, you either must do the research and discover if it exists online already, or get creative, and say, work out how to play over video chat!

Happy Board Gaming!

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