

Discovering Fun and Entertaining Games

There are thousands and thousands of games available in the Google Play Store. Some you'll like; some you won't. Let's take a look at some of the more popular I think you might like.

Puzzle and Matching Games

Puzzle and matching games require you to solve some sort of conundrum or match two or more items to score points. With a match-two game you have to find two matching items; a match-three game requires you to find three matching items.

Puzzle Games

Game	Description	Price
Bebbled	Tetris-like game where you try to create rows or columns of same-colored balls	Free
Bejeweled <i>and</i> Bejeweled Blitz	Very popular match-three puzzle games	Free
Candy Crush Saga	Match-three game—match three or more colored candies to score	Free
ConnecToo	Connect every two elements of the same color	\$0.99 (free version also available)
Flow Free	Connect matching colors with a pipe	Free
Jigsaw Puzzles Epic	More than 2,000 different jigsaw pictures	Free
TETRIS	Classic dropping-piece puzzle game	Free
Threes!	Match-two puzzle game with sliding tiles	\$1.99
Two Dots	Connect one dot to another to perform various tasks	Free

Word Games

Word games are very popular. They're fun to play and don't require a lot of manual dexterity—just a good grasp of language.

Word Games

Game	Description	Price
7 Little Words	Solve word puzzles with seven clues and seven mysterious words	Free
Charades!	Play classic party game head-to-head with one or more friends	Free
Crossword	Play crossword puzzles on your phone	Free
Drop Words	Word-finding puzzle with letters dropping from above	Free
SCRABBLE	Classic word game; play solo or against Facebook friends	Free
Sudoku Master	Logic-based number-replacement puzzles	Free
Word Academy	Find hidden words in a grid	Free
Word Crack	Find hidden words on the board; play solo or against Facebook friends	\$2.99 (free version available)
Word Search	Find hidden words on a grid	Free
Words with Friends	Find hidden words and compete against other players	Free

Card Games

Card games have always been popular. From solitaire to gin rummy to UNO, there are tons of card games available for your phone.

Card Games

Game	Description	Price
Bingo Pop	Play bingo against friends and family	Free
Cribbage Pro	Play cribbage in single player or multi-player mode	\$2.99 (free version available)

Game	Description	Price
FreeCell Solitaire	Fun variation of classic solitaire	Free
Gin Rummy	Play gin rummy against the computer	Free
Skip-Bo	Popular family card game	\$1.99 (free version available)
Solitaire	Multiple versions in a single game	Free
UNO & Friends	Play solo or with other players	Free

Casino Games

Lots of people, young and old, like to hit the local casinos when they can. Now, with casino games on your smartphone, you don't have to leave your house to play slots or poker or any other Vegas-style games.

Casino Games

Game	Description	Price
Big Fish Casino	Slots	Free
BlackJack 21 Pro	Play against the computer or in tournaments	Free
BlackJack!	Play against the computer or learn to play	Free
Fun Texas Hold'em Poker	Play against other players in online poker tournaments	Free
GSN Casino	Slots, bingo, video poker, and BlackJack	Free
Monopoly Slots	Combines slot machines with world of Monopoly	Free
Slotomania	100 different virtual slot machines	Free
Slots 777	Vegas-style virtual slot machines, with multi-player slot tournaments	Free
World Series of Poker	Various types of poker plus multi-player online tournaments	Free
Zynga Poker	Texas hold'em poker, complete against other players online	Free

Board Games

No doubt you've played more than a few board games in your life. Many of these Android board games let you play either against the computer or with family and friends, in real-time online.

Board Games

Game	Description	Price
Backgammon Free	Play against the computer with ultra-realistic graphics	Free
Checkers Elite	Design your own game board and pieces, play against the computer or online with other players	Free
Checkers Free	Play against friends or the computer	Free
Chess Free	12 players with built-in Chess Tutor—great for beginners	Free
Chess with Friends	Play multiple games at the same time against multiple online opponents	Free
Dominoes	Play against computer or other players online	Free
Dominoes Deluxe	Three different game variations (Block, Draw, and Muggins)	\$1.40 (free version available)
Mahjong Solitaire Epic	More than 1,100 boards with 26 different backgrounds	Free
Mahjong Titan	Solid Mahjong mobile game	Free
Monopoly Millionaire	Fresh take on classic Monopoly game	\$0.99
Reversi Free	Also known as Othello; 10 difficulty levels	Free
Stratego	Official version of classic board game	\$3.99
The Game of Life	Play with up to three friends	\$0.99
Tic Tac Toe Free	Play against the computer or another user	Free
YAHTZEE with Buddies	Play against the computer or other players	Free

Family Games

Board games are especially good for playing with your children and grandchildren. Most are multi-player games, so you can take turns or play as a team.

Trivia Games

What was the name of Harry Truman's vice president? What TV show did George Clooney star in before *E.R.*? What is the smallest planet in the solar system? If you know the answers to these questions, you'll have lots of fun with the many trivia games available for your Galaxy S6 or S6 Edge.

Trivia Games

Game	Description	Price
Family Feud 2 & Friends	Play head-to-head against friends or the larger Family Feud community.	Free
Guess the Song	From 1960s classics to current hits, guess which song you're listening to.	Free
Jeopardy!	Mobile version of the classic TV game show.	\$0.99
Quizoid Pro	Thousands of questions in 17 fields of knowledge.	\$2.79 (free version available)
QuizUp	Multi-player trivia game, join and play in topic communities.	Free
SongPop Plus	Name that tune or artist; play head-to-head with Facebook friends.	\$1.99 (free version available)
Sporcle	Thousands of quizzes on a variety of topics. Try to list all possible answers for a given question.	\$1.99
Trivia Crack	Play against Facebook friends or random opponents with questions based on Art, Entertainment, Geography, Science, or Sports.	\$2.99 (free version available)
TriviaBurst	Single-player or head-to-head play with a variety of topics and difficulties.	Free
True or False: Quiz Battle	Thousands of true/false questions in fifteen categories.	Free

Arcade Games

If you were around in the late 1970s and '80s, you remember the golden era of video arcades. Well, many of those games—including virtual pinball machines—can now be played on your smartphone. And there are lots of new arcade-style games available, too.

Arcade Games

Game	Description	Price
Angry Birds	Protect your eggs from the greedy pigs.	Free
Ant Smasher	Smash ants with your finger on your smartphone screen.	Free
Atari's Greatest Hits	Most popular Atari games from the '70s and '80s, including Asteroids, Centipede, and Missile Command. (Some games available at extra cost.)	Free
Bird Climb	Tap to fly your bird up a tower. Single- and multi-player games.	Free
Don't Tap the White Tile	Play the onscreen piano without touching the white tiles.	Free
Marvel Pinball	Superhero-based pinball games.	\$0.99
Minecraft	Popular world-building immersive game.	\$6.99
Ms. PAC-MAN	Classic arcade game.	\$3.99
Pinball Pro	Five different virtual pinball tables.	Free
Zig Zag Boom	Follow the zig-zag path without touching the wall.	Free

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GAMES FOR KIDS

Firing up a game on your phone is a good way to keep younger children or grandchildren occupied. Just hand them your phone and swipe to the screen where you have your games displayed.

When it comes to picking good games for kids, you can't go wrong with arcade games. In particular, Angry Birds (and its many variants, including Bad Piggies) is very popular among the younger set, in part because it's so easy to learn and play.

Other popular arcade-like games for kids include

- Candy Crush
- Cut the Rope
- Dipdap
- Doodle Jump
- FablesCAPES 2
- Flow Free
- Looney Tunes Dash!
- Minion Rush
- My Tom
- Palace Pets
- PicsArt Kids
- Plants vs. Zombies
- Subway Surfer
- Temple Run
- Toca Town
- Where's My Water?

For slightly older kids, Minecraft is extremely popular, almost a phenomenon. Kids from first or second grade on up can spend hours upon hours building and exploring in the Minecraft universe. (Heck, you may find it interesting, too!) Also popular are the various LEGO games, of which there are legion.

Sports Games

If you're a big sports fan, you might also like to play sports games on your phone. There are lots available, from football and baseball to bowling and pool. There are even fishing and archery games available!

Sports Games

Game	Description	Price
3D Bowling	Mobile bowling with realistic 3D graphics	Free
8 Ball Pool	Compete one-on-one or in eight-player tournaments	Free
Ace Fishing: Wild Catch	Go fishing on your phone	Free
Archery Master 3D	Realistic archery simulation—4 locations, 20 different types of equipment, and more than 100 levels	Free
Flick Golf!	Stunning 3D course graphics, multiple courses, realistic gameplay	\$1.49 (free version available)
Golf Star	Stunning graphics and true-to-life golf physics	Free
iFishing	Realistic fishing game, variety of lures available, many freshwater fish to catch	Free
Madden NFL Mobile	Mobile version of popular football game, customize your roster with players from different teams	Free
MLB Perfect Inning	Officially licensed product of Major League Baseball, create your own all-star team.	Free
NBA Jam	Play against other local and online players, 2-on-2 basketball action	\$4.99
PBA Bowling	Dozens of PBA tournaments; bowl against 21 of the best pro bowlers	Free
TAP Sports Baseball	Create your own fantasy baseball team and play in tournaments and leagues with other players	Free

Brain Training Games

Playing games may be good for your health—your mental health, that is. Brain-training games can help improve your memory, focus, comprehension, and more. Some scientists believe that the right games can even slow the symptoms of Alzheimer’s and dementia. In any case, there’s no harm in doing some brain exercises from time to time—especially if they’re fun, too.

Brain Training Games

Game	Description	Price
Achieve—Brain Training	Includes five mini brain games: Stroop Test, Spell Test, Odd One Out, Right or Wrong, and Bigger or Smaller	Free
Brain Fitness (Brain Training)	Includes three mini games: Memory, Reflexes, and Dynamic Vision	Free
Brain Training	Memory-based training and games	Free
Brain Wars	Single-player and multi-player brain teasers	Free
Can You Escape	Solve the puzzles to break out of virtual rooms	Free
Elevate—Brain Training	25+ games for critical cognitive skills, including focus, memory, processing, precision, math, and comprehension	Free
KOGNITIVO—Brain Training	Use four short games to analyze your cognitive skills	Free
Lumosity	Create a personalized training program for memory and attention	Free
Memory Match	Memory matching card game	Free
Memory Trainer	Trains spatial and working memory, focus, and concentration skills	Free
Mind Games	Exercise your brain with three dozen brain training games	Free
NeuroNation	Memory training to strengthen your memory, improve your attention, increase your intelligence, and make faster decisions	Free