



Tactile Game

Blind Spell

Ages 7 and up. MindWare, \$20

Think it's easy to spell a word with your eyes closed? Think again! In this game, one player selects a three- or four-letter word from the included list and shows it to the speller, who then dons opaque shades (no peeking!). After the letters needed for the word are placed in the speller's hand, he has 30 seconds to arrange them in the correct order, using only his sense of touch. With each round, the game gets tougher, as extra letters are included in the mix. *2 to 4 players*



Active Video Game

Family Game Night 4: The Game Show

Ages 6 and up. EA, \$40 for Xbox 360 and Kinect

In this installment of the popular video-game series, players are invited onto a virtual stage to compete in over-the-top versions of five classic games: shoot hoops to Connect 4, for instance, or bowl to knock over numbered Yahtzee pins. And yes, our testers still shouted out "Yahtzee!" when they got five of a kind. *1 or 2 players*



Hide-and-seek Game

Where Is Sock Monkey?

Ages 3 and up. Cardinal Industries, \$15

Kids can channel their inner detectives while searching for this game's charming little stuffed monkey. One player hides the critter somewhere in the house, then the others take turns flipping over tiles that either elicit a clue from the hider (Is Sock Monkey in a room with a fridge?) or tell them to go look for it until the sand timer runs out. *2 to 4 players*



CLASSIC WE LOVE

To win **Rack-O**, players need both luck and skill, as they compete to line up ten cards in sequential order. *2 to 4 players. Ages 6 and up. Winning Moves Games, \$12*

