# Where to Find Accessible Games

## ****Board Games****

Many classic board games are available in accessible versions from sources such as American Printing House for the Blind (APH), MaxiAids, NFB Independence Market, etc. Here is a partial list:

* Scrabble
* Monopoly
* Chess
* Connect 4
* Checkers
* Backgammon

With a bit of time and ingenuity, it is straightforward to make most store-bought games fully accessible. Add Braille to game cards with a Perkins Brailler or a slate and stylus. Wikki Stix, puff paint, clear Dymo tape, or found objects such as bottle caps, paper clips, and buttons can transform a flat playing board into a world of three dimensions. The investment of an hour or two of effort can lead to years of enjoyment for the whole family.

It is a good idea to keep a supply of tools and materials on hand for those times when an inaccessible board game crosses your threshold. Here is a list of supplies that will help you adapt games at home:

* Matte Graphic Tape
* Sticky-Backed Velcro
* Puff Paint (it takes from 24 to 48 hours to dry)
* Wikki Stix
* Clear Label Paper, available from American Thermoform
* Clear Dymo Label Tape
* Feel and Peel Stickers, available from American Printing House for the Blind (APH)

If you want to go higher tech, explore the Thingiverse 3D Printing and Laser-Cut Game Expansions.

## ****Dice Games****

The numbers on ordinary dice are easy to feel, so many dice games need little or no adaptation to be accessible. For those who have trouble reading the indented dots on standard dice, dice with raised dots can be purchased from sources such as the NFB Independence Market. Here is a short list of dice games that you and your children can play together:

* Farkle
* Yahtzee
* Cootie (rolling dice to build a plastic bug)

## ****Card Games****

The number of games you and your children can play with an ordinary deck of cards is almost infinite. You can buy Braille cards from sources such as the NFB Independence Market, or you can simply make your own by adding Braille at the corners of each card in a standard print deck. Here is a short list of card games you may enjoy:

* UNO
* Crazy Eights
* Go Fish!
* In a Pickle
* War
* Five Crowns

## ****Handheld Electronic Games****

Most of us are familiar with the Bop It, a mainstream toy that has been available for many years. Bop It provides verbal instructions and sound cues that allow blind players to challenge themselves, gaining speed and dexterity as they reach more advanced levels. Bop It is just one of the many electronic games that blind children can enjoy off the shelf. Here are a few more: Simon Air; Turbo Twist Math, or Leap Frog; Gas Out

**Video Gaming**

**There is quite a variety of games to be played. Like any online gaming resource, there is a variety of players so depending on your child’s age, you may want to adjust settings in terms of contact and chatting. You can also make game tables private. These options also work best when you download and install the actual program on the computer as opposed to using the website or IOS app. Using the program is free.**

**RS Games
O**nline board, card, and dice games that are accessible to the blind and visually impaired. <https://www.rsgames.org/>

**Quentin C’s Playroom
A free online gaming platform, especially made to be accessible to visually impaired.** <https://www.qcsalon.net/>

### **Apps for Gaming**

**Ballyland Magic App by Sonokids is an educational iPad game that helps young children with vision impairment to learn and practice a number of VoiceOver gestures, learn to begin coding, and learn about Space and the Solar system.** <https://www.sonokids.org/ballyland-early-learning/ballyland-game-apps/>

**A Blind Legend action-adventure game without video – where ears replace eyes!**

**Dice World farkle, yatzy, balut, pig, threes, and 1-4-24**

## ****Resources****

**64 Oz. Games**
<http://64ozgames.com/>
Blog: <http://64ozgames.com/blog/>
Kits for making commercially available games fully accessible.

**American Printing House for the Blind**
[www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org/)
Contact: 800-223-1839
A variety of puzzles, building kits, audible balls, and more. Most products from APH can be purchased by school districts through Quota Funds.

**American Thermoform**
[www.americanthermoform.com](http://www.americanthermoform.com/)
Contact: 800-331-3676
sales@americanthermoform.com
Sells clear adhesive tape for labeling.

**Audio Games**
[audiogames.net](http://audiogames.net/)
An archive of audio games and reviews, articles on blind-accessible games, a forum to support the audio gaming community, a submit-a-game functionality that allows users to submit new games, and links to resources in the field.

**Easy Roller Dice Company**
[https://easyrollerdice.com](https://easyrollerdice.com/)
Contact: 888-669-8219
support@easyrollerdice.com
Sells a variety of dice and accessories for narrative games such as Dungeons and Dragons.

**Fat Brain Toys**
<https://www.fatbraintoys.com/toys/toy_categories/>
Evaluates commercially available games for accessibility and appeal to children with a variety of disabilities and learning differences.

**Future Aids: The Braille Superstore**[www.braillebookstore.com](http://www.braillebookstore.com/)
Contact: 800-987-1231
A wide selection of accessible games including Parcheesi, Chinese Checkers, Snakes and Ladders, Monopoly, and Scrabble.

**Hape Toys**
[https://www.hape.com](https://www.hape.com/)
Contact: 800-661-4142
customercare@hapetoys.com
Games and toys that encourage creative play, including dollhouses, train sets, magnetic mazes, and musical toys.

**Maxi Aids**
<https://www.maxiaids.com/board-games>
Contact: 631-752-0521
A wide selection of adapted games and products.

**NFB Independence Market**
<https://nfb.org/independence-market>
Contact: independencemarket@nfb.org
410-659-9314, Extension 2216
Braille playing cards and games including chess, checkers, backgammon, dominoes, Sudoku, Nine Men's Morris, and Fox and Geese, as well as tape and buttons for labeling. Braille and print catalogs available on request.

## SourcesAccessible Games: Ideas from NOPBC Game Night <https://nfb.org/images/nfb/publications/fr/fr39/4/fr390417.htm>

**Accessible Games for the Blind & Visually Impaired: Cards, board games, puzzles, and more!**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-FM8GM6bN4>

**How Blind People Play Videos Games** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJ1yiHkEL5c&t=260s>