

Strategy Games

Definition: A strategy game is a game in which the players' uncoerced, self-directed decision-making skills have a high significance in determining the outcome. Almost all strategy games require internal decision-making thinking and very high situational awareness. Some argue that these skills translate readily into higher performance in academic, social and business settings. The less time to explain the objectives and the more the results depend on the skillful thinking of the participant, the better the strategy game.

Abstract Strategy Games

Chess
Go
Stratego
Can't Stop
Othello
Sequence
Mancala
Connect Four
Dominoes
Tic Tac Toe
Abalone
Crosstrack
Chinese Checkers
Cathedral
Hearts
Manipulation
SET

Team Strategy Games

Bridge
Spades
Canasta
Four-Play Chess

Simulation Games

Simulation games involve both strategy and a real-world situation of some sort with which the players must interact. Examples include: Monopoly, Life, Escape, and some war games.

Strategy Video Games

Many popular video games involve strategy elements. However, since most require a large investment of time and a violent, us against them mindset, these are not the best alternatives for educational purposes.

Individual Strategy Activities

Manipulative puzzles of various types (NOT word search puzzles)

Tangrams, especially designing thematic solutions of one's own

Brain teaser puzzles (with words, numbers and/or patterns)

You Solve It crime mysteries

Analogies

Solitaire games

Rush Hour

Lateral thinking puzzles

Logic matrices