

BRAIN BOOSTERS PACKED INSIDE SMARTGAMES

Can playing games make you smarter? Some neurologists believe puzzle solving is akin to a good cardio workout for your brain! Kids – and adults – that try to decode a game of jumping rabbits and sliding foxes in Jump'in might be in the perfect frame of mind to ace this week's math test! SmartGames, makers cognitive skill-building games and puzzles that are really fun, introduces four new games.

Kids and adults working on planning, spatial reasoning and problem solving need just open IQ Focus or Temple Connection. Young children can enjoy a fun mental workout with Snow White but watch out for the evil witch!

Year after year, the award-winning game company gears its thought-provoking puzzles for everyone – from ages 3 to 103. Educators and toy experts have globally applauded SmartGames with more than 75 industry awards for its clever ways to explore pattern recognition and spatial insight.



One mom-approved review on 2016's Little Red Riding Hood Deluxe wrote, "I really squealed over the cuteness of this adorable game! How darling to have a game that goes right along with a childhood story favorite ... The pieces are made of a soft plastic that feels like rubber, making them perfect for little fingers to grip. They are too large to be choke-able so I don't have to worry about letting my toddler play with them on her own... The tiles can be placed in any direction, but they have to remain entirely on the board. I know this is intended for ages 4-7, but my 18-month-old was having a ball putting the pieces in different pegs and was just thrilled to be 'playing' a game next to her brothers!" Last year's IQ Puzzler Pro, meant for ages 6 to adult, generated plenty of good buzz online. One mom wound up purchasing two editions! As she explains online, "We purchased this as a gift for a friend, but my 5-year old accidentally opened it up and started playing with it. He loves it (as do both his parents). The accompanying book provides 100 ways to start the puzzle and ranges from very easy to much more difficult. Our son can follow the book to get started and then finishes the puzzle on his own. Some of the more difficult ones make it great for adults to play as well. We wound up buying a second version of this to gift his friend."

[Smart Games](#) is without a doubt one of our very favorite brands. They make THE BEST [brain building games](#). We have a few of the IQ games and they are just fabulous, and [IQ Focus](#) is no exception! I love that they are single player games that my boys can spend some quiet time playing- no fighting plus brain building? YES PLEASE! They are seriously fun for adults as well, and make just great coffee table games. The younger kiddos that I watch love to just play with the pieces too, and create different designs.

My boys really loved Temple Connection and Jump'in as well. While all of these games are one player, you can always help each other out- because as you get to more challenging puzzles, you may need another brain! These Smart Games all have varying levels of challenge, which is perfect- as you get better at learning strategies, you can level up to continue to challenge yourself! Again, both of these games are super fun for adults as well.

I love that so many of their games are compact and travel well too- we have a bin of smaller games like this right in our living room, so their size and compact cases keep them right at our fingertips. Smart Games are the PERFECT gift this holiday season- when fun and learning are combined, everybody wins! Find these new games in the coming year at toy stores across the U.S. and online at [SmartGamesUSA.com](#).

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