



## PARLOUR AND BOARD GAMES - ENDLESS FAMILY FUN!

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Speaking about Simple Living - what better family entertainment can you think of than old-fashioned parlour and board games?? I think my kids are probably too little for strategy classics such as Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, or Monopoly— but I can't wait until they are big enough because I just LOVE to sit around a big table and play games!

I recently challenged my husband to a few games of Scrabble (he lost), and it brought back such great memories of playing Scrabble with my mum on a winter evening. My grandmother and I have played endless rounds of RummyCub, so cosy...

As a student I played loads of Yahtzee with my housemates (still love the mix of strategy and luck; did you know dice were found in Egyptian tombs?). And Twister! Such fun!!!

The great benefit of playing parlour games (over f.i. watching television or playing computer games), apart from being fun and cheap, is that you're interacting. Children learn to follow rules, wait for their turns, and to correct and challenge each other. It trains their strategic thinking and problem solving abilities, and can improve their skills. They also have to deal with the emotional consequences of their games: handling loss, helping a friend to handle a loss, and being a gracious winner...

Round of Scrabble, anyone??

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