



"We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing"

George Bernard Shaw

THE POWER OF PLAY

The Games We Play

Are you a gamer? What kind?



Skills Demonstrated Through Play



Some games focus on specific skills, but almost all games involve:

- Problem Solving
- Working with others
- Continual skill development
- The ability to fail and keep trying

Why We Play

What is it you like about playing games?

What makes you want to play again?



Gamer Psychology



Explorers, Achievers, Socializers and Killers

Building Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills



One Night Ultimate Werewolf: A fun way to practice managing conflict by convincing others to see and agree with your point of view.



Building Observation Skills and Hand-Eye Coordination

Ghost Blitz: a fast-moving game that challenges players to observe which items either appear, or are missing from a scene. The first player to grab the object wins the card.



Building Teamwork and Communication Skills, Dividing Tasks, Speed and Efficiency



Overcooked: players are chefs who have to prepare and serve meal orders in kitchens that are filled with obstacles and hazards – all within a strict time limit.

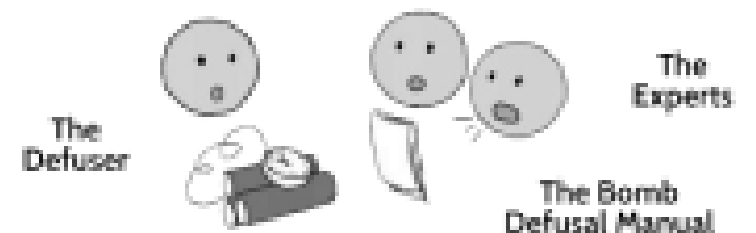


Building Verbal Communication and Listening Skills, and Handling Pressure

The goal of “Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes” is to diffuse a bomb before time runs out!



Instructions on how to diffuse the bomb can be found in an instruction manual that everyone **except** the person diffusing the bomb can see.



What's Next?

- Make the skill-building explicit to clients
- Include a debrief after the game
- Use Literacy Link South Central's Game Changer curriculum free of charge starting in early 2021.
- Visit www.llsc.on.ca or email literacylink@llsc.on.ca
- Questions?

