



Australian Council on Children and the Media
List of age appropriate games: May 2013

The following list has been compiled from www.common sense media.org plus some personal recommendations. The ages suggested are minimum ages to get the most out of the game but those older may equally enjoy them. We'd love to have your feedback on any of these games. Email: admin@childrenandmedia.org.au

Title	Rating	Age	Platform	Description
Tropico 4	PG	15	Xbox 360	City building game offers tyrannical options.
Star Wars: The Old Republic	G	15	Windows	Play as Jedi or Sith in this story-rich, combat-laden MMO.
Battleship	PG	14	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Lackluster action game with some tactical elements.
BattleBlock Theater	G	13	Xbox 360	Raucous co-op platformer with lots of cartoony death.
Myst	G	13	Nintendo 3DS	While not new, Myst for Nintendo 3DS is fun, challenging.
Tony Hawk's Pro Skater HD	PG	13	PlayStation 3, Windows, Xbox 360	Fun remake, but unrealistically portrays injuries.
Gravity Rush	PG	13	PlayStation Vita	Quirky and fun gravity-shifting game has strong heroine.
Karaoke Revolution Glee: Volume 3	PG	13	Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360	"Gleeks" will love singing songs, but some have teen themes.
Get Up and Dance	PG	13	Nintendo Wii, PlayStation 3	Musical variety, but questionable controls make a mixed bag.
Motocross Madness	PG	13	Xbox 360	So-so dirt bike racer downplays effects of violent crashes.
Trivial Pursuit: Bet You Know It	G	13	Nintendo Wii	New version of classic board game adds a fun twist.
The Black Eyed Peas Experience	PG	13	Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360	Popular band teaches dance moves, has some strong lyrics.
Rocksmith	G	13	PlayStation 3, Windows, Xbox 360	Not perfect, but a fun music game played with a real guitar.
Machinarium	G	12	Windows, Mac, Linux	Challenging robot adventure with touching story.
Wipeout 2048	G	12	PlayStation Vita	Sci-fi racer delivers high-octane thrills, fantasy violence.
Endless Space	PG	12	Windows	Tough, fresh strategy game is like Civilization in space.
Sorcery	PG	12	PlayStation 3	Fun fantasy for teens has memorable story and characters.
Planet Crashers	PG	11	Nintendo 3DS	Enjoyable role-playing game encourages the use of strategy.
Just Dance 4	G	11	Nintendo Wii, Nintendo Wii U, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Popular dancing game continues to entertain with new music.
Dust: An Elysian Tale	PG	11	Xbox 360	Pretty side-scroller has mild but frequent violence.
Terraria	PG	11	PlayStation 3, PlayStation Vita, Windows, Xbox 360	Nintendo 3DS, Nintendo DS, Nintendo Wii, Nintendo Wii U
Ni No Kuni: The Wrath of the White Witch	PG	11	PlayStation 3	Compelling story with strong role models, loss, and battles.
Botanica	G	10	Windows, Mac, Linux	Beautiful, imaginative adventure is a treat for eyes, ears.
Samorost	NA	10	Windows, Mac, Linux	The goal of the game is to solve a series of puzzles and brain teasers with surreal graphics.
Thomas was Alone	G	10	Mac, PlayStation 3, PlayStation Vita, Windows	With minimal physical character detail, this game is able to weave a deep and meaningful tale about friendship.



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Harry Potter for Kinect	PG	10	Xbox 360	Put your own face in this game of reliving the epic tale.
Kingdom Hearts 3D: Dream Drop Distance	PG	10	Nintendo 3DS	Disney characters star in fight-filled role-playing game.
miCoach	G	10	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Diverse, enjoyable workout game with heavy Adidas branding.
Puzzler World 2013	G	10	Nintendo 3DS, Nintendo DS	Clever hodgepodge of puzzles is full of brainteasers.
Sly Cooper: Thieves in Time	PG	10	PlayStation 3, PlayStation Vita	Raccoon thief stars in fun adventure with cartoon violence
Fez	G	9	Xbox 360	Dimension-shifting puzzles make for unique gameplay without any violence.
Luigi's Mansion 2	G	9	Nintendo 3DS	Light scares, clever puzzles make for a fun adventure.
Sound Shapes	G	9	PlayStation 3, PlayStation Vita	By playing this platformer game, kids contribute to the game's musical score. Plus, they can create their own musical game levels to share.
Quantum Conundrum	G	9	PlayStation 3, Windows, Xbox 360	Inventive puzzles about changing physics provide delightful brainteasers.
MLB 13 The Show	G	9	PlayStation 3, PlayStation Vita	Still the best baseball game around, with many modes
The Croods: Prehistoric Party	G	8	Nintendo 3DS, Nintendo DS, Nintendo Wii, Nintendo Wii U	Lifeless party game with mild cartoon shenanigans.
Pokemon Black 2/Pokemon White 2	G	8	Nintendo DS	Another great instalment in storied franchise.
FIFA Soccer 13	G	8	Nintendo, PlayStation, Windows, Xbox 360	Extraordinarily good soccer game with easy controls.
Kinect Nat Geo TV	G	8	Xbox 360	Kids jump into the TV show to learn about animals in this new way of interacting with a Nat Geo show.
LittleBigPlanet - PS Vita	G	8	PlayStation Vita	Kids can play a wildly creative platformer and then learn how to make their own games.
Tiger Woods PGA Tour	G	8	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Engaging sports sim celebrates golf history.
Hydroventure: Spin Cycle	G	8	Nintendo 3DS	Fun, downloadable 3DS puzzler lets kids play with physics
Angry Birds Trilogy	G	7	Nintendo 3DS, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	Puzzle compilation for consoles is fun but too pricey.
Mario and Donkey Kong Minis on the Move	G	7	Nintendo 3DS	Kids don thinking caps to play and create puzzles
New Super Mario Bros. 2	G	7	Nintendo 3DS	This Mario doubles the fun by letting two players explore the whole game together in a cooperative way.
iCarly: Groovy Foodie!	G	7	Nintendo DS	Fun time-management game, even if you aren't TV show fans.



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Kinect Rush: A Disney-Pixar Adventure	G	7	Xbox 360	Highly physical game can be both fun and frustrating.
Kinect Party	G	7	Xbox 360	Entertaining collection of activities gets kids moving
Wappy Dog	G	6	Nintendo DS	Novel game+toy concept makes for unique virtual pet romp.
Carnival Island	G	6	PlayStation 3	Upbeat mini-games for the whole family to enjoy.
Happy Action Theater	G	6	Xbox 360	Hodgepodge of physical Kinect games makes families giggle.
Disney Animation Artist: Mickey & Friends	G	6	LeapPad Explorer	Cool animation teaching, but kids' art gets lost in shuffle.
Disney Princess: My Fairytale Adventure	G	5	Mac, Nintendo 3DS, Nintendo Wii, Windows	With five different princess adventures and great help built in, this is a perfect game to teach young girls how to play video games.
Finding Nemo: Escape to the Big Blue Special Edition	G	5	Nintendo 3DS, Nintendo DS	Polished mini-game collection is good fun for younger kids.
EyePet and Friends	G	5	PlayStation 3	Furry, playful pets are cute, but game often feels tedious.
Nickelodeon Dance	G	5	Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360	Dance with Dora & Diego for challenging fun and fitness.
Team Umizoomi	G	4	Nintendo DS, Nintendo DSi	Math-based adventures well-suited to preschoolers.
uDraw Disney Princess: Enchanted Storybooks	G	4	Nintendo Wii	Simple, fun colouring game uses special tablet.
Nickelodeon Fit	G	4	Nintendo Wii	Great active-gaming collection, perfect for preschoolers.
Go Diego Go! Build and Rescue	G	4	Nintendo DS, Nintendo DSi	Control flaws mar an otherwise decent preschool adventure.
The Backyardigans	G	4	Nintendo DS, Nintendo DSi	Fine but somewhat repetitive preschool TV show game.
Dora the Explorer: Dora Saves the Crystal Kingdom	G	4	Nintendo Wii, PlayStation 2	Magical preschool adventure is perfect starter game for Wii.
Kinect Sesame Street TV	G	3	Xbox 360	Excellent example of educational interactive television.
Dora & Kai-Lan's Pet Shelter	G	3	Nintendo DS, Nintendo DSi	Good pet sim with lots of Nick characters.

For ideas of good apps for different age groups look at:
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