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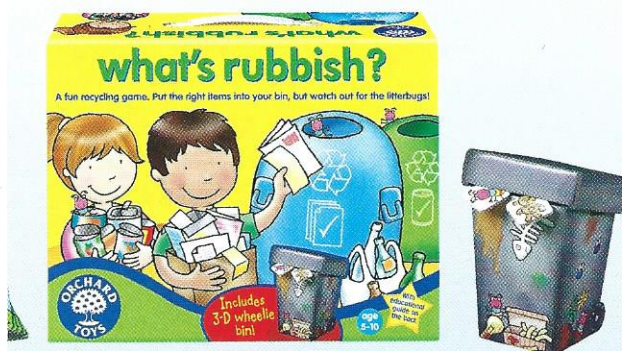
Our readers try out some of our favourite games and puzzles with a group of young testers. Find out which they loved the most



1 YOLANDE LINK PLAYED
The Fishing Game, £18, traidcraftshop.co.uk 'Wooden games are a favourite. With this there is so much fun to be had... playing with the beautifully coloured fish on their own and as part of the game. A great game, with lots of other options for imaginary play.'

2 SALLY COLLINS PLAYED
Snakes and Ladders Board Game, find your nearest stockist at lankakade.co.uk 'This is a lovely wooden version of a simple classic. My five and four year olds both thoroughly enjoyed playing it and immediately wanted to play again. The board is clear and easy to follow, done as a path rather than a simple grid, which makes it easier for children who don't know their numbers up to 100.'

3 SALLY COLLINS PLAYED
Jungle Draughts Board Game, lankakade.co.uk 'My eldest two really enjoyed playing this with each other - the jungle theme made it much more appealing to them than a standard draughts set would have been. The draught pieces are painted with an elephant or lion face, and on the other side is the same



face but with a crown on, so you just have to turn it over, rather than stack two pieces together making it easier for children.'

4 MELANIE DE MEESTER PLAYED
Snail Ammomite Puzzle, £32, littleacornstomightyoaks.co.uk 'The idea is to put all the colourful pieces of the shell in order so as to

make the final product resemble a shape. There are also many different variations, i.e. a turtle. I like its velvety colourful look. It's easy to pull apart but quite complex to put back together.'

5 LAURA SHREEVE PLAYED
Feel Good Friends, £19.99, feelgoodfriends.com 'The board and the box are both really bright and attractive - lovely drawings



of the characters. There was just the right amount of silliness and thinking involved which gave the opportunity to chat about emotions, mistakes and feelings without making a big deal of it. It was great having a game where there was no winner - we all worked as a team to make the faces happy.'

6 GERDA BAYLISS PLAYED
What's Rubbish by Orchard Toys, £11.75, orchardtoys.com

'The kids loved the spinner which is so much better than dice with small children as it stays in one place! Putting rubbish in the bin was fun and we loved the litterbugs. It was a simple game with easy instructions but it also was fun and kept adults and children interested. A game that we will continue playing and enjoying!'

