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Episode 17 – Fun Ways to Build Your English Proficiency – Board Games



Want to add some board games into your test preparation, but don't know where to start? Check out these great games, as discussed in this podcast!

- *Dead of Winter*
- *Codenames*
- *Telestrations*
- *Taboo*
- *Apples to Apples*
- *Catan*
- *Catch Phrase*
- *Lexicon*

How can playing board games help strengthen your English?

Board and card games are a perfect way to practice your English in a conversational setting. Some games even focus on specific components of English—like word definitions or sentence components. And since games are so communal in nature, whether you're playing *with* or *against* other players, they require lots of communication. This makes them an excellent opportunity to practice your spoken English, not to mention your reading skills in games which are more reliant on text descriptions. If you learn any new vocabulary or expressions, you could even write these down in a journal to help you keep track of things. Ultimately, whichever type of game difficulty, length, and genre you prefer, board games are a great opportunity for fun as well as English practice!