

MAKING FAMILY LIFE MORE FUN

Games And Gifts That Match Learning And Fun

(NAPSA)—Games that make learning fun have always gotten high grades with kids and parents. Classics like *20 Questions* and *Brain Quest* have never been more popular and a new generation of games for kids and families are quickly catching on and finding their way into the American bedroom and the living room.

Here are some of the top-selling innovative new games for children and families that have easy-to-learn rules and focus on developing minds and, in some cases, bodies:

For Kids

- *Totally Gross, The Game of Science* is America's newest attempt to teach science to kids. Rated for ages 8 and up, this game by University Games explores the mysteries of physics, chemistry and biology by being gross.

- *Dr. Seuss's Fun-in-a-Box* is the first pre-school memory game based on the work of Dr. Seuss.

- *Mouse Round-Up* is the winner of the National Young Game Inventors' Contest. This game was created by 6-year-old Elise Veach, and challenges players to round up their mice before the alley cat catches them and has them for supper. A great basic strategy game.

For Families

- *Kids Battle the Grown-Ups* is the first game designed and written by kids to stump their parents. In this clever game kids get to be kids and the grown-ups get to feel like kids. The game is played in teams and kids challenge grown-ups to know more about today's music, clothing, and sports than the kids know about history, popular culture and literature. It is an engaging game where everyone gets involved and the kids get the last laugh!

- *AMC's Reel Clues* is the first movie-based game that isn't for movie buffs. AMC has developed a game that redefines the way



You will get a smile from every kid that beats their parents at *Kids Battle the Grown-Ups*.

we watch movies. In this game, teams compete to collect points and create their own movie production.

- *Abalone*, the seductive French game of strategy, as simple to learn as Checkers, is simply the most intriguing two-person game available. This Game of the Year from France is back in the U.S.

- *Author Mystery Puzzles* were introduced this year at AreYouGame.com and Barnes and Noble Stores. These are mystery stories and puzzles created by some of today's most popular mystery writers, including Sue Grafton, Nelson DeMille, Julie Smith and Mary Higgins Clark.

And for the party-going adults, there is the zaniest game to hit the market in years. It is called *Fact or Crap* and it arrives direct from Australia. *Fact or Crap* is a game where players race to be the first to answer bizarre facts. To win you need to be the best at telling the fact from the crap. The game is available at Kmart and AreYouGame.com

Most of these games and puzzles can be found throughout the U.S. at Toys R Us and Target as well as AreYouGame.com.