





Holiday Toy Review

W The top-scoring new toys, games and gadgets

When you want the scoop on the best new toys and games, turn to the experts! San Diego moms, dads and their kids give you the rundown on what's cool, fun and fascinating. Families score items on a scale of 1 to 10 based on educational concepts, creativity, price, assembly and, of course, the "fun" factor. Whether your children like making arts & crafts, racing cars, exploring our world or challenging themselves and friends with games, you'll find the perfect holiday gift or stocking stuffer here.

		Description	Surprises	Parents Should Know	What the Kids Liked
	<p>BFC, Ink. Fashion Dolls 6+ years \$16.99 BFCInk.com</p>	Each doll comes with a hip fashion outfit and accessories, a BFC, Ink. book with lock and key and a membership card.	It comes with some cool accessories for the doll.	"Your little girl will get inspired to write in their private journal," says mom Ellen.	7-year-old Nicole says, "I love the secret diary!"— Score: 8
	<p>Disney's A Christmas Carol 6-11 years \$29.99 DisneyInteractiveStudios.com</p>	Players use a stylus and mic to guide Scrooge on a thrilling adventure and help him discover the true meaning of Christmas.	Carter likes that it has cut scenes from the movie in the game.	The story of the Christmas Carol is part of the game. Exclusive to Nintendo DS.	Carter, age 10, says, "It's a challenging game." Score: 8
	<p>The String Doll Gang All Ages \$10.00 Kamibashi.com</p>	Each cute and quirky-cool doll comes with a name and special power, plus a lobster claw key ring to make them easy to take along.	They are made from one continuous piece of string. Over 90 unique dolls to choose from.	"Well made and very cute," says mom Kirsten.	Safiya, age 14, likes using the doll as a purse accessory. Score: 8
	<p>Toy Story Mania! 6-11 years \$49.99 DisneyInteractiveStudios.com</p>	Join the classic Toy Story characters as they stage their own zany, fun-filled carnival featuring more than 25 midway-inspired games.	Lots of fun mini-games in the game itself.	This game is time-consuming; it takes a long time to go through the games.	Exclusive to Nintendo Wii. Score: 8.5