

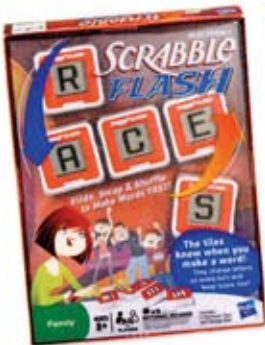
# SHOPSMART

NO HYPE + NO ADS + JUST GREAT BUYS!

TOP DISH  
DETERGENTS

family playtime

## for the whole family



■ **Scrabble Flash \$29.99**  
The X is still worth 8 points, but this souped-up Scrabble offers faster, more frantic play—a great game for wordsmiths and quick thinkers. Players slide, swap, and shuffle the electronic tiles to create as many three-, four-, or five-letter words as possible in a minute. The technology provides a new experience each time the game is played because the letters on the tiles change from game to game.

■ **Monopoly Revolution Edition \$34.99**

Wheel and deal on this high-tech electronic edition as you move around the cool round board. To honor Monopoly's 75th anniversary this year, Hasbro's new version amps up the traditional game with a digital banker (and no more paper money!) that keeps track of your location and plays song clips and sound effects as you move around the board. Go to jail and a door slams! Pass Go and collect \$2 million and a party tune starts playing.



## Terrific toy sites

You can buy fun holiday toys at these websites. Order early to avoid rush shipping fees. All meet our standards for privacy, contact-info disclosure, and customer service.

**Amazon.com**

Shipping starts at \$3.99; it's free when you spend \$25 or more.  
Place holiday orders by Dec. 22.

**BabyEarth**

Shipping starts at \$6.95; it's free when you spend \$49 or more.  
Place holiday orders by Dec. 21.

**Fat Brain Toys**

Shipping starts at \$5.25; it's free when you spend \$99 or more.  
Place holiday orders by Dec. 17.

**Growing Tree Toys**

Shipping starts at \$6.95; it's free when you spend \$75 or more.  
Place holiday orders by Dec. 17.

**Land of Nod**

Shipping starts at \$4.95.  
Place holiday orders by Dec. 20.

## HOW TO BUY SAFE TOYS

The most important thing you can do to make sure the toys you bring home are safe for your child is to buy age-appropriate ones. Young children can choke on small parts, so take those age guidelines seriously.

More tips for buying safe toys:

■ **Look for "no phthalates" on labels.** Phthalates are chemicals that are used in some plastics (they smell

like a plastic shower curtain). They can be toxic if a child ingests them.

■ **Buy American products.** Toys that are made in the U.S. have a better safety record than many imports.

■ **Watch for recalls.** As we saw with the recent Fisher-Price toys recalls (more on page 83), any recalled toys should be removed from store shelves. But some may fall through the cracks,

so check the Consumer Product Safety Commission's ongoing list of recalls, at cpsc.gov. It's especially important to check if you buy used toys on eBay or at a yard sale or consignment shop.

■ **Don't buy toys at the dollar store.** When we went shopping with our safety expert, Donald Mays, he found a number of cheaply made toys that could be dangerous to kids.

