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# Strategy Games: Problem-Solving Power

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Stefan believes that strategy games help you develop problem-solving skills.



I think that strategy games are great because they help me use different problem-solving skills. I also think they are fun to play and are a real

workout for the mind. I enjoy playing them because they are helping me develop important skills and hone my competitive edge!

Take chess, for example. When I am playing someone as skilled as my sister, I try to predict what her next move will be. I scan the board for weak points in my opponent's defence. This helps me strategize my next move. Just when it seems all is lost I get an idea. I whip the queen around on the king's last escape route, and CHECKMATE, I win!

I also like to play Kings Court. It is a variation of checkers and it features an inner board and an outer board. The object of the game is to have only your pieces left in the inner board. When successful, players often hear from their opponent, "Where did that come from?" Once you learn how to play it, you will find it a lot of fun!

Overall, I think strategy games can raise your intelligence. They can help you learn problem-solving skills. Don't be afraid to try strategy games. They may seem difficult when you begin. But, if you persist, I guarantee that you will learn to be very successful at solving even the most difficult of problems!



Stefan makes his next move.