

## Game Design Challenge #3: CHANCE VS. SKILL: EPIC BATTLE

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So you've discovered that it's important to have a balance of skill and chance in a game. Your challenge is to design a game that incorporates both. First, read pages 112-114 (attached) to learn more about how to add elements of chance and skill to a game.

Second, choose one of the challenges below and circle it.

A # indicates the more difficult challenges.

1. **Take any traditional children's game and modify it so that it is enjoyable to adults.** Examples include *Chutes and Ladders*, *Candy Land*, and *Sorry!*, but you can choose your own. One suggestion is to add a bidding mechanic.
2. **Take a skill-based game like *Connect Four*, *Chess*, or *Go* and add elements of chance.** One suggestion is to add "fog of war," which means that your opponent's pieces are hidden from you (and vice versa) except under certain conditions. (Like *Battleship*).
3. # **Create a card game that has equal elements of chance, twitch skill, and strategic skill without any single one outweighing the others.** Playtest your creation and keep modifying it whenever it seems dominated by one type of chance or skill.
4. # **In *Poker*, repeated play makes the game more focused on skill than luck. In *Candy Land*, no matter how much you play, it's still luck.** Consider the differences between the two games, then add one or more rules to *Candy Land* that keeps it luck-based on a single turn, but skill-based over the play of an entire game.
5. **Select an incredibly dangerous job and make a game about it that integrates both skill and chance.**

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### Deliverable:

- **By the end of class, you should have a concept and/or prototype, depending on where you end up with your thinking.**
- **You should test your game with at least one player this weekend. The player must complete the feedback sheet (I)**
- **On Monday, we will playtest your game prototypes + you will receive additional feedback (II)**
- **Your game (instructions, materials, and feedback (I + II)) is due at the beginning of class on Thursday, 10/20.**