Use savvy in buying computerized games

When confronted with the novel-ty of computerized games and toys that "sing" tunes, play cards and talk back, it takes a savvy shopper to sort out the gadgets from the items with lasting appeal.

Reliable game companies have put their electronic playthings through con-sumer testing before introducing them on the market to ensure that the public

on the market to ensure that the public gets it money's worth. They are inter-ested in creating electronic diversions which will stand the test of time

HERE ARE some tips on choosing

an electronic toy or game:

1. Check the information on the box Check the information on the box
 —it should give a concise description
 of the game, the age range for which it
 is intended and the number of players.
 Look for games which offer more
 than one game in a hund-held unit
 3. Don't buy a game just because it
 a novelty. Does its theme interest you
 or the person who will be receiving it?
 4. The game you choose should be
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simple enough to provide fun from the start, but not so easy that its players lose interest after a few hours or weeks. A good hand-held game provides different skill levels so that it will be suitable for beginner or expert adult or

5. If the game runs on batteries, alka-line batteries are suggested by most

manufacturers. They provide more power and last longer.

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6. Often a battery-operated toy or gome can also be powered by an adopter which will save you money. Make sure you buy the adopter specified by the manufacturer so you don't damage

7. Check out the way the game or toy 7. Check out the way the game or toy is constructed. It must be sturdy enough to withstand frequent han-dling. The better items are made of high-impact plastic with few moving parts exposed. Because the circuitry is rather delicate, manufacturers caution consumers not to treat the game rough-

ly.
8. Read the manufacturer's warranty and instruction book before you buy.

IF THE GAME isn't guaranteed for a reasonable amount of time and there is no return policy at the store, you may be disappointed liner. Most reputable manufacturers constantly supervise for quality control, yet mistakes do occur. If you have any problems with the working of the game, constantly manufacturer's consumer tact the manufacturer's consumer

tact the manufacturer's consumer response department.

9. When you take the game or toy home, make sure everyone knows how to use it and take care of it properly. Remember to turn it off when not in

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