

HOT NOW ISN'T RIGHT FOR EVERY TABLE.

Five trending games through a buy, try, or wait filter.



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HOTNESS MEASURES ATTENTION

Use BoardGameGeek Hotness to discover fast-moving conversation. Do not call it sales, quality, ownership, or universal demand. Record the date and visible order before using it.

BUY, TRY, OR WAIT

Dewan: try or buy for a lean route puzzle. Avalon: try for ambitious asymmetric war. Drillers: try for an efficiency expedition. Medico and Horror on the Orient Express: wait for production and owner evidence.

THE ORDER CAN MOVE IN A DAY

Dewan, Avalon, and Drillers stayed high between two snapshots. Magical Athlete and Machi Koro: Life entered the first five; Horror moved to 7 and Medico to 10. Conversation moved, not the boxes.

BEFORE THE FIRST NIGHT

Confirm player count and realistic session length. Learn setup and the end condition. Teach one complete sample turn. Use the normal scenario before optional complexity. Ask afterward whether the friction was the fun.

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