**1.5 Exercises**

**1. Q: Which of the game companies discussed in this chapter have since ceased operation? What led to their downfall?**

**A:** Coleco discontinued by the end of 1985. Although its Colecovision was a moderate commercial success, the company suffered a sales decline over the next couple years and eventually closed its doors.

Atari was sold by Jack Tramiel in 1996 because the company’s Jaguar console performed poorly, with few games and poor launch games. It changed hands many times and is currently owned by Infogrames, which itself has rebranded as Atari Interactive Inc.

**2. Q: What is the connection between Atari and the Commodore computer company?**

**A:** Game companies such as Atari faced competition from home computers such as the Commodore 64. This was one factor in the video game crash of 1983.

**3. Q: The song “Jump Around” by House Of Pain contains the following lyrics: *Tryin’ to play me out like if my name was SEGA.* *But I ain’t goin’out like no punk bitch.* Briefly describe what this is in reference to.**

**A:** These lyrics are in reference to the rivalry between Nintendo and SEGA at the time that the song was released. At the time, Nintendo was arguably the dominant force in the home console market, and SEGA, with *Sonic the Hedgehog*, was their only real competition at the time.

**4. Q: For each game, list its genre(s). You may find that many games today have multiple genres or define themselves with a genre that doesn’t fit any existing genre definitions (e.g. LittleBigPlanet) – for these games, create a custom genre that describes the game.**

**A:**

* Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 – First Person Shooter
* Defender – Retro Horizontally Scrolling Shoot-em-up
* Fable II – Action Open World RPG
* Final Fantasy VII – RPG
* Gears of War 2 – Sci-Fi First Person Shooter
* Grand Theft Auto IV – Open World
* Half-Life 2 – First Person Shooter
* Halo 3 – First Person Shooter
* LittleBigPlanet – Open World Puzzle Platformer
* Mario Kart Wii – Racing
* Mass Effect 2 – Sci-Fi First Person Shooter
* Minecraft – Open World
* Ms. Pac-Man – Retro Puzzle
* Myst – Puzzle
* Nintendogs – Simulation
* Pac Man – Retro Puzzle
* Punch-Out!! – Retro Fighting
* Sonic the Hedgehog 2 – Retro Platformer
* Space Invaders – Retro Horizontally Scrolling Shoot-em-up
* Star Wars: Battlefront – RTS First Person Shooter
* StarCraft – RTS
* Street Fighter II – Fighting
* Super Mario Bros. – Retro Platformer
* Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles – Retro Platformer
* Tekken: Dark Resurrection – Fighting
* The Legend of Zelda – RPG
* The Sims 2 – Simulation
* Uncharted 3: Drake’s Deception – Open World Action-Adventure Shooter