

English for Informatics 2

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Topic: Video Games

Material: Module Unit 6 Recent Development on IT
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By the end of the lesson, the students are expected to be able to use appropriate English to:

- identify, describe and explain the recent developments on video games.

Discuss these following questions:

1. Do you play video games? What kind of game is it?
2. How and where do you play it?
3. What are your favorite video game? Make a list. Why do you like them?



<https://www.polygon.com>

Exercise 2: Look at these pictures. Label them (a-f) with the types of the game.

- a. PC Games
- b. Console Games
- c. Arcade Games
- d. Handheld Games
- e. Mobile phone games
- f. Massively multiplayer online games



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Exercise 3: Video games are played on a variety of electronic devices, or platforms. Complete these sentences with game platforms from the box and types of game from exercise 2.

Personal computer
Portable gaming devices

video game consoles
3G mobile phones

1. _____ are played on _____, such as the Sony PS3 or Microsoft Xbox 360. In the past the electronic devices were just connected to a standard TV or video monitor; now they can also be connected to the Net, via cables or wirelessly.
2. _____ are played on _____, such as the Sony PSP and the Nintendo DS. You can also play games on some graphing calculators and watches.
3. Don't worry if you don't have a game console. You can still play _____ on a _____. The graphics are even more impressive if you have a high-resolution monitor. You can buy games on CDs and DVDs, or download them from the internet.
4. _____ allow you to play against other users in other parts of the world using the internet - something unique to electronic gaming. Players connect to a game server hosted by an ISP, a game company, or an individual enthusiast.
5. Some _____ are programmed to run natively on the chip of _____. For instance, *Snoke* is installed on many Nokia phones. Many Java-based games are also available via download.
6. _____ are played on coin-operated machines, typically installed in restaurants, bars, and amusement arcades. For example, you can play an aircraft or a spaceship using a joy stick.

Exercise 4: Read the text below and make a list about kinds of genres of games and their examples.

There are so many different genres and mixes of genres that it's difficult to put each game into a specific category. In the following article we'll cover the basic genres that differentiate between games.

The **First-person shooter (FPS)** and **Action** genres are currently the most popular. Games like *Half-Life*, *Halo* and *Call of Duty* are the most popular games in the FPS category. For action, innovative titles like the *Grand Theft Auto* series, *Gears of War* and *Splinter to Cell* are huge successes.

The **Role-playing game (RPG)** genre has remained strong throughout the entire history of console and PC gaming. Current hits like *Final Fantasy XII* *Oblivion* and the *Knights of the Old Republic* series are all based on RPG roots. The recent development of massively multiplayer online RPGS has been made possible by widespread broadband access, allowing games to play internationally with thousands of people across the globe in a constant virtual world.

Adventure games and **Puzzle games** remain strong despite being limited in scope and technology. The new concept of party games- where people play together in multiplayer mode - has recently injected new life into this genre. Titles like *Zelda* and *Wario- Ware* are familiar names.

Sports games are an increasingly popular portion of the gaming industry. Electronic Arts (EA) have been making games licensed from the NBA, NFL, WWE, and MLB for over a decade. Another sector of the

Exercise 5: Read the text again and decide whether these following statements are True or False. After that correct the False statement.

1. Role-playing games are currently the most popular.
2. Massively multiplayer online RPGs have been made possible by widespread internet access.
3. *Oblivion* is an Action game.
4. *The Sims* series is the least popular in the Simulation category.
5. Strategy games are mainly restricted to game consoles.
6. *Warcraft* belongs to the Fighting genre.
7. Console gamers typically prefer Simulation and Strategy games.

Exercise 6: Read the text again to find words or phrases in the text with the following meanings.

1. now; at this time or period (2nd paragraph) _____
2. existing or happening in many places and/or among many people (3rd paragraph) _____
3. in spite of; notwithstanding (4th paragraph) _____
4. more and more (5th paragraph) _____
5. a smaller category within a particular genre (5th-6th paragraph) _____
6. big successes (5th-6th paragraph) _____
7. sold in very large number (6th paragraph) _____
8. modernized (7th paragraph) _____

Assignment

Instructions:

1. Go to the padlet (the link is given on your LMS).
2. Write any thing that you know about types and genres of games, definition, and examples.
3. You should type on comment field under the name of the column, at least 5 columns and give comments to your friend's comments, at least 5 comments). Make sure your ID is your full name.
4. Give your comments about the best game that you have ever played and discussion about the given topic.
5. Don't forget to write your reference/the link (if you quote something from the internet).