

# What is video game

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Super Mario, is a very typically game, and it is a video game.

In my opinion, video game is the game that a player play the game through screen. And here maybe have another meaning.

A videogame is a game which we play thanks to a n audiovisual apparatus and which can be based on a story. Video games are games. What is a game? We have games for a long time. And many people play games. Game is normally be anderstand play. Play football is a game, play basketball is a game also.

Roger Caillois , inspired by Johan Huizinga , provides elements to define what a game is: a fictional, unpredictable, and unproductive activity with rules, with time and space limits, and without obligation.

Use words that Eric Zimmerman also use (quantifiable outcome), so it is time to discuss his definition of what a game is: “ A game is a voluntary interactive activity, in which one or more players follow rules that constrain their behavior, enacting an artificial conflict that ends in a quantifiable outcome.” <sup>[1]</sup>

Video games are often based on a story. It is the most cases. But sometimes it is not. Video games want to through a story to introduce the game, and the the game usually has a theme, he want to convey his theme by story .

The video game ,the most important is it has a story and a theme.

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