



Playing Computer Games

Conversation > Intermediate 6



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

to tell the truth	To be honest.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: To tell the truth, I want to play games today.</i>

gamer	A person who likes playing computer games.
[noun]	<i>Ex: You have so many games, you are a real gamer.</i>

indie game	A small, downloadable video game created by a small, independent team.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Minecraft is a good example of an indie game.</i>

storyline	The series of events that happen in a book, movie, etc.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Some games have a really strong storyline.</i>



graphics	Images on a computer screen.
[noun]	<i>Ex: For good graphics you need an expensive PC.</i>

awesome	Extremely good; great.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: This game is awesome!</i>

single player	One player only.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Do you play in single player or multiplayer mode?</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Nate: So good to see you. What are you doing here?

Emily: To tell you the truth, I'm playing a computer game right now.

Nate: I had no idea you're a gamer. What kind of games do you like?

Emily: Mostly indie games, such as Minecraft. I like games without a predetermined storyline.

Nate: Really? Why?

Emily: I like to be creative. Would you like to play a game?



Nate: Not right now, sorry. What do you think about Outlast? Do you know it?

Emily: I've tried it. The graphics were awesome, however, the storyline was too complicated for me.

Nate: Wow! You really don't like storylines.

Emily: No, I really don't, Nate.

Nate: So, when you play Minecraft, do you play in single player or multiplayer mode?

Emily: Today, I'm playing in single player mode. But, sometimes, I play multiplayer with my friends.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

awesome

single player

storyline

graphics

indie games

To tell the truth

gamer

1. The cake he bought for his brother's birthday was _____!
2. _____, he's a really pretty man.
3. I don't like _____ games.
4. The _____ on this game are amazing!
5. That game has a perfect _____.
6. My mother always plays _____.
7. A person who plays games is called a _____.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You just bought a new video game, invite your friend Peter over to play it together. The teacher can be Peter.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Are you a gamer? Do you have gamer friends?
2. What is your favorite video game? Why?
3. At what age is it popular to play computer games? Why?
4. Do you prefer games with or without a storyline? Why?
5. Is playing computer games good or harmful? Why?