

Video Games

Quotations "Video games are bad for you? That's what they said about rock-n-roll."
- Shigeru Miyamoto (Director of Nintendo)

"Video games are a waste of time for men with nothing else to do. Real brains don't do that."
- Ray Bradbury (American author)

- Questions**
- Do you enjoy playing video games? Would you consider yourself a gamer?
 - Do you think video games should be rated by PEGI (Pan-European Game Information) with warning symbols and colour coding so that parents know what games to buy their children?
 - Have you ever considered becoming a game developer? Have you ever had an idea for a game? Would it be violent, gentle or designed for young children?
 - Do you believe video games offer violent messages, and that sports video games include taunting and teasing?
 - Do you know anyone who is addicted to gaming? Are you addicted to gaming? Is it serious enough to require intervention?
 - Do you own a PlayStation, X-Box or Nintendo games console? Which is best and most fun and why?
 - Is there anything to be learned from playing games? What are the benefits? What are the drawbacks?
 - Have you heard of any crimes being inspired from video games?
 - Would you rather play games on your PC or a mobile device?
 - The earliest video games were patented in the late 1940's. How have they improved since then? What do you think those games were like?
 - Have you ever visited a gaming arcade? How have they changed over the years?

Presentation Ask the class, or small groups, to devise a game where students could learn English through gaming.