

VIDEO GAMES

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Are video games a sport? Find out more about
graphics, virtual reality and video games.

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New words



adventure



character



puzzle



rule



choice



console



screen



skill



design / designer
(verb) / (noun)



electronic



touch



virtual reality

What is a video game?



Video games are electronic games that you play on a screen. There are lots of different types of video games, for example sports games or puzzles.



You can go to wonderful places without leaving your home!

You can play video games in many ways. People play them on a personal computer, a **console** or a mobile phone. This gamer is playing on a personal computer – a PC.



You can play video games alone or with friends.

 **THINK!**

How many screens do you look at in one day? Count them!

When were the first video games played?

In the 1950s, the first **designers** started making video games.

The first game was a tennis game. You couldn't play it at home **because** it was so **big**!

In the 1970s, people went to arcades to play video games and meet their friends. There were lots of games in one place.



coin

arcade

You put in a coin and you could play one game.

Later, you could play video games on a console, too.



 **WATCH!**

Watch the video (see page 32).

Look at these arcade games from the 1980s. Which one would you like to play?

What are game cartridges?

In the 1970s, the first consoles were made for people to use at home. But you could only play one game!

In 1976, Jerry Lawson made the first video-game cartridge.



Jerry Lawson

The first cartridge console in 1976 had 27 game cartridges.

You put the cartridges into the console. Then, you could play lots of games with just one console.



There were different kinds of games: sports games, **adventure** games, puzzles and games for learning.



Some consoles were small, and you could hold them in your hand.

 **FIND OUT!**

Use **books** or the **internet** to find out more about the first console!