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Video Games

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Video games have taken over the world. They have definitely taken over my children's world. It's all they talk about. PlayStation this, Nintendo Wii that. I'm not happy about it. I limit the amount of time they spend playing games to an hour a day. They play their games, get it out of their system, and then do their homework. After that they go to the park to run around. This is important. Too many children don't get enough exercise because they spend half the day playing games. They are pretty addictive. Once you start playing a game, you want to do more or go to the next level. The Wii is OK. At least you can get some exercise while you play it. It's actually very good fun. Still not as good as real exercise though.

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
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STUDENT VIDEO GAMES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about video games in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about video games. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about video games. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. VIDEO GAMES POSTER Make a poster about video games. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY VIDEO GAMES LESSON: Make your own English lesson on video games. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on video games. Share your findings with the class.

