

International Conversation Cafe

Lifestyle Topic: Video Games

People have a lot of different opinions about the value of video games. In the following discussion, you will have opportunity to share your experiences and opinions about video games.

Your experience

What are your favorite video games?

Do you play video games alone, with others in your room, or online?

What were your favorite video games 5 or 10 years ago?

What do you think video games will be like in 5 or 10 years?

Some people say video games contribute to children's growth and development.

I love video games. I'm also slightly in awe of them. I'm in awe of their power in terms of imagination, in terms of technology, in terms of concept. But I think, above all, I'm in awe at their power to motivate, to compel us, to transfix us, like really nothing else we've ever invented has quite done before.

Tom Chatfield

Do you think video games transfix us like nothing ever invented before?

Are there benefits from playing video games? What might they be?

How much time do you spend playing video games?

Some people say video games contribute nothing for the growth and development of children.

This generation is so dead. You ask a kid, 'What are you doing this Saturday?' and they'll be playing video games or watching cable, instead of building model cars or airplanes or doing something creative. Kids today never say, 'Man, I'm really into remote-controlled steamboats.'

Jack White

Do you think kids miss out on other worthwhile experiences by playing video games?

Besides playing video games, how should children spend their free times?

What activities did you enjoy as a child?

Should parents control how much time children play video games?

Should parents control what kind of video games children play? Explain.

Violent video games are controversial. These games include killing, other unlawful activities, and violence against women.

Up until now, the biggest question in society about video games has been what to do about violent games. But it's almost like society in general considers video games to be something of a nuisance, that they want to toss into the garbage can.

Shigeru Miyamoto

Do you think violent video games influence people to act or think in violent ways?

Should children be allowed to play violent video games?

Should parents control their children's time spent with video games?

Should adults play violent video games?

Video gaming can be addictive.

Do you think some people get addicted to video games?

What are the symptoms of video game addiction?

How would you help someone who was addicted to video games?

Video games are fun.

If you could create a video game, what would it be like?

Describe or draw the graphics, story line, strategy, and technology features.