

Gaming

Many people like playing video games. They're interesting and exciting! You can create your own avatars for some and play a sport without ever having to leave your home! Playing video games also allows us to work in teams and spend time with those we love. In this digital age, we can even find ourselves in a virtual world!

While this is true, some video games can be a bit violent, so we must make sure we check in with our parents to ensure that it is safe to play any video game we may come across.

While we like finding games on the internet and talking with our friends online—



and sometimes even competing with them—it's important to check in with an adult before talking with someone or competing with someone on an online game. Why? Well, there are people who may pretend to be younger than what they are. These individuals need to be stopped, because they use gaming to commit crimes against children.

While we must be careful with certain video and online games, there are many benefits to gaming. A study in Germany found that playing video games increases the size of the

brain, helps with memory, fine motor skills, information organization and more. Scientific studies also show that gaming can completely alter your brain. Different parts of the brain are impacted while you are playing a video game such as an area of the brain called the **prefrontal cortex**. The prefrontal cortex of your brain is responsible for decision-making, behavior, personality and planning. In other words, some games can improve your ability to plan, and make decisions. They can also change your behavior in a good way.

On the other hand, since we know the brain can be altered from playing video games, it is very important that we consider the kinds of video games we play and how long we play them. Violent video games can possibly negatively impact us in ways we have yet to understand. What games do you like to play?

Questions

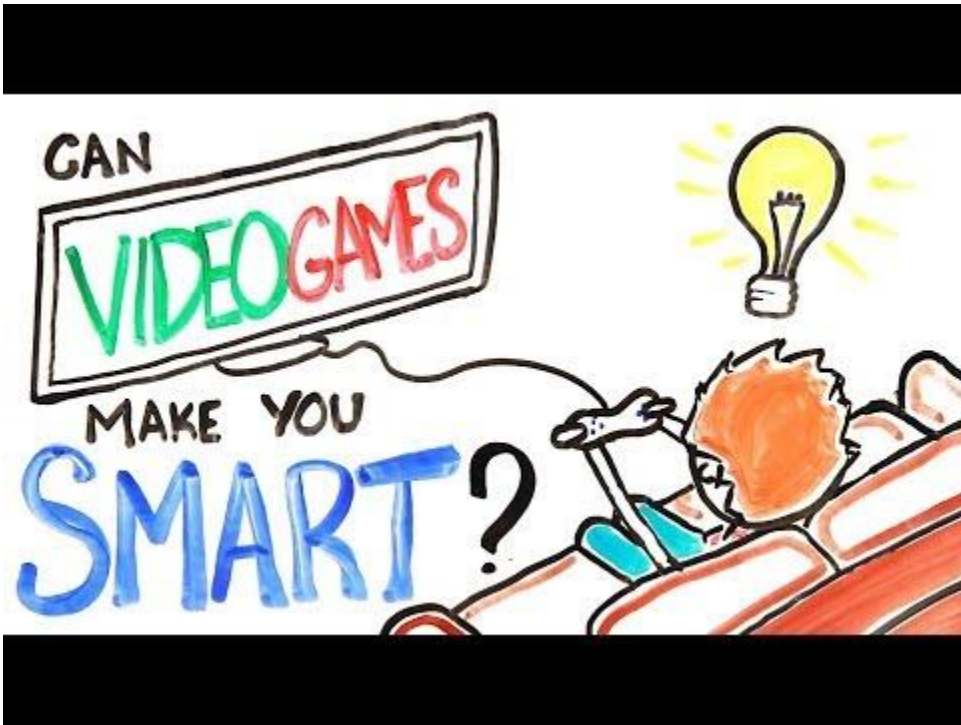
1. If you were to create a video game, what would the game be about? Describe your game and then draw a picture with at least two avatars.



2. The **prefrontal cortex** is responsible for decision making, behavior, personality and planning. What part of the prefrontal cortex would you want to impact with your game? Decision making? Behavior? Personality? Planning? Explain how your game will impact the **prefrontal cortex**.

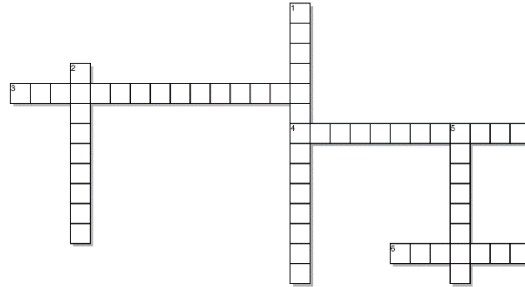
3. What would people learn from your game? Your response should be at least 5-7 sentences long.

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https://www.ShareAPuzzle.com/play/18963/CageFreeVoicesOnlineReading_Gaming.htm

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ACROSS

- 3 this game takes place in the universe of Star Wars
- 4 produced by Warner Bros.
- 6 published by 2K Sports

DOWN

- 1 sold nearly 16 million copies worldwide in 2019
- 2 a sandbox video game developed by Mojang and created by Markus Persson
- 5 a simulation game produced by Electronic Arts