

Key stage 2

Pupil C – Piece C: a balanced argument

Context: following classroom exploration of discussion texts and a focus on gaming, pupils wrote their own text exploring the issue.

Are video games good or bad for children?

Video games are games that can be played on numerous electronic devices. However, 93% of children in the United Kingdom get attached to video games and are frequently playing them. Video games are games that can be played on screens only and can be bad ^{for your health.} ~~for your health.~~ Parents have been complaining because of how much they're spending ^{on screens.} Some parents have started to worry about their children's health.) In this discussion, we will explore both sides of the argument

No-one can deny, video games can be educational as well as having loads of fun. Some video games have been designed to be educational; for example TTRockstars is a times table game to help children learn their Maths and ABC

Mouse is another ^{game} ~~one~~ where it is age-rated for younger children. It is a game for children who can be home-schooled as well as going to school. Where-as, some games can teach you about the real world (flight simulator). It can improve hand and eye coordination as well as making learning fun!

On the other hand, many people believe that most children are spending too much time on screens and get addicted to them, which can be bad for your health. It is claimed that, children are missing out on the real world and not getting enough fresh-air, which is called health-obesity (not enough exercise and fresh air.) less time with their family and friends; not using or increasing their social skills either.

However, some games are linked to fitness for example Just dances, tennis and bowling. In online games children can meet new people and make new friends especially during covid-19 in the Pandemic, the online world is everywhere now - there's no escaping it now.

On the contrary, many people feel strongly that some children are not supervised when playing online games; children can be bullied and can be

offended and upset about what has been said to them on a game. Some may believe that, parents need to be supervised a lot more by an adult or carer.

In conclusion, numerous people agree on both sides of the argument; but what do you think, are video games good or bad for children?