

# History of Gaming

## Handheld Devices

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The first usable hand-held gaming console was released by Nintendo in 1980. Called the Game & Watch, each device had a single game on it and never sold in great numbers.

It wasn't until Nintendo released the Game Boy in 1989 that the idea of playing a game in your hands really took off. Some of the most popular games of all time began life on the Game Boy, including Tetris and Pokemon. Early Game Boys had a black and white screen (actually, it was more green and beige) and only one speaker. If you wanted to hear stereo sound, you had to plug in a pair of headphones.

Sega followed two years later with the Sega Game Gear, but it never sold nearly as many units as the Game Boy.

The first colour console was released in 1998, again by Nintendo. Imaginatively named the Game Boy Colour, users could play all of their old games on it as well, although not in colour.

# FOCUS ON - WORD

**1** Tick one box in each row to show which prefix can be placed before the root word to create a new word.

root word	mis	un	dis
hear			
plug			
colour			
popular			

**2** Circle all the plural nouns in the sentence below.

Sega's first colour console was named the Game Boy Colour where users could still play their old games.

**3** Circle the correct determiner.

a/an idea

a/an speaker

a/an Game Boy

a/an old game

**4** Underline the word in the sentence which means one.

Called the Game & Watch, each device had a single unit on it and never sold in great numbers.

# FOCUS ON - SENTENCE

**1** Circle the causal conjunction in the sentence below.

If you wanted to hear stereo sound, you had to plug in a pair of headphones.

**2** Re-write the sentence below but as an active sentence.

The first usable hand-held device gaming console was released by Nintendo in 1980.

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**3** Underline the adverb in this sentence.

Imaginatively named the Game Boy Colour, users could play all of their old games on it.

**4** Draw lines to match the different word classes to the words in the sentence below.

Use each box only once.

Each device had a single game on it.

Each
device
had
on

noun
preposition
determiner
verb

# FOCUS ON - TEXT

**1** Identify what or who the underlined pronouns are referring to.

Imagatively named the Game Boy Colour, users could play all of their old games on it.

**2** Replace the underlined word with a different coordinating conjunction without altering its meaning.

Tick one sentence.

- Sega followed two years later with the Sega Game Gear, but it never sold nearly as many units as the Game Boy.
- Sega followed two years later with the Sega Game Gear, yet it never sold nearly as many units as the Game Boy.
- Sega followed two years later with the Sega Game Gear, for it never sold nearly as many units as the Game Boy.
- Sega followed two years later with the Sega Game Gear, nor it never sold nearly as many units as the Game Boy.
- Sega followed two years later with the Sega Game Gear, or it never sold nearly as many units as the Game Boy.

**3** The underlined words are an example of which verb tense?

Tick one.

Nintendo had had the idea of playing a game in your hands, and in 1989, they released a hand-held game console called the Game Boy.

- present
- past
- present perfect
- past perfect

# FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

**1** Insert a possessive apostrophe into the sentence below.

Early Game Boys screens were black and white.

**2** Where should the other comma be placed in this sentence?  
Tick one box.

Two years later Sega followed with the Sega Game Gear, selling a lot less units than the Game Boy.

**3** Insert an apostrophe in the correct place.

Some of Nintendo's most popular games included Tetris and Pokeman.

**4** Insert a pair of punctuation marks.

Nintendo who initially released the first usable hand-held gaming console in 1980 enjoyed immense success with consoles such as Game Boy and Game Boy Colour.

**5** Insert a colon and two semi-colons into the sentence below.

Nintendo have released many different hand-held gaming consoles including the Game & Watch device in 1980 the original Game Boy in 1989 and the first colour console called the Game Boy Colour in 1998.