Top 10 Games of 2007

Which Genre(s) is each game?

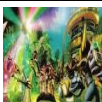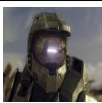| Game	Genre
10. Final Fantasy XII The last great epic for the Playstation 2.	
9. God of War 2 Another game that shows the best of the Playstation 2	
8. Mass Effect A James Bond style spy in space	
7. The Orange Box You get a lot for your money with this set of 5 games. Including Half Life 2, Team Fortress 2 a great multi-player shoot 'em up and a puzzle game.	
6. World Of Warcraft – The Burning Crusade Students complain that they are tired and this is the game responsible.	
5. Rock Band Music games take another step forward with this game	
4. The Legend of Zelda: Phantom Hourglass Even in class students can play this and it is so cleverly done with the touch screen.	
3. Ratchet & Clank Future: Tools of Destruction Finally a game to show off the Playstation 3 and the animation in this title are amazing.	
2. Halo 3 If you enjoy shooting things then there is nothing better. It also completes the story, which is great.	
1. Super Mario Galaxy It's Mario and he's even better on Wii.	

Key Vocabulary – Genres

FPS – First Person Shooter   Platformer (Includes a lot of jumping)
RPG – Role-Playing Game   Action Adventure (Play a hero on a journey)
Music game   MMORPG – Massive Multiplayer online Role-playing Game

     More great resources at: http://www.jamesabela.co.uk

Discuss

1. Do you agree with this list? Are there any games that you would include?

2. How would you rank the list? What factors would you take into account?
3. Do you think that all of the games here are suitable for children? Which games would you not allow children to play?
4. How much time do you think it is healthy for people to play video games?

WRITING TASK 2 (IELTs)

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Present a written argument or case to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic.

> ### *Parent should limit children's time playing computer games, to what extent do you agree or disagree?*

You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.

You should write at least 250 words.

Computer Game Plot

Discuss

What makes a good plot for a computer game?

Write

1. An outline for a computer game story
2. A script for the cut-scenes

Other Top 2007 Games Lists

Wired - http://www.wired.com/gaming/gamingreviews/multimedia/2007/12/YE_games_2007?slide=10&slideView=10

BBC - http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/7156701.stm
(Note the authors, particularly David Braben who co-wrote the classic game Elite)

Time
http://www.time.com/time/specials/2007/top10/article/0,30583,1686204_1686305_1692245,00.html

Cut Out Discussion

Super Mario Galaxy
Halo 3
Ratchet & Clank Future: Tools of Destruction
The Legend of Zelda: Phantom Hourglass
Rock Band
The Orange Box
Mass Effect
God of War 2
World Of Warcraft – The Burning Crusade
Final Fantasy XII

Teacher's Notes

Genres Answers

Super Mario Galaxy
Platformer

Halo 3
FPS

Ratchet & Clank Future
Action Adventure / Platformer

The Legend of Zelda: Phantom Hourglass
RPG

Rock Band
Music

The Orange Box
FPS (There is also a puzzle game)

Mass Effect
Action Adventure / RPG

God of War 2
Action Adventure

World Of Warcraft – The Burning Crusade
MMORPG

Teaching Ideas

Either use the list given on page 1 to introduce the topic or for more advanced students use the cut out and ask students to put them in the order that they think is best.

Follow up with discussions and finish the lesson with a writing piece.