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# The Story of Nintendo®

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## The History of the Nintendo Company

Nintendo started out in Kyoto, Japan, in 1889 as a company that made playing cards called Hanafuda. They still make playing cards today.

Around 1975 Nintendo started making video games and video game machines. Now Nintendo is one of the biggest video game companies in the world. [Source: Wikipedia.org]



How old is the Nintendo company? \_\_\_\_\_

Nintendo has been making video games and machines for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

## The Nintendo Characters

Nintendo games are very unique mainly because of their whimsical characters.

**Check off FIVE of your favourite characters from Nintendo games.**

[If you can't remember what the characters look like, please look them up on the Internet.]

- |                                      |                                      |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mario       | <input type="checkbox"/> Bowser      | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirby       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luigi       | <input type="checkbox"/> Olimar      | <input type="checkbox"/> Boo         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Link        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pikachu     | <input type="checkbox"/> Bowser Jr.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yoshi       | <input type="checkbox"/> Star Fox    | <input type="checkbox"/> Donkey Kong |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peach       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wario       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sonic       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zelda       | <input type="checkbox"/> Samus       | <input type="checkbox"/> King Dedede |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pit         | <input type="checkbox"/> Snake       | <input type="checkbox"/> Meta Knight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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## Nintendo DS and Wii

Nintendo DS was launched in 2004, DS Lite in 2006, and DSi In 2008. It is a very popular handheld game. A unique characteristic of the DS is the dual screens, one of which is touch sensitive. The DS can connect wirelessly to other DS units so that you can play games with friends. [Source: Wikipedia.org]

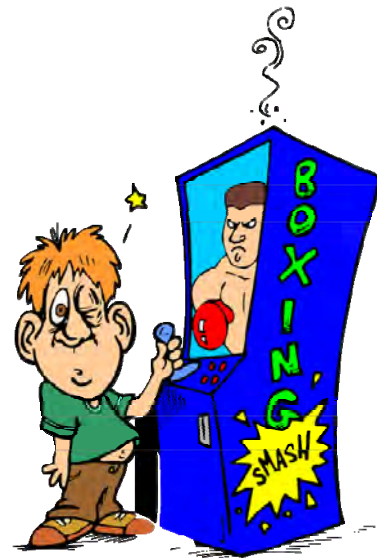
The Wii was launched in 2006 and attaches to a television like most video game systems. It uses a wireless remote that allows the players to move around quite a bit. [Source: Wikipedia.org]

There are many types of games that you can play on a DS or Wii.

### What type of video games do you like to play?

Check as many as you want.

- Fighting - Example "Super Smash Bros. Brawl"
- Shooter - "Metroid" or "Bionicle Heroes"
- Adventure - "Lego Star Wars" or "Zelda"
- Sidescrollers - "Kirby" or "New Super Mario"
- Sports - "NHL 2Kxx" or "FIFA" or "Wii Sports"
- Role-playing - "Pikmin" or "Pokemon"
- Platformers - "Kunfu Panda" or "Super Mario Galaxy 2"
- Racing - "Mario Kart" or "Sonic and the Sega All-Stars Racing"
- Strategy - "SimCity" or "Spore Creatures"
- Virtual Life - "Fish Tycoon" or "Nintendogs"
- Music - "Guitar Hero" or "Rock Band"



Other category \_\_\_\_\_ Example \_\_\_\_\_

**In each column please write down THREE of your favourite games.**

If you cannot remember any games please go to the Internet and use these search words:  
**wii games list wiki** or **nintendo ds games wiki**

Your Favourite Wii Games	Your Favourite DS/DSi Games
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.



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Do you like to play Nintendo DS or Wii with friends?

Some Nintendo DS/DSi games and most Wii games can be played with friends. The following survey will help you to find out if your colleagues like to play video games by themselves, with others, or both.

<b>SURVEY</b>	
Each person can only choose ONE option.	
Statements	Number of respondents* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1. I like to play video games alone.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I like to play video games with family or friends.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Sometimes I like to play alone, sometimes with other people.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. It really depends on which game I am playing.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*Please ask your colleagues for their choice and put a check mark ✓ in the appropriate box.

**Which was the most popular choice?** \_\_\_\_\_

### Other Video Game Companies

Although popular, Nintendo is not the only video game system available. Sony makes the Playstation and PSP. Microsoft has the Xbox.

**Which is your favourite video game company?**

\_\_\_\_\_





Name \_\_\_\_\_

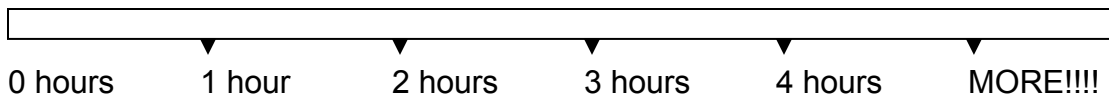
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Is it healthy to play video games?

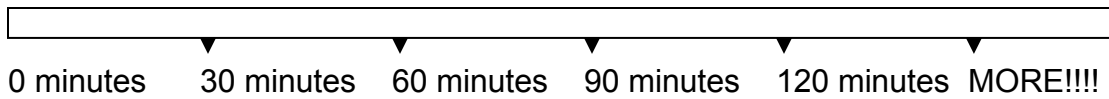
Playing video games is a lot of fun, but how much time can we spend playing video games and still be healthy? Shouldn't we go outdoors and enjoy the sunshine? **DISCUSS.**

Fill in the bar with a pencil crayon until you reach your answer.

How much time do you usually spend per day playing video games?



How much time do you think it is healthy to spend playing video games per day?



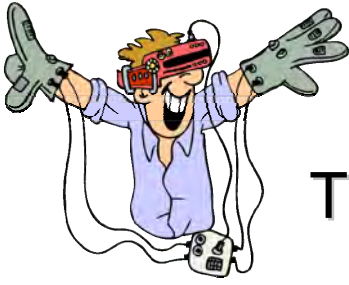
Do you spend time playing video games when you could be outside playing?

Yes                       No                       Sometimes

**DISCUSSION.** What are the most fun activities to play outdoors?  
Circle your favourites or draw your own.



Draw your own favourite outdoor activity.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Future of Nintendo

What do you think video games will be like in twenty years? Will you play them with controllers? Just using your mind? In virtual reality?

Design you own video game system. Anything is possible!

**Draw your video game system in this box:**

Game system's name

**Describe your game system. How does it work? How do you play games on it? How is it different from a Nintendo DS or Wii?**

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