

## **READING 01**

**22/02/2023**

- **Carefully read the text and make sure to translate terms that you cannot understand**

### **Video Game Ratings**

Video and computer games are popular among people of all ages. About 67% of Americans play video games on at least one device including video game consoles, computers, tablets, or smart phones. Children play video games on average about two hours a day.

The content of today's video and computer games varies widely. Games have information about the content that can help buyers and players decide whether a particular game is suitable for purchasing, downloading, or playing for free online.

The Entertainment Software Rating Board maintains a two-part rating system for video and computer games. First, is the lettered rating symbol, such as E or M. The letter suggests the game's age appropriateness. Second are the content descriptors, such as "intense violence," which point out specific elements of the game that have caused the rating and that may be of concern.

Players can change the content of a rated game by downloading software from the Internet onto their computers. These programs, called "mods," can make a game's content more explicit than the rating indicates. This in turn, could make the game inappropriate for players like kids and teens.

Games rated AO (Adult Only) have content that is suitable only for people 18 and older. These games may include, "prolonged scenes of intense violence." Games rated M (mature) "have content that may be suitable for people over 17, and may contain, "intense violence, blood and gore, and strong language."

Games rated T (Teen) have content that may be suitable for kids over 13. They may contain, "violence, suggestive themes, crude humor, minimal blood, and the use of strong language." Games rated E10+ (Everyone 10 and older) have content that may be suitable for kids at least 10. These games may contain, "more cartoon, fantasy, or mild violence, mild language, and/or minimal suggestive themes."

An E (Everyone) rating is found on games that have content that may be suitable for kids at least six years of age. Games rated EC (Early Childhood) are intended for preschoolers who are at least three years old. The games with an EC rating contain no material that parents would find inappropriate.

## **1. Vocabulary**

### **Definitions**

- indicates (verb): shows
- varies(verb): is different
- suitable(adjective): having the qualities that are right, needed, or appropriate for something
- appropriateness (noun): being right or suited for some purpose or situation
- descriptors (noun): words or phrases used to categorize or describe text or other material
- elements(noun): a particular part of something
- in turn (prepositional phrase): as a result
- minimal (adjective): very small in size or amount
- intended (adjective) – in your mind as a purpose or goal

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### **Reading Activities**

**01/03/2023**

### **Important Note: MAKE SURE TO SEND BACK YOUR WORK VIA EMAIL**

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### **Activity 01: Complete the story with words from the box.**

Video and computer games are very popular among adults and children. Because the content of video games\_\_\_\_\_a lot, they have ratings to help people know what to expect. The ratings can help parents and others know if the game is \_\_\_\_\_before they buy it. The ratings have two parts. The first rating is about the game's age \_\_\_\_\_.There are also content \_\_\_\_\_.These provide information about specific \_\_\_\_\_of the game that might be of concern, such as violence, strong language, or sexual content. Players can also download software from the Internetthat can make a game's content more \_\_\_\_\_.

There are six letter ratings that help buyers know the \_\_\_\_\_ audience for the game. Games with the most violent or graphic content are rated AO (Adult Only) or M (Mature). Games with less adult themes, blood and gore, are rated T (Teen) and E10+ (Everyone 10 and older). Games for younger children and preschoolers are rated E (Everyone) and EC (Early Childhood). Research \_\_\_\_\_ that a large number of households have video game players. Parents, \_\_\_\_\_, should know about video game ratings. They can choose games that have \_\_\_\_\_ to no content that would not be appropriate for children.

<b><u>Words</u></b>
<b>elements</b>
<b>intended</b>
<b>in turn</b>
<b>indicates</b>
<b>appropriateness</b>
<b>varies</b>
<b>explicit</b>
<b>suitable</b>
<b>minimal</b>
<b>descriptors</b>

**Activity 02: Complete each sentence with a word from the box.**

1. Nutrition labels help shoppers know if a food product is \_\_\_\_\_ for someone with specific dietary concerns.
2. The video game rating \_\_\_\_\_ that this game is not appropriate for anyone under 18 years old.
3. I'd like to make something for dinner that requires \_\_\_\_\_ preparation.
4. When bees collect pollen from flowers, little bits of it stick to their bodies. The bees, \_\_\_\_\_, spread the pollen to other flowers, which helps them grow.
5. Some social media sites are trying to develop policies to protect users from seeing \_\_\_\_\_ content.
6. Samantha had a talk with her mother about the \_\_\_\_\_ of her outfit, jeans and a t-shirt, for a job interview.
7. This poem has many literary \_\_\_\_\_, such as personification and alliteration.
8. It says on the box that the designers of this puzzle \_\_\_\_\_ it for children ages 10 and up.
9. The level of spice in different types of hot sauce \_\_\_\_\_ widely.
10. The content \_\_\_\_\_ on the back of the box said strong language and crude humor.

**Speaking**

**08/03/2023**

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**Record and talk:** Go back to the story for your answers.

1. What is the main idea of the text "Video Game Ratings"?
2. Why do video games need ratings?

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### **Listening**

**15/03/2023**

Important Notes :

- 1) Click on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j01Hg4QJ6NE> / Listen carefully then answer the questions below.
- 2) Make sure to send a copy of your answers via email ([noudjoudchater@gmail.com](mailto:noudjoudchater@gmail.com)) , with your name, last name and group before (21/03/2023/ 05:00pm)

**QUESTIONS:** Choose the right answer.

**1. How old is Arthur, the protagonist of this short animated film?**

- a. He's thirteen years old.
- b. He's thirty years old.
- c. His age is not mentioned.

**2. What does Cami, Arthur's friend, say to him?**

- a. She says that everyone is by his side because that's what friends are for.
- b. She says that he's her best friend.
- c. She says that he's so silly.

**3. Arthur's birthday party is...**

- a. ...just a figment of the imagination.
- b. ...a dream come true.

c. ...an authentic experience.

**4. after a while, we find out that all of his guests are actually...**

a. ...Arthur's schoolmates.

b. ...avatars from a social network called "Best Friend".

c. ...images from a dream.

**5. How does Arthur recharge his account?**

a. By putting a USB plug.

b. By pressing a little button on his forehead.

c. By using some special eyewash.

**6. at his party, Arthur...**

a. ...avoids using drugs.

b. ...uses his final reserve of eyewash.

c. ...accidentally breaks all of his phials.

**7. What's the slogan of the "Best Friend" commercial?**

a. Never be alone.

b. We can give you the best friend.

c. The friend only you can see is the best.

**8. Arthur rushes out of his apartment to look for...**

a. ...another way to make friends.

b. ...a free recharging for his account.

c. ...a vending machine of eyewash.

**9. When he ends his quest, Arthur bumps into a bad guy that...**

a. ...assaults him for a dose of "best friend" product.

b. ...tries to kill him with a piece of glass.

c. ...wants to kidnap all of his friends.

**10. in the end, Arthur...**

- a. ...understands the importance of a real friendship.
- b. ...is still addicted to the social network.
- c. ...can finally get clean from drugs.

## Grammar

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### Using apostrophes to show possession

#### **Apostrophes**

An apostrophe shows that one thing belongs to another. To make a singular noun possessive, add an apostrophe + s.

*Bill's bicycle*

To make a regular plural noun possessive, add an apostrophe after the letter s.

*the kids' bicycles*

Do not use an apostrophe to show that a noun is plural.

#### Possessive Pronouns

Pronouns, such as *him*, *her*, *they*, and *them* are stand-ins for proper nouns; in other words, they refer to someone or something specific without using the proper noun or name.

**Possessive pronouns show ownership.** Some are used alone, while others are used to modify or describe a noun.

**Used alone:** *mine*, *yours*, *his*, *hers*, *ours*, *theirs*, *whose*

**EXAMPLE:** That computer is **hers**. That car is **mine**.

**Used as modifier:** *my*, *your*, *his*, *her*, *its*, *ours*, *their*, *whose*

**EXAMPLE:** That is **her** computer. The car needs **its** clutch replaced.

\*Note that **none** of the possessive pronouns uses an apostrophe to show ownership. Pay extra attention to your use of possessive pronouns, as several of them sound like some commonly-used contractions. For example, watch your use of the following commonly confused possessive pronouns and contractions: **Your/you're**, **its/its**, **their/they're**, and **Whose/Who's**.

**Activity:** In each sentence, decide if the underlined words need an apostrophe. If an apostrophe is needed, add one in the correct place. If no apostrophe is needed, you do not need to write anything.

**Example:** The letter suggests the games age appropriateness and appears on the front of the box.

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1. Isabelle has wonderful memories of visiting her grandparents farm every summer.
  2. Robert felt like the clocks hands were moving backwards as he listened to his parents lecture him.
  3. As the snow melted, they could see the unrakedleaves from the giant maple tree blanketing the yard.
  4. The executive managersoffices are all very stylishly decorated.
  5. My cats desire to catch a bird is very obvious as she sits in the window and watches her prey.
  6. One of his brother-in-laws new snowmobiles was stolen last night.
  7. Janices keys are always getting misplaced, so she often has to get a ride to work in her friends car.
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## **READING 02**

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### **Ramadan**

Islam is one of the most widespread religions in the world. Its followers number 1.8 billion. Islam is practiced in many countries throughout the world. Islam is based on the belief in one God, Allah. Allah is the Arabic word Muslims use for "God."

In Arabic, "Islam" means submission to Allah. Muslims believe that in the seventh century Allah chose Muhammad Peace Be Upon Him to receive his message. Muhammad Peace Be Upon Him recorded the revelations he received. That text came to be known as the Quran.

The most important rituals practiced by the Muslims are often referred to as the Five Pillars of Islam. They are as follows:

1. Shahadah—a short statement declaring the greatness and oneness of Allah.
2. Salat—prayer that is offered five times a day.
3. Sawm—the fast that takes place during Ramadan.
4. Zakat—a religious tax used for the poor, the sick, and the others less privileged in the Islamic community.
5. Hajj—the pilgrimage to the Holy City of Mecca.

The third pillar references an important Muslim holiday. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and begins with the coming of the crescent moon. This month lasts 29 or 30 days and occurs during different seasons depending on the cycle of the calendar. The fast of Ramadan lasts the entire month. All those who have reached the age of puberty (usually 12 years of age) are expected to observe the fast.

During this time, strict restraints are placed on Muslims. They are not to eat or drink during the daylight hours. Smoking and sexual relations are also forbidden. The fast is broken at sunset. It begins again the next morning when one can see the white light coming through the darkness.

Ramadan is a time for Muslims to concentrate on the practice of their faith. It is a time for greater focus on Islam and less focus on everyday concerns. Time is spent praying, worshipping, contemplating, and receiving religious instruction. Part of the worship includes reciting passages from the Quran.

For many, Ramadan is a time of profound joy. There is a festive atmosphere after sunset. In many cities, Muslims visit with family and friends after they have broken the fast. Shopping areas and restaurants are busy, alive with food and fellowship.

On the 27th day of Ramadan, fireworks are often used to celebrate the Night of Power. The Night of Power is the night that Muhammad Peace Be Upon Him first received his revelation of the Quran in the year 610. Ramadan is a time to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of the



Quran. It is a time to remember the poor, to practice self-discipline, and recommit one's self to the Islamic faith.

### **Definitions**

- reciting (verb): readingsomething out loud from memory, usually for an audience
- fellowship (noun): a friendly relationship among people
- widespread (adjective): common among many people
- contemplating (verb): thinking carefully about something
- references (verb): refers to
- fast (noun): a period of time when you do not eat any food
- rituals (noun): an act or series of acts done in a particular situation and in the same way each time
- submission (noun): the act of accepting the authority or control of someone or something else; obedience
- restraints (noun): ways of limiting, controlling, or stopping something
- revelations (noun): messages from God or a supreme being

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### **Reading Activities**

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**Activity 01:** Complete the story with words from the box.

Muslims, followers of the \_\_\_\_\_ Islam religion, believe in one God, whom they call Allah.

The word "Islam" means \_\_\_\_\_ to Allah in the Arabic language. Muslims believe that Allah communicated his message to a man named Muhammed.

Muhammed wrote down the \_\_\_\_\_ from Allah that he received, and Muhammed became a prophet. The messages became the Koran.

Muslims practice \_\_\_\_\_ called the Five Pillars of Islam. One pillar is Salat, a prayer said five times a day. Another pillar is Hajj, a pilgrimage to Mecca. One pillar, Sawm, \_\_\_\_\_ Ramadan, an important event for Muslims. During Ramadan, Muslims \_\_\_\_\_ for one month. Other strict \_\_\_\_\_ are placed on Muslims during this month. Ramadan is a special time for Muslims to focus on Islam. Muslims spend time praying, worshipping, \_\_\_\_\_, and receiving religious instruction. Each day, they also spend time \_\_\_\_\_ passages from the

#### **Words**

reciting  
fellowship  
widespread  
contemplating  
references  
fast  
rituals  
submission  
restraints  
revelations

Koran. At sunset, the fast is broken, meaning the people can eat and drink again. The fast begins again in the morning when the sun rises. Ramadan is a festive time of food and \_\_\_\_\_ after the sun has set for the day.

**Activity 02 :** Read each question. Circle the correct answer.

1. Who practices Islam?
  - a. Buddhists.
  - b. Muslims.
  - c. Christians.
2. What is something Muslims believe?
  - a. In the sixth century, the Koran was written.
  - b. 'Muhammed' means submission to Allah.
  - c. Muhammed was chosen to receive Allah's message.
3. What are the rituals of Islam called?
  - a. The Five Pillars.
  - b. The Pilgrimage.
  - c. Ramadan.
4. What is the purpose of Ramadan?
  - a. To focus more on unimportant things.
  - b. To concentrate on Islam and the practice of the faith.
  - c. To show a commitment to eating less.
5. Which sentence uses the word **fast** the same way it is used in the text?
  - a. I don't like riding with you because you drive too fast.
  - b. Tamara was a fast learner and soon could do the job easily.
  - c. It is not easy to fast all day, but it is important that I do so.
6. What word could NOT replace the underlined word in the following sentence without changing the meaning of the sentence? "During this time, strict restraints are placed on Muslims."
  - a. Restrictions.
  - b. Limitations.
  - c. Freedoms.
7. How does the atmosphere after sunset contrast (differ) from the atmosphere before sunset?
  - a. The atmosphere after sunset becomes joyful and lively.
  - b. The atmosphere after sunset becomes quiet and serious.
  - c. The atmosphere after sunset becomes lively and quiet.
8. What is true about Ramadan?

- a. Ramadan is a time when Muslims refocus on their commitment to Islam.
  - b. Ramadan is a holiday to buy expensive gifts for family and friends.
  - c. Ramadan starts on the first full moon of September.
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1. What religion do Muslims practice?
  2. Who recorded the revelations from Allah?
  3. How many pillars does Islam have?
  4. What are two rules that Muslims follow during Ramadan?
  5. What do Muslims do during Ramadan that helps them to focus on Islam?
  6. What do Muslims do after the sun sets during Ramadan?
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Ramadan Kareem my dear students,  
May Allah give you all happiness,  
success and guide you to the right path.

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