Preparation

1. A game that involves travelling and jumping across platforms, often with obstacles and other elements like ladders. Platform game

2. A game that focuses on one-on-one combat against an opponent. Fighting game

3. A game whose main focus is combat involving guns or other projectile weapons such as missiles. Racing game

4. A game in which the player controls a central character. They explore the game world, solve puzzles and take part in tactical fights to complete their quest. Role-playing game (RPG)

5. A game that requires careful planning and tactics to achieve victory, often from a godlike perspective over the game world. Strategy game

6. A game in which the player races against opponents in some type of transportation. Shooter

Check your understanding: multiple choice

1. Only relatively recently have people started to realise\_B\_\_
2. Very young children show improved \_\_D\_ after playing video games.
3. Playing video games helps doctors\_C\_\_
4. Video gamers' decision-making speed is significantly improved by\_D\_\_
5. Women who play video games demonstrate\_\_C\_
6. In one research study, the video game Tetris helped people to\_\_B\_
7. Research shows that violent video games\_\_C\_
8. In the future, computer games may be used for \_\_A\_

Complete the gaps with a noun from the box

1. Playing video games improves the speed at which people can make \_\_\_\_\_decisions\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Video gamers also demonstrate an improved ability to pay \_\_\_\_\_attention\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to several things at once.

3. Pre-school children who play video games have been shown to have improved motor \_\_\_\_skills\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Playing video games also has a beneficial effect on vision, increasing players' ability to tell the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_difference\_\_\_\_\_\_ between varying \_\_\_\_\_field\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of grey.

5. Surgeons who play computer games work faster and make fewer \_\_\_\_\_errors\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Researchers from Indiana University investigated the effects of violent video games by doing some brain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_scans\_\_\_\_\_\_ on video gamers.

7. Their research showed that violent video games affect emotional control and may cause more aggressive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_behaviour\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Daphne Bavelier is one of the most experienced researchers in her \_\_\_\_\_\_ shades \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.