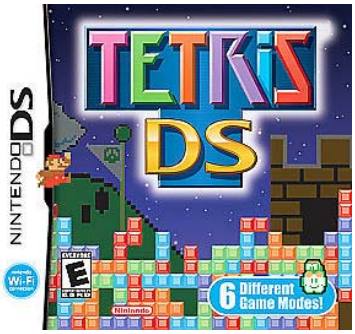
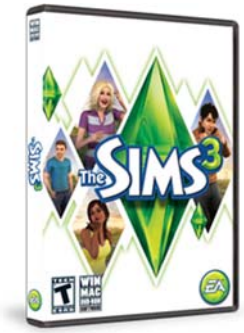
VIDEOGAMES

Videogames are one of the most popular forms of entertainment.

- Do you like videogames?
- How often do you play videogames?
- Do you play on the computer, on a games console or on the mobile phone/tablet?
- What is your favourite type of videogames?
- Match these videogames covers with their genre:

Platform game	Shooter	Survival horror	Sports game
RPG (Role Playing Game)	Puzzle game	Music game	Racing game
Party game	Pinball game	Fighting game	Simulation game





Do you agree or disagree with these statements about videogames?

- ✓ Playing to much videogames can be dangerous for your health.
- ✓ Sports videogames are more exciting than playing actual sports.
- ✓ Videogames can be good for the brain.
- ✓ I only play videogames at the weekends.
- ✓ Videogames are for boys only.
- ✓ Adults don't play videogames.
- ✓ I usually make pauses when I play a lot of time.
- ✓ Some videogames are for girls only.
- ✓ Violent games make violent people.
- ✓ You can learn how to drive with videogames.
- ✓ Videogames can be used for education.
- ✓ Videogames based on films are usually very bad.
- ✓ I prefer playing with a joystick rather than a touch screen.

Minecraft is a popular open world game. Players can create anything they want using blocks. They also can "craft" or build tools and objects with the materials they get in the world. The game was released in 2009.

The creator has earned more than a hundred million dollars. He started the game independently, without almost any help. His father was very bad to him but he is a creative person and decided to move on.

- Imagine you can get an interview with Markus `Notch´Persson, the creator of the game. What would you ask him? Think of 3 questions

Some videogame characters have become icons of the modern age. Do you know "how old" are these characters? When was their first game released? Match the years with the characters.

Mario (Super Mario Bros.)	1986
Solid Snake (Metal Gear)	1987
Lara Croft (Tomb Raider)	1981
Link (The Legend of Zelda)	1991
Sonic (Sonic)	1996
Master Chief (Halo)	2001

Videogame characters are often in dangerous situations. But they also have a normal life after their adventures. Do you know the real jobs of these characters?

Mario	Archaeologist
Lara Croft	Bounty hunter
Samus Aran (*Metroid* saga)	Treasure hunter
Nathan Drake	Police officer
Chun-Li	Plumber

Most videogame superheroes have sidekicks or friends who help them fight against their enemies. Are these characters friends or enemies?

Sonic	Tails	Dr Eggman	Amy Rose		
Mario	Bowser	Peach	Luigi	Toad	Wario
Pac-Man	Ms Pac-Man	Blinky	Pinky		
Link	Ganon	Zelda	Epona		
Pokémon Trainer	Pikachu	Mum	Team Rocket	Professor Oak	
Donkey Kong	Diddy Kong	Cranky Kong	Dixie Kong	K. Rool	

Mario has been one of the most popular characters in the videogame history. He started as an enemy in *Donkey Kong* and his name was just Jumpman. Look at the picture and describe the characters. What is their relationship? What is their occupation? What colour do they usually wear? And their powers?