

Dictionary and Read Aloud Tool

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Task 1

- Click on the **Dictionary** tool
- Click on the word **visual**
- Type one of the definitions here:

Task 2

- Click on the **Dictionary** tool
- Click on the word **benefits**
- Type one of the definitions here:

Task 3

- Click on **Read Aloud**
- Click on the Play button  After 10 seconds, click on the Stop button 
- What happened?

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Task 4

- Click on **Read Aloud**
- Highlight a sentence
- As it reads, click through each of the buttons in the **Read Aloud** tool
- Describe what happened when you clicked each of these buttons (you can use the text box or any of the comment tools):



Big Questions: Is gaming good for kids?

By John Velez, The Conversation on 04.13.21

Word Count **695**

Level **MAX**



In addition to being fun, video games can build real-world skills. Photo: Brothers91/Getty Images

Gamers, have you ever noticed that you're the first person to spot animals at the zoo? Or if someone drops candy on the ground, you know exactly where every piece landed? That may be because you play video games.

Research has shown people who play video games such as "Fortnite" or "Rocket League" have higher **visual** acuity. This means they can keep track of multiple moving objects at once. They might even see things in the fog or rain that others cannot. It's one of the many **benefits** researchers like me have discovered about playing video games.

You might know people who think video games are a waste of time or a negative force in your life. It might be worth showing them what the latest science has to say.

Developing Skills

When you keep an eye on your enemies, grab the best loot and change your inventory without even looking at the controller, you are essentially flexing your brain. Your brain loves challenges like