

Unit 2 - Lesson 1: Current Trends in Video Games



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Time available: 4 hours

Lesson programming:



1. Socialize the technology idiom of the day.
2. Before the reading activity, explain what reading in context is.
3. Warm up activity: Match key terms and definitions.
4. Reading comprehension activity: "Game on: The top 10 video games in 2024"
5. Crossword activity based on the reading text (game).
6. Fill in the gap activity.
7. Watch the video: "The Five Biggest Gaming Technology Trends In 2022"
8. Game: Yes/no questions about the previous video

Learning materials:



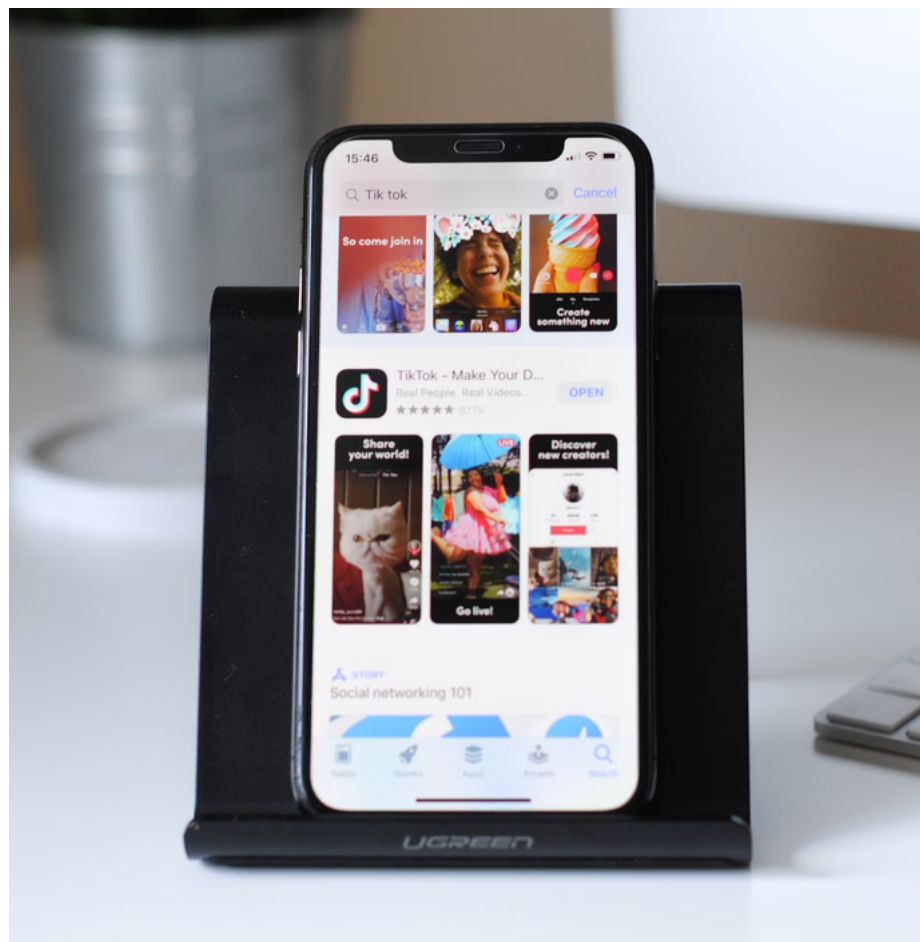
- Reading
- Crossword: <https://wordwall.net/es/resource/66240828>
- Video "The Five Biggest Gaming Technology Trends In 2022":
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-y_wKNI_TnE
- Game true/false: https://es.educaplay.com/recursos-educativos/17416947-biggest_gaming_technology_trends.html

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1- Idiom of the day:

- **Digital detox:** We associate this idiom with over-use of digital devices and social media. When someone is on a digital detox, it means that they are taking a break from their smartphone or tablet to reduce stress and improve well-being.

“After a hectic work week, she decided to go on a digital detox by spending a weekend outdoors.”



2- Learn what Reading in Context is

Reading in context refers to understanding the meaning of words or phrases not just by their direct definition, but by how they are used in a sentence or larger piece of text. It involves interpreting meaning based on the surrounding words, sentences, or paragraphs, as well as the overall theme or purpose of the text. This technique is crucial for fully grasping nuances, idiomatic expressions, and subtle tones in a piece of writing.

Strategies for Reading in Context:

1. **Look at Surrounding Sentences:** Often, the sentences before and after a word or phrase provide clues to its meaning. Pay attention to how the word is used in the overall passage.
2. **Identify the Tone and Purpose:** Understanding the tone (e.g., formal, informal, humorous, serious) and the author's purpose can provide insights into the meaning of words or phrases.
3. **Use Your Background Knowledge:** Apply what you already know about the subject matter to help understand new concepts or vocabulary.
4. **Identify Signal Words:** Words like "however", "therefore", and "in contrast" can signal relationships between ideas and help clarify meaning.
5. **Look for Examples or Explanations:** Authors often provide examples or further explanations that can clarify the meaning of a word or phrase.
6. **Make Inferences:** Sometimes you may need to read between the lines and make educated guesses based on the information provided.
7. **Check for Definitions in the Text:** Especially in academic texts, authors might define a term when it first appears.
8. **Read Aloud:** Hearing the text can sometimes make the context and its cues clearer.

Implementation in Reading:

1. **Fiction and Literature:** Understand characters' motivations and plot subtleties.
2. **Academic Texts:** Grasp complex theories or concepts that are explained through examples and extended discussion.
3. **News Articles:** Understand the implications of events or statements in their broader social or political context.
4. **Technical Documents:** Comprehend how specific terms are used within the field.



3- Match the key terms with their correct definitions. Write down the letter of the definition next to the corresponding keyword.

Key Terms:

1. Generative AI _____
2. E-Sports _____
3. VR (Virtual Reality) _____
4. AR (Augmented Reality) _____
5. Consolidation _____
6. Retro Gaming _____
7. Blockchain _____
8. Cryptocurrency _____

Definitions:

- A.** A type of gaming that involves playing and revisiting older video games or versions.
- B.** A digital technology where users experience and interact with a computer-generated environment.
- C.** The combination of several companies into a single entity or the process of merging.
- D.** A technology that adds digital elements to a live view, often using the camera on a smartphone.
- E.** A form of competitive gaming treated like traditional sports, with professional players and events.
- F.** A technology for creating and managing a secure, digital ledger of transactions.
- G.** A type of digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security.
- H.** Artificial Intelligence used to create content, stories, and characters in games.

