

Hotel opens in Taiwan just for gamers

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A new hotel in Taiwan has opened to cater to the needs of gamers. Those who want to indulge in their favourite games while on business or vacation can now do so at the iHotel, near Taiwan's capital Taipei. Rooms at the

hotel are fully equipped with two state-of-the-art gaming computers with 32-inch screens, plush DXRacer gaming chairs, and ambient lighting to create the perfect mood for getting behind the joystick. The gaming computers are side-by-side to ensure gaming with your partner has a more competitive edge. The rooms are also furnished with a 46-inch TV for guests to chill out after a hard session gaming. And if that's not enough, the hotel's lobby features a large gaming arena for larger groups.

Putting gaming consoles in hotel rooms may lead to positive benefits besides relaxing and getting away from it all. One study analysed data from over 12,000 high school students in Australia. Researchers found that students who played online games almost every day scored 15 points above average in maths and reading tests and 17 points above average in science. A Columbia University study indicated that gaming by 6-to-11-year-olds greatly increased their chance of "high intellectual functioning and overall school competence". However, critics of gaming warn of the harmful effects of gaming because of depictions of violence, sexual themes, alcohol, tobacco, drugs and profanity.

Sources: mashable.com / gearsofbiz.com / Wikipedia.org

Writing

Gaming is a great activity to do in your free time. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

new hotel / needs / business / vacation / state-of-the-art / ambient / joystick / edge / consoles / relaxing / data / average / science / intellectual / competence / profanity

True / False

- The new hotel is only for people on business trips. T / F
- The hotel is in Taiwan's capital city, Taipei. T / F
- Each room has computers with two 32-inch screens. T / F
- Each room has a 56-inch screen television. T / F
- The hotel says it has bookings from 12,000 Australian school students. T / F
- Australian students did better in 15 exams because of gaming. T / F
- Children aged 6-11 became less intelligent because of gaming. T / F
- Critics said there was a lack of profanity in gaming. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. cater | a. atmospheric |
| 2. ensure | b. bad language |
| 3. ambient | c. entrance |
| 4. chill out | d. advantages |
| 5. lobby | e. pointed to |
| 6. benefits | f. provide for |
| 7. data | g. ability |
| 8. indicated | h. information |
| 9. competence | i. make certain |
| 10. profanity | j. relax |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think of gaming?
- Would you like to stay in a gaming hotel?
- What kind of hotels do you like?
- What do you need in a hotel room?
- What do you do to chill out?
- Do you prefer gaming or watching movies?
- Why is gaming so popular?
- What other themed hotels should there be?

Phrase Match

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| 1. cater to the | a. art gaming computers |
| 2. Those who want to indulge in | b. effects of gaming |
| 3. fully equipped with two state-of-the- | c. lighting |
| 4. ambient | d. of violence |
| 5. chill | e. and profanity |
| 6. One study analysed | f. needs of gamers |
| 7. 17 points above | g. out |
| 8. critics of gaming warn of the harmful | h. data |
| 9. because of depictions | i. their favourite games |
| 10. alcohol, tobacco, drugs | j. average in science |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What's your favourite game?
- What are the benefits of gaming?
- How might gaming lead to better scores at school?
- How often should children play online games?
- What are the dangers of online games?
- Is there too much violence and bad language in games?
- What questions would you like to ask the hotel guests?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. i	3. a	4. j	5. c
6. d	7. h	8. e	9. g	10. b

Role Play

Role A – Video Games

You think video games are the best games. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): board games, card games or party games.

Role B – Board Games

You think board games are the best games. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): video games, card games or party games.

Role C – Card Games

You think card games are the best games. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): board games, video games or party games.

Role D – Party Games

You think party games are the best games. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): board games, card games or video games.

Speaking – Games

Rank these with your partner. Put the best games at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • sports games | • video games |
| • playground games | • board games |
| • party games | • role play games |
| • arcade games | • card games |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.