

# Video games – Glossary

**addictive** adjective

an addictive activity is difficult to stop doing

**alien** noun [count]

a creature from another planet

**amusement arcade** noun [count]

a place where you can play games on machines by putting coins in them

**avoid** verb

to stay away from someone or something:

*We went early to avoid the crowds.*

**beat** verb

to defeat someone in a game, competition, election, or battle:

*England needed to beat Germany to get to the final.*

**bullet** noun [count]

a small piece of metal that is shot from a gun:  
*a bullet wound/hole*

**casing** noun [count]

a layer of a substance covering the outside of something to protect it

**character** noun [count]

a person in a book, play, film etc:

*The film's main character is played by George Clooney.*

**circular** adjective

in the shape of a circle, or moving in a circle

**classic** noun [count]

a song, book, play etc that is very good and has been popular for a long time

**console** noun [count]

a small piece of electronic equipment used for playing video games

**destroy** verb

to damage or harm something so severely that it cannot exist as it was before:

*An earthquake destroyed the town.*

**dot** noun [count]

a very small spot of ink or colour

**dull** adjective

boring, or not interesting:

*Life in a small village can be very dull.*

**encourage** verb

to try to persuade someone to do something that you believe would be good:

*Mum always encouraged us to discuss our problems.*

**enemy** noun [count]

someone who is opposed to someone else and tries to harm them:

*Terrorists are described as enemies of the state.*

**fan** noun [count]

someone who likes someone or something very much:

*I'm a big fan of Madonna.*

**feature** noun [count]

an important part or aspect of something:

*The latest model has a lot of new safety features.*

**fire** verb

if a weapon fires, or if someone fires it, someone uses it to shoot something:

*The rebels fired their machine guns into the air.*

**ghost** noun [count]

the spirit of a dead person that someone believes that they can see or hear

**hand-held** adjective

small enough to hold in your hands:

a hand-held computer

**heavy** adjective

large, thick, or powerful:

*The men wore heavy coats and gloves.*

**maze** noun [count]

an arrangement of closely connected paths that are separated by tall bushes, walls, or trees, that is designed to be difficult to find your way through

**native** adjective

living in a particular country or area since birth:

*My wife's a native New Yorker, but I'm from Atlanta.*

**path** noun [count]

a way from one place to another that people can walk along:

*Amy walked up the path to the house.*

**present** noun [count]

something that you give to someone, for example on their birthday:

*a wedding/birthday/Christmas present*

**screen** noun [count]

the flat surface on a computer, television, or piece of electronic equipment where words and pictures are shown:

*Suddenly the screen went blank.*

**shape** noun [count or uncount]

the outer form of something:

*a flowerbed in the shape of a cross*

**spaceship** noun [count]

a vehicle that can travel in space

**unhealthy** adjective

not good for you

**video game** noun [count]

a game in which players use electronic controls to move images on a television or computer screen

**wish list** noun [count]

all the things that you would like to be given or would like to happen