

Lesson 42: Playing an Online Game

Hi! How are you today?

Today's lesson is about "***Playing an Online Game.***"

Have fun learning English!

Warm-up | Useful Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

Vocabulary

- **latest** - newest
- **surreal** - so strange (in a good way) that you cannot believe that it is real; irrational
- **zestful** - marked by lively enjoyment
- **virtual reality** - images created by a computer that appear to surround the person looking at them and seem almost real
- **be absorbed by something** - to be interested into something very much and be into it
- **moderate** - average in size, amount, degree, etc.

Expressions

- **boy-** used to express feelings of surprise, pleasure, pain, etc.
- **being a ham-** an expression used to say to someone who has overreacted.
- **in a nutshell-** means "in summary" or "to sum it all up"
- **couch potato-** refers to a person who is very lazy and does not do anything but sit on a couch, eat and play or watch TV
- **tap dance the way out of something** - refers to a person who managed to get out of something (especially a difficult situation) in a clever way.

Activity 1 | Dialogue

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Ken and John are talking about the recent online games.

Ken: Hey John! I have played this cool online game yesterday night. Oh **boy**, it was amazing!

John: Wow! What online game was that?

Ken: Well, it is the **latest** version of **Eagles and Hawks!**

John: Latest version?

Ken: Yes! Online games really amaze me! They have cooler features these days; they are also becoming more and more **surreal**.

John: Oh Really? Maybe you are just **being a ham** about them.

Ken: No I'm not! I have a lot to say about the new online games these days, but **in a nutshell**, they are now in 3D and have **zestful** sound effects! I can predict that online games nowadays are getting close to **virtual reality**.

John: I see. I see. My cousin **was absorbed by** video games; he got addicted to playing the games.

Ken: Really? Is he a **couch potato** now?

John: Oh no! He managed **to tap dance his way out of the addiction**.

Ken: Good for him then. Don't worry; I will be **moderate** in playing online games.

Check your understanding: Answer the following questions.

1. Why was Ken impressed by the latest online games?
2. Did John immediately believe what Ken said about online games?
3. Who became addicted to online games?
4. Why did Ken tell John not to worry?

Activity 2| Filling the blanks

Directions: Complete the dialogue by filling the blanks with the expressions listed below.

John: Ken! Quit being a _____ and help mom with the dishes!

Ken: But, I am still playing this very _____ online game!

John: You really are very lazy! You do not mind anything but your online games!

Ken: Oh come on! You are _____! I sometimes help with the household chores!

John: Well, _____, you just help with messing the house!

Ken: What are you so mad about? I only play this online game for one or two hours a day!

John: No, you do not! But you still managed to _____ your way out of it!

Ken: *(laughs)* You are too _____.

in a nutshell	zestful
being a ham	tap dance
couch potato	surreal

Activity 3 | Free Conversation

Directions: Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions

1. Do you like online games?
2. What do you think about the new features of the online games?
3. Do you think that online games are addictive?
4. Do you believe online games can sometimes affect students' academic performance? If yes, please explain why and how?
5. What do you think are the practical ways to stop being addicted to online games?