

KEY IN-CLASS STUDENT ACTIVITY 1.1: DIFFERENTIATE AMONG GAME TYPES

Lesson Objective 1.1:

Differentiate among game types. *Topics:* Console, Xbox®, MMORPG, mobile games, PC games.

Resources, software, and additional files needed for this lesson:

1. None

Guiding questions:

1. **List some various game types.** Console, Xbox, Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game (MMORPG), handheld console, mobile phone, arcade, PC.
2. **What makes them different from each other?** Answers may vary, but may include cost, mode of purchase, predominant game genres, ease of access, number of players supported, playing atmosphere, Internet dependence, upgradability, control types, and accessories.
3. **List the characteristics of each type.** Console games are played on a television, through a game console specifically designed to play games, with a controller device. In a handheld game console, the display and controls are all integrated into one mobile unit. Xbox games are console games that are played on the Xbox and Xbox 360® and can use the Xbox Live® subscription service. MMORPGs are games where many people can play with one another within a virtual world using avatars. Mobile phone games are simple to control (many using touch-based commands), have a short duration, and are purchased through an online marketplace. Arcade games are played on a large device with customized controls specific to the application. They are played in an establishment where players pay per use. PC games are played on a personal computer, usually using a keyboard and mouse. PC games sometimes require hardware upgrades to play at their full potential.

Student activity:

Directions to the student:

Read the following scenario. Respond to the situation presented. Verify your answers with the instructor. Request assistance from the instructor as needed.

Scenario:

Erin M. Hagens is starting a new job at a local game store. While she plays many games of many types, she knows she will be able to better serve customers if she has a clearer, more defined definition of various game types. To help clarify her ideas about game types, Erin has decided to use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the characteristics of two common game types.

Pick two game types, and compare and contrast them using the Venn diagram. Write the similarities in the area where the two circles intersect. Write the differences in the area where the two circles do not intersect.

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Answers will vary. Sample answer:

