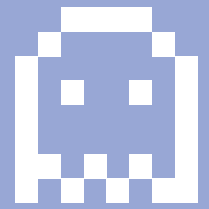


VIDEO GAMING

GLOSSARY



✦ The ‘Gaming 101’ and ‘Gaming Beyond the Basics’ guides have been created to equip parents and carers of young Autistic gamers with the knowledge and strategies to support their child or young person in developing and maintaining healthy and safe gaming habits.

Throughout these guides, you might encounter gaming-specific words that you haven’t heard of before or are not overly familiar with. This glossary has been designed to help explain key gaming terms, phrases and slang. We recommend that you either read the glossary before reading either of the guides or have it on hand as you read through them.



Term

Definition

AFK

This stands for away from keyboard.

AVATAR

An avatar is a character that a player controls in a game that often represents them.

BR

This stands for battle royale. A battle royale is a type of online game where the player must destroy all the other players, often in a slowly shrinking area, to be the last person alive. Some examples of battle royale games include Fortnite, PlayerUnknown’s Battlegrounds, Fall Guys: Ultimate Knockout and Apex Legends.

BUFF

This refers to a change which is made to an aspect of a game to improve it.

CHEATS

Cheats are methods that a player can use to give themselves an advantage in a game. These may be cheats that are part of the game or may come from somewhere external to the game. Cheats are often harmless in a single player context. However, they can be used unfairly in multi-player games to gain an advantage over other players.

CONSOLE

A gaming system that can typically connect to a television, such as a PlayStation, Xbox, or Nintendo Switch.



**Term****Definition****CRASH**

A crash is a sudden failure in a device or video game. Often the device's screen will be frozen, and the mouse, keyboard, or controller won't work. Sometimes a crashed device will fix itself, but other times you might need to restart it. If you haven't saved before a game crashes, you might lose any progress you had up until then.

DC

This stands for disconnected.

DLC

This stands for downloadable content which is usually a purchasable addition to a game that you already own. This would often include an expansion to an aspect of the game, such as an additional quest added for players to complete.

DOXXING

This is the publishing of identifiable information online about another person, often done with harmful intent.

FPS

This stands for first person shooter. Some examples of FPS games include Doom, Half-Life, Halo games, Battlefield games and Call of Duty.

FTW

This means for the win.

GAME SERVER

A server is a piece of equipment that provides the internet connection for many people to play together. There are many different types of servers located around the world and some servers may be limited to a certain number of people.

GG

This stands for good game.

GOAT

This stands for greatest of all time.

GRIEFING

Provoking other players online by purposefully doing things that prevent them from enjoying the game.

HP

This stands for health points. Lots of different games include a health feature, where the player needs to monitor their health points to keep their character alive. Health points go down when a character is attacked.

LAG

A delay in the time between a person inputting an action into a computer, and the reaction of the computer itself.

LAN

This stands for local area network. This refers to a group of computers and devices connected over one network in the same area. Gamers can use their LAN to play online with friends by using the same network. This is a good option to use if you want to avoid playing with other gamers you don't know personally.

LEVEL UP

An achievement that can be gained where you can progress your character to the next level. This might give the character better skills and equipment.



**Term****Definition****LOOT BOX**

A loot box is a randomised box of game items that you can purchase using real money.

MICRO-TRANSACTION

Micro-transactions are additional purchases that you can make in a game. There are many types of micro-transactions that can be made including the purchase of in-game currencies, character customisations, in-game items like weapons, or loot boxes. Micro-transactions can also affect your gameplay, making the video game more difficult if you don't buy them.

MMO

This stands for massively multiplayer online game. An MMO can be of any game genre and has a very large number of people playing together at once. Some examples of MMO games include EVE Online, World of Warcraft and Roblox.

MMORPG

This stands for massively multiplayer online role-playing game. An MMORPG is similar to a massively multiplayer online game except it is specific to the role-playing game genre. Some examples of MMORPG games include World of Warcraft, Runescape and The Elder Scrolls Online.

MOBA

This stands for multiplayer online battle arena. A MOBA is a strategic game where a team works together to compete against others in a battlefield arena. Some examples of a MOBA game include Smite, League of Legends and Dota 2.

MOD (MODIFICATION)

A modification is a change that you can make to the game you are playing. They are usually free and made by gamers to expand a game that they enjoy. Modifications can be made to any part of a game and can include things like adding different clothes to your character or changing the way a game looks or plays. Modifications are mostly harmless, but some may contain inappropriate content.

MOD (MODERATOR)

A moderator is often an experienced player of an online game who enforces the rules of the server. Part of their role may also see them ban players who engage in inappropriate behaviour during the game.

MP

This stands for mana points or magic points. In games where the characters use magic, these are the points that are spent to use magic.

MVP

This stands for most valuable player.

NERF

A change made to a part of a game that has made it worse or less powerful.

NPC

This stands for non-playable character. Non-playable characters are the characters you might come across in a game but they are not played by real people, they are instead created and controlled by the game.



Term

Definition

OPEN WORLD

Games that are described as open world include a virtual world that the player can explore freely. An open world game is not as structured or linear as other games.

OP

This stands for overpowered and is often used to describe a part of a game, such as a character (e.g., that character is so OP).

P2W

This stands for pay to win. A game that is pay to win will often include micro-transactions that affect a player's ability to play the game.

RPG

This stands for role playing game which is a type of gaming genre. Some examples of RPGs include The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt, Fallout games, Elder Scrolls games, Stardew Valley and Pokémon games.

TPS

This stands for third person shooter. Some examples of TPS games include Mass Effect games and Uncharted games.

TROLL

A person who makes statements online to purposefully get a hostile or angry response.

UP

This stands for underpowered and is often used to describe an element of a game, such as a character (e.g., that character is so UP).

VR

This stands for virtual reality. Virtual reality is a platform that can be used to play video games. It's designed to simulate experiences and surroundings so that they feel real. Virtual reality usually involves wearing a headset and using a controller.

XP

This stands for experience points which are often gained from completing certain tasks in a game and may be used to level up a character.



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