Gaming World Records



Many people, both children and adults, find gaming to be a fun way to wind down and catch up with friends. Whether it's getting competitive on a multiplayer sports game, going exploring with an adventure game, or getting creative with a world-builder game, there's plenty for everyone to enjoy. Some people love to shoot for the stars and put in the work to beat their own high scores and personal records, but did you know that there are real-life world records for gaming too? Here are some of the most impressive real-life high scores.

The largest games controller includes a 9 foot tall joystick!

Professor Mary Flanagan created this giant controller, which is almost 14 times the size of the original retro controller it was modelled after. It's so huge, itneeds at least two people to operate it, but it works and you can play lots of fun arcade games.

The world's largest video game collection includes 20,139 games!

Antonio Romero Montero of Richmond, USA, started collecting games when he was aged 12 and never stopped! In fact, he has so many games, it took him 8 days just to count them all. Within his collection, he even has the complete catalogue of two game consoles available in North America.

The longest gaming marathon of all time is 138 hours and 34 seconds!

Don't try this at home! In 2015, Carrie Swidecki beat the previous record by playing a dancing game non-stop from July 11th to July 17th, raising over $100,000 for charity.

The most button presses in 10 seconds is 78!

In 2011, Alex Cunningham made a video of himself pressing a single button on his controller 78 times in 10 seconds. I wouldn't want to face him on a fighting game!

The longest e-sports winning streak is 106 games!

Did you know that you can be a professional gamer? Vision Strikers, a Korean video gaming team who play competitively, managed to record zero losses between June 2020 and April 2021 within e-sports tournaments. That was made up of a very impressive 102 wins and 4 draws!

The youngest professional gamer signed a contract aged 7!

Back in 2005, Victor de Leon III signed his first professional gaming contract with Major League Gaming. He was only 7 years old and played under the screen name Lil Poison. He even had a movie made about him!

Questions



1. In the introduction, what are the reasons for children and adults to game?

2. How many games are in the world's largest video game collection?

3. What is meant by "the complete catalogue" in the world's largest collection section?

4. Why is it not recommended to try to break Carrie's record?

5. How much bigger than the original is the world's largest joystick?

6. Why wouldn't the author want to play against Alex Cunningham?

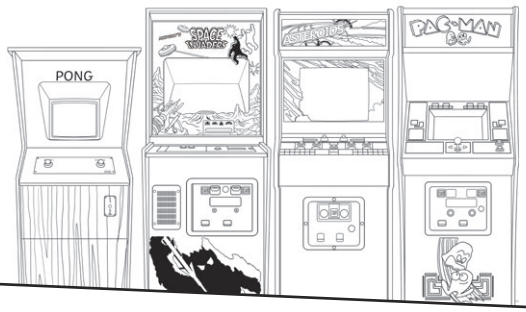
7. Vision Strikers had not lost a game for nearly a whole year. How do you think they will get on next year? Explain your answer.

8. Why do you think the 7 year old gamer is called Lil Poison?

9. Which record do you think is the most impressive? Why?

10. What gaming record would you like to break? Explain your reasons.

Answers



1. In the introduction, what are the reasons for children and adults to game?
   It is a fun way to wind down and catch up with friends.
2. How many games are in the world's largest video game collection?
   20,139
3. What is meant by "the complete catalogue" in the world's largest collection section?
   It means that he owns the whole set of consoles that were made.
4. Why is it not recommended to try to break Carrie's record?
   Various answers. Must refer to it being unhealthy to game for that long.
   e.g. It is not good for you to play a game for that long because she didn't have time to eat or sleep.
5. How much bigger than the original is the world's largest joystick?
   14 times bigger
6. Why wouldn't the author want to play against Alex Cunningham?
   If he can push the button that fast, he must be a very good player. He can press fire very quickly.
7. Vision Strikers had not lost a game for nearly a whole year. How do you think they will get on next year? Explain your answer.
   Personal answers which can include:
   Either - I think they will continue to win because their confidence has grown and people must be nervous to play them.
   Or - I think they will have more losses because surely their luck must run out at some point.
8. Why do you think the 7 year old gamer is called Lil Poison?
   He's called Lil Poison because Lil is short for little (he's only 7) and poison can be deadly, so it says that he's a good player.
9. Which record do you think is the most impressive? Why?
   Any appropriate answer
10. What gaming record would you like to break? Explain your reasons.
    Any appropriate answer

We hope you find the information on our website and resources useful. As far as possible, the contents of this resource are reflective of current professional research. However, please be aware that every child is different and information can quickly become out of date. The information given here is intended for general guidance purposes only and may not apply to your specific situation.