# Video Game Review

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

**Remember:** A **video game review** tells the title, gives a short summary **without spoiling the ending**, shares your **opinion** with **reasons**, and says who would enjoy it.

**Things to judge:** how you play · how hard it is · the characters · the music and pictures · playing with friends



## 1. Summary, opinion or recommend?

Which part of a video game review is each sentence?

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | You build a farm and take care of animals. | summary | opinion | recommend |
| 2 | The levels get harder in a fair way, which keeps it exciting. | summary | opinion | recommend |
| 3 | Players who like puzzles will enjoy this game. | summary | opinion | recommend |
| 4 | The music gets annoying after a while. | summary | opinion | recommend |
| 5 | You race karts around tracks on different planets. | summary | opinion | recommend |
| 6 | I recommend it for friends who like to play together. | summary | opinion | recommend |

## 2. Strong reasons

Circle the strongest reason.

**1. Which reason best explains why a game is fun?**

(a) It is fun.

(b) You can play with a friend and work together to beat each level.

(c) It is a game.

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## 3. Plan your review

Choose a video game, app or board game you play. Fill in the planner.

**Title**

**What is it about? (no spoilers!)**

**My opinion and two reasons**

**Something I would change**

**Who would enjoy it?**

**My rating (colour the stars)**

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## 4. Write your video game review

Use your planner. No spoilers!

Write a review of a video game you know well. Tell what it is about, what you think and why, and who would enjoy it.

**Check:** ☐ Title ☐ Short summary, no spoilers ☐ Opinion with two reasons ☐ Who would enjoy it ☐ Star rating

# Answer Key

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## 3. Plan your review

*Sample notes. Answers will vary.*

**Title**
Any video game the student knows

**What is it about? (no spoilers!)**
The main character or goal, in two sentences.

**My opinion and two reasons**
I like it because ... and because ...

**Something I would change**
One thing that could be better.

**Who would enjoy it?**
Which kids or families would like it.

**My rating (colour the stars)**
★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

# Model Answer

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## 4. Write your video game review

*A model answer to share with students. Their writing will be different.*

Garden Quest is a game where you grow a magical garden and protect it from sneaky snails. I enjoy this game for two reasons. First, the levels get harder in a fair way, so I always want to try one more. Second, my brother and I can play together and share our coins. One thing I would change is that the music repeats too often. I give Garden Quest four out of five stars. Players who like building and puzzles will enjoy it.