

Can playing video games get you a better job?

玩电竞能帮你找到更好的工作吗？

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Vocabulary: gaming skills 词汇: 游戏技能

Do you enjoy playing computer games? They can be **thrilling**, especially when you're competing against others. They involve lots of skill, and offer a chance to **switch off** from the pressures of real life. But imagine if your gaming **talents** could actually be put to use in the real world? Well, now businesses are waking up to the skills gamers can bring to the workplace.

As an example, the BBC spoke to trainee surgeon Saied Froghi. He played video games like Age of Empires and Halo in his spare time when he was at medical school. But this relaxing pastime wasn't **distracting** him from his studies - he thinks his time in front of a screen actually helped his surgery skills. He claims it helped him with his **concentration**, and he compares some of the skills used in keyhole surgery with using a games **console**. He says "Your hands know where the buttons are and how to rotate the instrument."

Certainly, operating **gaming controls** help to develop good **hand-eye coordination**, but there are other abilities you can learn which can be applied to real-life work situations. Start-up company Game Academy told the BBC's David Molloy that some games involve **strategy** and **resource management**, which are good skills for management. It analyses **gamers'** habits from their online gaming **profile** and offers courses in valuable skills that reflect their **aptitudes**. These are skills that can be developed, and if carefully reworded, can be added to CVs.

Employers might still need convincing that gamers are not just teenagers wasting their time in their bedrooms without thinking about their career **prospects**. But business consultant Mia Bennett told the BBC that gaming can help skills like "**decision-making**, the ability to **anticipate** and **scenario planning**... It also helps with **meta-skills** - learning how to learn, experimentation, and creative thinking."

You might think that the idea of gaming developing **transferable skills** is like the games themselves - pure **fantasy** - and a gamer doesn't want to associate the fun and escapism it provides with work. It certainly doesn't guarantee you a good job, and you need to be an **accomplished** gamer for your skills to shine. But if so much time is being spent **gripped** by the challenge of Portal or the strategy of Civilization, why not put those talents to good use?

## 词汇表

<b>thrilling</b>	惊险刺激的
<b>switch off</b>	不再操心，不再理睬
<b>talent</b>	天分，天赋
<b>distract</b>	干扰，使分心
<b>concentration</b>	注意力
<b>console</b>	游戏机
<b>gaming controls</b>	游戏机手柄
<b>hand-eye coordination</b>	手眼协调能力
<b>strategy</b>	战略，策划
<b>gamer</b>	玩家
<b>resource management</b>	资源管理
<b>profile</b>	(玩家)简介
<b>aptitude</b>	天资，才能
<b>prospect</b>	前景
<b>decision-making</b>	决策
<b>anticipate</b>	预计、预料
<b>scenario planning</b>	情景规划
<b>meta-skill</b>	“超技能”，指帮助自主培养并运用其它具体技能的进阶能力
<b>transferable skill</b>	可转换的技能
<b>fantasy</b>	幻想
<b>accomplished</b>	技艺高超的
<b>gripped</b>	入迷的，无法自拔的

## 测验与练习

### 1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. According to trainee surgeon Saied Froghi, what are some of the similarities between using a games console and performing keyhole surgery?
2. What are some of the gaming skills mentioned in the article, that might be good for working in management?
3. True or false? *Gamers are just teenagers wasting their time in their bedrooms.*
4. Why might a gamer describe the idea of gaming being something that offers transferable skills as 'pure fantasy'?
5. Which word in the text means 'something pleasant or exciting that helps you to forget about real life'?

### 2. 请在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. After a busy day at work, I like to go to the cinema and watch a film – it's a great way to \_\_\_\_\_.

distracting	switch off	fantasy	concentration
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2. Her \_\_\_\_\_ was to work her way up the career ladder and become a manager- and it seems to have worked!

talents	prospects	strategy	fantasy
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3. After working for years at a primary school, he's got the \_\_\_\_\_ to be a successful team leader in our company.

transferable skills	transferred skills	transferable skill	transferring skills
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4. My sister obviously has a \_\_\_\_\_ for playing the piano – she won first prize in the school music competition.

aptitudes	meta-skill	talent	profile
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5. We need to involve the accountant in the \_\_\_\_\_ process. She is the only who can tell us if we can afford the contract.

decision-made	decision-making	decide-making	decision-maker
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## 答案

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**Saied Frohi says “your hands know where the buttons are and how to rotate the instrument” which is like using a games console.**

2. What are some of the gaming skills mentioned in the article, that might be good for working in management?

**Some games involve strategy and resource management which are good skills for management.**

3. True or false? *Gamers are just teenagers wasting their time in their bedrooms.*

**False. Employers might still need convincing that gamers are not just teenagers, wasting their time in their bedrooms without thinking about their career prospects.**

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**When something is ‘pure fantasy’ it means it is not real or unbelievable.**

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**Escapism. “A gamer doesn’t want to associate the fun and escapism it provides with work.”**

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