

**1970**

The first video games **1** in the 50s and 60s, but the first really successful game was Pong, which **2** in 1972. People said that they had never **3** anything like it before. It was one of the first home video games that you played **4** another person for points.

**1980**

When people remember playing video games in the late 70s and early 80s, they often think of **5**. That's because everyone was **6** about it at the time. People of all ages said they loved it!

**1990**

Much smaller video game devices became **7** in the 90s. For example, you could take the Game Boy with you **8**. It had lots of different games, including Tetris, which was the most popular. Many **9** said they played Tetris for hours and weren't able to stop!

**2000**

At the **10** of the 21st century, Nintendo said they were working on a new type of gaming device and that they would **11** games for the whole family to play. The device was called a Wii, and—unlike other video games—the games were active and **12** exercise. The Wii became popular with a new group of people—people over fifty.

**2** Work in pairs. Read the timeline of video gaming. Answer the questions.

- 1 Which video games does the timeline mention?
- 2 What do you know about these games?
- 3 Does anyone still play these games today?

3 Read the timeline again. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 Pong was a competitive game.	T	F
2 Space Invaders became popular in the 1990s.	T	F
3 A Game Boy was easy to carry around.	T	F
4 The Wii attracted new players to video games.	T	F