



Think of a word which best fits each gap and complete the text. Use **only one word in each gap**.

## E-sports on the rise

A lot of fuss has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ made about e-sports in recent years. In \_\_\_\_\_ (2) time at all, competitive events have appeared in many countries. As many e-sports involve role-playing games where teams or individuals try (3) \_\_\_\_\_ defeat their opponents



they may not look at (4) \_\_\_\_\_ sight to be 'real' sports, but in many ways they require the same skills as traditional sports. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ fact, top video gamers have been found to have reactions that are just as fast (6) \_\_\_\_\_ those of professional footballers. This is due to intensive training schedules – like many top athletes, video gamers work on their technique to improve (7) \_\_\_\_\_ performance. So (8) \_\_\_\_\_ is the appeal for spectators? Experienced video gamer Rob Ellis says, 'Far from losing interest and getting bored watching someone else play your favourite games, being at a live event only adds (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the excitement and leaves you wanting more'. With the prize money for the winners of some tournaments being in the millions of dollars, e-sports are likely to become even (6) \_\_\_\_\_ popular.