Reading: The History of Video Games

Today, millions of children play video games, but the first games started many years ago. They changed a lot!

The First Games

In the 1970s, video games appeared in big machines. One famous game was *Pong*. It looked like a tennis match. People played it in shopping centers. Later, a company created the first home consoles. Children stayed at home and enjoyed games on their TV.

The Legend of Mario

In 1981, a Japanese designer invented a character called Mario. At first, Mario jumped over barrels to save a princess. People loved the character! The creator worked very hard and designed many levels. Soon, Mario became a superstar (but he started as a simple 2D pixel).

Online Games and Minecraft

In the past, children played alone. Then, the internet changed everything. Players connected with friends from different countries. A man developed a game called *Minecraft*. In this game, players constructed houses and explored huge worlds with blocks. It transformed the way we play today!

Reading Comprehension Tasks

1. Answer with a short, single answer (1-3 words) based on the text.

1. When did the first video games appear?
2. What sport did the game *Pong* look like?
3. Where did people play games before they had consoles at home?
4. Who was the famous character invented in 1981?
5. What did Mario jump over to save the princess?
6. How many dimensions (pixels) did Mario have at the start?
7. What technology changed the way children played?
8. What is the name of the game where players use blocks?
9. What two things did players do in Minecraft?
10. Who did players connect with using the internet?

2.Word Search: Past Simple Verbs

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L O O K E D J K L N
C R E A T E D O P E
S T A Y E D Q R S C
E N J O Y E D T U R
L O V E D V W X Y A
W O R K E D Z A B F
C H A N G E D C D T
E X P L O R E D E G

3.Complete the sentences using the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Yesterday, I _____ (finish) my homework early.
2. I _____ (start) my computer and _____ (play) Minecraft.
3. My friend Alex _____ (connect) to the game too.
4. We _____ (explore) a dark cave together.
5. In the cave, we _____ (discover) a chest with gold.
6. Alex _____ (construct) a big castle for our team.
7. We _____ (work) together for two hours!
8. My mum _____ (call) us for dinner.
9. I _____ (save) the game and _____ (stop) the computer.
10. We _____ (enjoy) the afternoon very much.

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