

SCIENCE NEWS

AudioScript

B

Listen to the anchor's report. Check True or False.

1.

Anchor: Since they first became popular, video games have been blamed for many problems in children, including violent behavior, decreased concentration at school, and lack of exercise. But according to some educational experts, mothers and fathers can relax. Researchers suggested that video games can be powerful teaching tools. One scientist reported that video games help students with problem solving and following instructions. They can even help children develop math and reading skills. Of course, parents should still be careful about what kinds of video games they let their children play.

2.

Anchor: The Organization for Disease Prevention has a campaign to vaccinate every child in the developing world against common childhood diseases. But the campaign has been held up by problems keeping the vaccine fresh. Many children in developing countries live in remote areas, far away from big cities, where there is no electricity. So the organization is experimenting with solar-driven refrigerators, which run on electricity generated from sunlight.

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Listen again. Answer the questions.

Answers

A

Answers will vary.

B

1.

1. True 2. True 3. False

2.

1. False 2. True 3. False

C

1. People blame video games for violent behavior, decreased concentration, and lack of exercise.

2. The refrigerators use solar power/electricity generated from sunlight.

D

Answers will vary.

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A PAIR WORK The anchor is reading a report on the effect of video games on children. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of video games?



B Listen to the anchor's report. Check (✓) True or False.

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| 1. | True | False |
| 1. Video games have often been criticized. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Some researchers suggested that video games can be used as a teaching tool. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The researchers suggested that video games do not help children develop reading skills. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | True | False |
| 1. Every child has been vaccinated against common childhood diseases. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Refrigerators are used to keep vaccines fresh. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The organization is testing the new refrigerators to use them in big cities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C Listen again. Answer the questions.

1. What three problems do people blame on video games?

2. What kind of power do the new refrigerators use?

D GROUP WORK Discuss three recent scientific discoveries or inventions. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each?