

## Topic: Online Gaming

When I am done this lesson, I will know:

- How online games can help me learn or improve skills
- Some places to find free, fun, online games



### Pre and Post Self-Assessment

	Pre	Pre	Post	Post
	Yes, I know this	No, I want to learn this	Yes, I know this	I still need more practice to learn this
I know how online games can help me learn or improve my skills				
I know where I can find free online games				

Playing online games can be a great way to have fun and learn at the same time. Games are not just for kids. Adults can play too!

## Examples of Online Game Types

Game	Definition
Sudoku	A puzzle printed on a square grid of nine large squares each subdivided into nine smaller squares. The goal is to fill in each of the 81 squares so that each column, row, and large square contains every number from 1 to 9.
Crossword Puzzle	A puzzle in which words corresponding to numbered clues or definitions are supplied and fitted into correspondingly numbered sets of squares, one letter per square, the words being arranged horizontally or vertically so that most letters form part of two words.
Solitaire	A card game you play alone. There are several different versions of solitaire such as free cell, spider and pyramid.
Word Search	A puzzle with letters arranged in a grid. It contains several hidden words that you have to find that could be written in any direction.
Memory or Matching	Matching games are games that require players to match similar elements. As the name implies, participants need to find a match for a word, picture, or card.

Source of definitions: adapted from [Dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com) (last accessed May 1, 2019)

## How Online Games Can Help You Improve Your Skills

- Online games often require you to react quickly. They also often require you to follow steps in a certain order. This can help you improve strategic thinking and logic skills.
- Online games can help you improve your hand-eye coordination. Games that use a mouse and/or a keyboard can also help you improve these skills.
- Games often involve elements of memorization which can help you improve your memory skills.
- Games that involve reading and math will help you improve those skills as well.



## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Describe two ways playing online games can help you improve your skills.

- 1.
- 2.



## TRY THIS/PRACTICE

Here are some sites where you can try out different free online games:

<https://www.neongames.com/>

<https://www.hiddenobjectgames.com/>

<https://www.mahjong.com/>

<https://www.actiongame.com/>

<https://www.timemanagementgame.com/>

<https://www.mindgames.com/>

<https://www.solitaireonline.com/>

<https://www.classicgame.com/>

If you have an account on Facebook, you can also play free online games there.



## Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework Connection

Competency	Task Group(s)
Find and Use Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Continuous Text (L2 - mostly definition of games)</li> <li>• Interpret Documents</li> </ul>
Communicate Ideas and Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete and Create Documents (L2 - subheadings and subparts, evaluate and integrate, compare different documents)</li> </ul>