

# GAME ON!

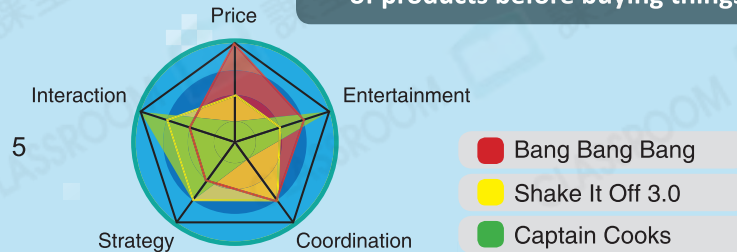
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## Let's Think!

1. Do you enjoy playing video games?
2. Do you read reviews that give evaluations of products before buying things?

## WEEKLY NEW RELEASE TOP CHART

Having a gaming itch? Here are our editor's picks for three newly released games which can flex your muscles, boost your brainpower, and get you to connect with your mighty alliances.



**Bang Bang Bang** ▶ Are you an adept drummer? In this classic game, players can showcase their drumming skills while competing with players worldwide. They can download their favourite songs from the in-game song library and even create a customised playlist! This feature makes the game more than just a rhythm game for relaxation, but sort of a music platform comprising all the latest hit songs in various genres that players will not miss any music à la mode. The game interface is simple. Players simply have to beat the electronic drum when the coloured circles fall on a fixed point on the screen, and, at times, bang on the drum non-stop to score combos. Uncomplicated as it may appear, this game requires focused eyes and attentive ears more than you would expect!



**Shake It Off 3.0** ▶ The release of *Shake It Off 3.0* might disappoint many of its fans as its movement tracking is no different from the previous versions, being still limited to arm movements only. The tracking baffled me with its inaccuracy when I was ranked 'extraordinary' in the game, as I was actually only sitting on my office chair, swinging my arms casually without even moving my lower body. The cues on the screen were just too fast for me to imitate Michael Jackson's moonwalk. Therefore, instead of feeling flattered, I was totally turned off by the remark 'extraordinary'. A piece of news to all players: Version 3.0, at last, supports smartphones being used as controllers, though the gaming experience won't be as smooth as using the official ones. Though tracking remains an issue, the two new modes available make *Shake It Off 3.0* a good choice for family gatherings and parties of all sorts.



**Captain Cooks** ▶ In *Captain Cooks*, you will easily get grumpier than the grumpy chef Gordon Ramsay as a result of ridiculously chaotic kitchens. Players, in a race against time, need to cooperate with three co-chefs to prepare as many dishes among fiery obstacles as possible within minutes. I did have some friction with my colleagues while we were scrambling to deal with burning pots, overdue orders and impatient customers all at once. In the end, the trial, I'm glad, at last became a lovefest. It was chaotic, but isn't it 'bromantic' to hurl overcooked steaks at one another in a kitchen? As the proverb goes, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. So, accept this ultimate challenge of patience and friendship if you dare.

~450 words

## Looking into Grammar

'Therefore', 'as a result', and 'consequently' are used to indicate the result of an action, state or event. To indicate the reason for an action, 'as a result of' and 'as a consequence of' are used.

- ✓ The game is very popular **as a result of** (✗ as a result) its high-resolution graphics.
- ✗ The game has high-resolution graphics, therefore, (✓ **Therefore**,) it is very popular.

🔍 Circle an example each of 'Therefore,' and 'as a result of' in paragraphs 3 and 4.

## Part A Multiple Choice Questions

Answer the following questions based on the information provided in the product review. Choose the best answer by blackening the appropriate circle.

1. *Bang Bang Bang* provides players with music that is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. relaxing and rhythmic
- B. distracting and deafening
- C. chic and up-to-date
- D. mainstream and popular

2. Players can benefit from *Bang Bang Bang* by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. learning how to compose rhythmic songs
- B. having their anxiety eliminated via drumming non-stop
- C. owning a list of favourite songs
- D. having their attentiveness strengthened

3. Which of the following is NOT true about *Shake It Off 3.0*?

- A. It may not be as terrific as its fans expected it to be.
- B. Players must ‘moonwalk’ to achieve the extraordinary rank.
- C. Smartphones are possible alternatives to the official controllers.
- D. It is recommended as a game for family gatherings.



1 What does the adjective ‘à la mode’ mean?

4. In line 19, the word ‘ranked’ means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. (n.) a position in an organisation
- B. (adj.) complete or extreme
- C. (adj.) smelling very unpleasant
- D. (v.) rated

5. *Captain Cooks* \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. is inspired by Gordon Ramsay
- B. requires players to be patient
- C. causes players to argue or even fight
- D. is a racing game

6. The level of interaction required in *Captain Cooks* is \_\_\_\_\_ that required in other games.

- A. far lower than
- B. much higher than
- C. slightly lower than
- D. no different from



7. The editor is least happy with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. *Shake It Off 3.0*’s tracking problem
- B. the simple design of the interface in *Bang Bang Bang*
- C. the grumpy customers in *Captain Cooks*
- D. all of the above

7 With which game does the editor show discontent, and in what aspect?

### More to Take Away

Some parents forbid their children to play games, which they believe will distract them from studies. Yet, gaming in moderation may turn them into more attentive, collaborative problem-solvers.

### Self-evaluation Checklist

Please scan the QR code on P.6 to access the checklist for evaluating your own reading progress.

## Part B Pre-HKDSE Questions

Answer the following questions based on the information provided in the product review. For question 1, answer in a complete sentence.

1. Why does the editor say ‘what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger’ in line 34?

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1 What are the challenges? What will happen if players get through them?



2. Determine whether each of the following statements is a fact (F) or an opinion (O). Write the correct symbols ‘F’ or ‘O’ in the spaces provided.

2 Distinguish between fact adjectives and opinion adjectives.

Statement	F/O
(i) <i>Bang Bang Bang</i> has an in-game song library which contains songs in a wide range of genres.	
(ii) The tracking issue in <i>Shake It Off 3.0</i> remains to be fixed.	
(iii) <i>Captain Cooks</i> is the most challenging game among all the editor’s picks.	



3. Look for words in the product review to match the definitions below.

(i) _____ (para. 2) ( <i>adj.</i> )	made according to the user’s needs
(ii) _____ (para. 3) ( <i>v.</i> )	caused someone to be completely unable to understand or explain something
(iii) _____ (para. 3) ( <i>adj.</i> )	very pleased and proud because someone has said good things about you
(iv) _____ (para. 4) ( <i>adj.</i> )	typical of a very close friendship between two men, like brotherhood

4. In each line, there MAY be a wrong word. If there is one, underline it and write a word that expresses the correct idea in the right-hand column. If not, put a tick (✓).

(i) <i>Bang Bang Bang</i> and <i>Shake It Off 3.0</i> require players to be _____	✓
(ii) highly energetic as they need to be responsive to rhythms.	_____
(iii) <i>Shake It Off 3.0</i> still lets its customers go due to the _____	_____
(iv) network problem. <i>Captain Cooks</i> requires players to _____	_____
(v) communicate and cooperate as a family, and is the most _____	_____
(vi) entertaining and affordable game among the three.	_____

## Part C Vocabulary Bank

Label the photos in the mind map below with words and phrases about the benefits of video-gaming from the word box.

hand-eye coordination  
sharing cooperating

fine motor skills  
problem solving

turn-taking  
critical thinking

drawing conclusions from carefully examined opinions and established facts

finding ways to settle an issue



1.



2.

making some feelings, qualities, or experience communal

Mental

moving wrists, hands, fingers, feet and toes with accuracy

Benefits of video-gaming



3.

Social

Physical



4.

working with others as a team

taking control alternately

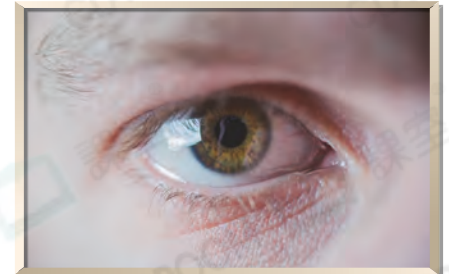
controlling eye and hand movement simultaneously



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### Let's Discuss!

1. In your opinion, which feature of video games would people find the most appealing?
2. If you were to design a video game, what kind of game would it be? How would it benefit its players?