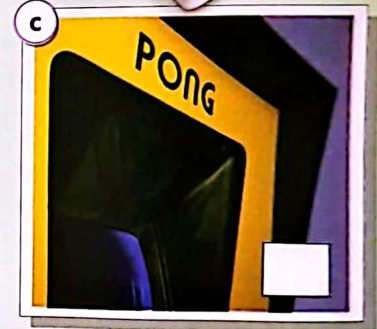


## The history of computer games

1 The first computer games were American. In 1972, Allan Alcorn **created** the game Pong. It was a table tennis game. The **screen** showed two **white rectangles** on the sides. They went up and down. The ball was a small white **square**. It went left and right. It was a very **basic** game!

2 In 1989, Japanese **inventors** created a small **hand-sized** computer on which games could be played. It was called the Game Boy. The first Game Boy was sold in shops in 1989. There were lots of good games for it, but they were all black and white. One of the games had a **character** called Mario. He became very **popular**.

3 In 2006, a new **type** of computer game **appeared**. It was called Wii. The new Wii games were **different** **because** you needed to move many parts of your body. There were games for sports and dancing, too. Many people like these games because they are good **exercise**!



### 27 Answer the questions.

- 1 Were the first computer games Japanese?
- 2 Who invented the Pong computer game?
- 3 Were the first Game Boy games in colour?
- 4 Why were the first Wii games different?

### 28 Read and discuss.

Hello! I'm Anna. I hate computer games. I think they are very boring. I prefer playing outside with my friends. I like riding my bike every day after school.



Hi! I'm Alex and I love my PlayStation. I play every day and I have a lot of different games. Some of them are very interesting.



What do you think about playing computer games?

I agree with Anna / Alex. I think that ...

### MINI-PROJECT

Ask a family member about his or her favourite childhood games.