

“CHILDREN’S BEHAVIOUR CAN BE NEGATIVELY INFLUENCED BY COMPUTER GAMES”

ADDICTION COULD BE DETRIMENTAL

Parents should exercise restraint in letting their children play computer games too often because, otherwise, their minds could get addicted to it like alcohol or smoking.

Even when visitors come home and wish to meet the children, some parents proudly say that they are busy playing online computer games. When children get absorbed in it they tend to pay less attention to their parents, disobey them, and even show disrespect to them. For example, in school, one of my friends is a computer games addict. Whenever I approach him, he shows little or no interest in entertaining my friendly gestures. This is an example of the negative influence of computer games. Koshy Elias, IX, Don Bosco Egmore, Chennai



COMPUTER GAMES RESTRICT OTHER ACTIVITIES

Since the world has become techno-oriented, electronics form the basis of life. It was very difficult for Charles Babbage to invent it but has become very easy for us to operate it. A typical child remains engrossed in games for hours. This reduces the effective participation in field activities leading to certain diseases like obesity. It also has serious consequences like isolation and aggression. The inborn talent in outdoor games remains hidden forever. We know that outdoor games develop necessary qualities like-brotherhood, leadership,

co-operative nature etc. Because of low participation in outdoor games, children do not reap benefits through socialization. The overall development of children is retarded.

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VIOLENT GAMES DETRIMENTAL TO YOUNG MINDS

There is no doubt that computer games help in development of the mind. But it is also true that computer games play a major role in making youngsters violent. Violent games are more popular than those that provide good exercise for our mind. Most games are based on war, crime, murder and sex! Youngsters are easily attracted towards these games.

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TURNING NEGATIVES INTO POSITIVES

I am absolutely not in favor of blaming computer games. I have heard my sports teacher mentioning umpteen numbers of times that most published surveys often talk about negative impacts or side effects. In my opinion, there are many positive impacts of computer games, including role-plays, simulation, knowledge, motor skills, hand and eye coordination etc. Otherwise like cigarettes, computer game CD’s would have also come with a warning: “Playing computer game is injurious to children’s behavior”!

For behavior to become good or bad what are the positive and negative influences? I would say

positive ones are parent’s grooming, teachers’ guidance, observing the way quality friends behave, watching quality TV programs, playing quality computer games, reading quality books and observing people during social gatherings etc. Now, what are the negative influences? I must say all the positive ones are capable of becoming negative either due to lack or excess of it.

I strongly feel that if a child is easily influenced by a video game to a harmful extent, then there was something wrong in the first place. What about movies, news papers, TV etc? You can’t force a child to watch Ben10 and Barbie for the rest of their lives, they are going to eventually watch something more violent or be exposed to the cruelty of the world. It’s the same with video games. Parents and children should not be misled by some skewed reports. Instead they can use simple techniques like my parents did with me – not installing a computer in the child’s bed room, setting limits, supervising Internet use, playing with kids and discussing games to avoid negative influences.

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PLAYING GAMES – A DILEMMA!

Computer games are looked down upon by parents as time-wasters. Some experts



say that these games corrupt the brain, especially games that are violent. On the other hand, these video games have many benefits – one of them is making kids smart. Computer games can teach high-level thinking skills as playing them changes the physical structure of the brain. They can increase concentration and surges of rewarding neurotransmitter like dopamine can strengthen neural circuits of brain.

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PARENTAL SUPERVISION IMPORTANT

Computer games influence the minds of children, but it depends on the game, for example violent games may stunt their brain that may cause violent behavior. On the other hand, some educational video games can stimulate learning and may develop skills such as strategic thinking and creativity. So it is necessary that parents supervise the gaming habits of their children.

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ENCOURAGES VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR

A large number of children have become very violent due to negative thoughts they get from these violent games. Not only games, children are also affected by what they watch on television. Children should not be allowed to watch and play these kinds of shows and games.

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AFFECTS TENDER MINDS

Children's mind is like an air bubble that shapes itself from outside influences and a little provocation can damage its shape. Nowadays, the graphics technology has become so developed that it almost erases the wall between the real and virtual world. The cruelty shown in hardcore war games like a brutal stroke of sword to kill and blood shedding after a kill affects a child's mind very badly and can change his/her behaviour drastically. It also makes him/her live in a virtual world that is totally different from the real.

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HARMS PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL LIFE

Gone are the days when children used to gather in playgrounds to play games. Nowadays, most of them are found alone, sitting in their homes, immersed in the world of computer games. These computer games often affect the behavior of children. For example, those who play games that involve fighting often tend to behave more violently. In general, computer games decrease children's interaction with people around them, and often make them moody and short-tempered. Often, they hamper concentration as these video games can be highly addictive like a drug, and the child's mind is always thinking about how to play these games and win them in better ways. Cooperation, interaction, and the art of conversation that are essential for survival in a society are compromised in this process. Too much playing can also hamper the eyesight or make a child

both mentally and physically sick. Such children often tend to lose interest in other activities. Sometimes they may even lie to their elders or go to any extent to ensure that they are not parted from their games, which often seems to them as the most important thing in the world. So, parents must be careful and must take care and ensure that they steer their child clear of addictive computer gaming.

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NEGATIVELY INFLUENCED

Games train the mind logically as well as scientifically. But they various side effects too. Children get habituated and remaining engrossed resulting in retarded growth. It becomes difficult for them to mingle with others as they lose interest in outdoor games, which form an integral part of education. Computer games make the children so lazy that they fail to take part in extra-curricular activities and so are not able to identify their hidden talents.

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LIMIT THE TIME

Playing computer games may be a reason for social isolation as children often play alone. They become inattentive in their studies. Computer games focus their attention on violent acts through verbal abuse or fighting. They start to live in a fantasy world. Parents must set a limited time for their child for playing computer games because without proper control this will influence children.

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NEGATIVE IMPACT TOO OBVIOUS

Computer games serve as a feast for anger, violence and many other negative emotions in the player. Children playing computer games get affected and influenced by these negative emotions both in their conscious and sub-conscious mind. This is seen in the form of physical inactivity and aggressive nature, among others.

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COMPUTER GAMES ENHANCE STRATEGIC THINKING

Now a days, computer games have become a part and parcel in the daily life of almost all children. The perception that computer games can induce negativity in the behavioral pattern of children is not completely satisfactory. There are many computer games, which if played with presence of mind, can enhance our strategy making and impromptu decision making abilities. But, we should always remember that getting addicted to playing computer games for long hours is always harmful and can result in behavioral irregularities.

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ABERRANT BEHAVIOUR

Most computer games are confined to violence, such as IGI, Max Payne, Vice-City, Need For Speed etc. Children are very sensitive and may easily imbibe the negative notions portrayed there. For instance, Max Payne is designed as a revenge story. Therefore, children may become aberrant while playing such computer games.

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BECOME INATTENTIVE

Though it may not be the most influential factor in a child's behavior, computer games can negatively influence their behavior. At younger ages, children are more receptive to what they see and hear. Repetition is used to instill values and ideas into their heads. If a computer game is very violent and children are constantly exposed to it, they may absorb the messages portrayed. Children can become inattentive in the classroom, develop physically violent tendencies and begin to live in fantasy worlds.

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HAMPER CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF INTELLIGENCE

Many computer games depict violence, and if children are exposed to violence at a tender age, their mental development is hampered and they grow up imbibing violence. In the long run, their overall growth is affected and they are not able to use their intelligence and creativity for constructive purposes. Being hooked on to computer games for long hours not only affects their studies but also causes damage to the eyes. So, it will not be wrong to say that children's behaviour is negatively influenced by computer games

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ADDICTIVE GAMES

Computer gaming is severely affecting the behaviour of children. Like drugs and alcohol, computer games are quite addictive for children and teenagers. They destroy the growing nerve cells and damage the retina too. Computer



games divert the minds of children from the cultural and natural environment. Children become rude and rough. They get irritated by every bit of restriction. This rude behaviour accounts for failure and resultant frustration in life.

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NOT IN CHILDREN'S INTEREST

Children are irresistibly attracted to computer games because of the novelty and thrill they provide – generally kids find it difficult to extract themselves from their magnetic appeal. Unfortunately because of over-indulgence in computer games, outdoor sports, which is so very necessary for their physical growth, is neglected. Constant staring at the video terminal results in eye-related problems. They tend to frown on parental intervention. To make matters worse, they get alienated from their immediate surroundings and live in their own make-believe world.

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HAVE MIXED EFFECTS

Today's generation is completely engaged with technology. Rather than playing outdoor games, children prefer to play computer games. But it is not true that they have altogether a negative influence.



Sometimes playing computer games helps us improve a few skills and even

our concentration levels. But the sad part being children get addicted to them. Forget everything in the world and just concentrate on getting on to the next level. Violent games may have a bad effect.

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INFLUENCE TENDER MINDS NEGATIVELY

Young students and children who have played games on the Internet and who have observed their favourite character jump, fight and do action on screen, often



tend to be influenced by them and therefore are inspired to act like them. Children have tender brains, they act without thinking enough. Therefore, they need proper guidance from parents and elders.

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LIMIT TIMINGS

These days, as the level of technology has increased children get more attracted towards computers, TVs, mobile phones, Internet etc.

In order to take up their choice they talk rudely to their parent, teachers, friends etc., which leaves



a very bad impression on them. So to avoid this, children should be allotted particular timings to play, study, etc. By doing this, we can stop many children from getting addicted to modern technology.

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IT'S ALL IN THE MIND

It depends on which side of the coin you see. It is positive as games like chess improve mental ability. Vishwanath Anand has accepted to have become better by playing "Cyber Chess". Racing games develop accuracy and controlling skills. Games like football and cricket are a source of fun. Imperial games make you develop self-

confidence. However, some games have 'Breaking the laws' as their motto. These pollute young minds. Children being addicted to it; lack of physical activity and turn lazy, violent games make young children aggressive. So, you decide your game.

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HARMFUL GAMES

Children's behavior is directly influenced by computer games because most children spend most of their time playing games not suitable for their age. This affects their young mind, and makes their behavior violent and undisciplined. Some people spend too much time playing these games, which can impact their studies.

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WITH LIMITS

For relaxation after an exhaustive day, we adults listen to music or watch movies. Same way even kids want something to have fun with. Thus playing a video game or any such activity hardly affects a child's mind in a negative direction.

Though I would not say that there is absolutely no harm in it even if the child does this for the entire day.

Parents has to keep watch on kid and make



him aware of the negative effects of playing for long. We know that outdoors for sports is not possible every time. Computer game serve almost same purpose of entertainment but with limits!

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DESTROYING FUTURE

Children are getting attracted and troubling their parents to buy computer games. By this a topper is changing to a dull student. Instead of knowing the subject, they remember the different types of games and how do they work. We should realize that today's children are tomorrow's successors.

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TOWARDS INSTABILITY

Children's behaviour does get affected drastically by playing video games. Computer games drive a child's mind into unrealistic make believe world that

takes a kid far away from practicality. Once a child is attracted to this, then certainly, all he would want is to stick to it every time and thus addiction is not far away. It is observed that this fantasy world makes children aggressive and offensive at times. At the age where a kid should learn etiquette and acquire knowledge, he instead starts concentrating his mind in computer games.

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