

End Game

Jakes talks about playing video games.

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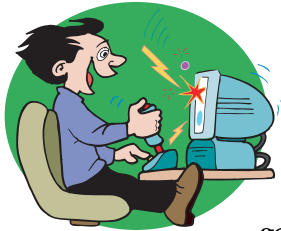
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to a game, and then you finished it and you were disappointed because you liked the game so much?

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Lindsay: OK, that happens to me but that's when I am reading a book, or yeah, usually when I'm reading a book or finish a long project but I can't imagine that happening with a video game.

Jake: It's exactly the same as with a book or with a TV series or something else that you really enjoy. When it's finished...

Lindsay: It's bitter sweet, right?

Jake: Yes, exactly.

A) Main Points: Answer the following questions about the interview.

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| 1) What do they talk about first? | 3) What does Jake prefer to play? |
| a) Buying a game | a) Against a friend |
| b) Beating a game | b) Against the machine |
| c) Breaking a game | c) The same game over and over |
| 2) What confuses Jake? | 4) What do they say is bitter sweet? |
| a) Older games | a) The end of a game or book |
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| c) Lindsay's question | c) No having access to games |

B) Phrase Match: Match the phrases on the left with the example on the right.

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| 1) What do you mean? | _____ | reached a goal |
| 2) can't get myself | _____ | stop doing |
| 3) bitter sweet | _____ | no desire |
| 4) accomplished something | _____ | Please explain more |
| 5) put it down | _____ | both positive and negative |

C) Unscramble: Put the mixed up sentences in the correct order.

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- 2) _____
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- 3) _____
game | player | Is | or | it | more | to | important | beat | another | the | ?
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you | feel | you | when | do | finish | How | book | a | ?

***How would Jake
respond to the
questions?***

Put the PHRASES in the spaces

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game | video | player | you | very | Are | a | skillful | ?

2) **Are you sad once the game is finished?**

game | the | sad | is | you | Are | once | game | ?

3) Is it more important to beat the machine or another player?

game | player | Is | or | it | more | to | important | beat | another | the | ?

4) **How do you feel when you finish a book?**

you | feel | you | when | do | finish | How | book | a | ?

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