



Get to know gaming

Gaming Jargon Buster



Jargon, slang, acronyms – the world of gaming is filled with language that can leave you feeling a little lost.

Knowing what your kids are talking about can help you understand what they're up to and share in their excitement. Here's a list to help you keep up with the ever-changing gaming lingo:

AFK

Short for 'away from keyboard'.

Aggro

When a neutral mob becomes hostile and tries to attack you.

Avatar

The character on the screen that represents the player.

Boss

A tough enemy usually found at the end of the level or a game.

Bot

A player so bad they're like a very bad computer-controlled player.

Buff

Strengthen.

Checkpoint

Specific point where the gameplay is automatically saved.

DDOS

Attack – malicious cyber-attack that stops players connecting and playing.

DPS

Damage per second.

Drop

Items, currency or experience that can be obtained several ways in game, either by killing enemies, finding treasure or picking up stuff.

Easter Egg

A hidden message, image or feature in a game.

Face roll

An easy victory over an opponent.

FPS

First person shooter. A game played from the character's point of view.

FTW

For the win.

Get rekt

A saying to annoy or provoke other players.

GG

Good game. A polite sign off after an entertaining game, a term of respect.

Glitch

Malfunctioning game.

Griever/griefing

Player who makes other players' online gaming experience miserable by trolling, destroying the environment or killing them.

Grind/mine/farm

Doing the same thing over and over again to get skills, experience points or better loot.

HP

The health of a player's character measured by health or hit points.

HUD

Head up display showing all the necessary information like character's health, map, chat, weapons, etc.

K/D

Kill/death ratio in shooter games.

Killstreak

Earned when a player acquires a certain number of kills in a row without dying. Usually leads to a reward.

Lag

When game is slow or glitchy due to a poor internet connection.

Loot box

A virtual treasure chest or similar that offers random chance of winning a prize, gaining an experience level or other in-game achievement. A form of in-game gambling.

MMORPG

Massively multiplayer online role-playing game. A large number of players interacting together.

Mob/Mobs

Computer controlled living entities. Short for 'mobile'.

Mod

Modification.

MP

Multi player game.

Nerf

When a game developer weakens a weapon, item, character or skill deliberately when it's being overused.

N00b/noob

A new or inexperienced gamer.

NPC

Non player character. Usually, characters that interact with you in a game.

Perks

Persistent power-ups achieved by completing levels or found in purchased loot boxes.

Pot

Potion.



Power-Up

Objects that add extra abilities to game character, usually temporarily.

Re

Rematch.

Rezz

To resurrect or revive a teammate.

RPG

Role-playing game where the player decides their character's actions and choices.

RTS

Real Time Strategy games allow players to play all at the same time rather than taking turns.

Scrub

Loser.

Skins

Items players can acquire in games that change the appearance of their avatar.

Smurf

An experienced player who uses a new account to trick other players into thinking they're a noob.

SP

Single player game.

Spawn

A place where the player (or item) materialises in game (for the first time or after death).

Tagged

Player who's been hit.

Tank

A gamer that takes all the damage in the group.

Trojan Horse

Malware that looks like a legitimate programme, attachment or download but also hides some malicious code that can give backdoor access to your console, your data and your gaming activity.

TP

Teleport.

Twink

A player who deceives other gamers about their gaming ability.

Unlock

Gaining access to previously unavailable game content by fulfilling certain conditions like completing levels or making purchases.

Upgrade

A way to make an item or character more powerful.

XP

Experience points.

