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**The Girlfriend's Guide to her
Boyfriend's Video Game
Universe**

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Introduction

Do you always lose to your boyfriend in video games? Is it causing problems in your relationship? Women who always lose to their boyfriends in a video game do not enjoy the experience of playing a video game with their boyfriends. You feel like you can't be a part of your boyfriend's gaming interests which can cause serious problems in your relationship. You become frustrated and have feelings of inferiority. Your boyfriend in turn feels guilty or unable to play a video game with you.

This manual teaches women how to beat their boyfriends in a video game. You will gain video game experience and confidence in your ability to beat your boyfriend in a video game.

You will learn the basic functions of three popular consoles, their respective controllers and accessories, specific genres of games, and then the steps to take to increase your gaming skills. With this information, you will become a formidable opponent. Go through this manual on your own time and at your own pace. By the end of the manual, you will be able to spend quality time with your boyfriend, have fun playing a video game, and feel involved in your boyfriend's gaming interest.

System Warnings and Safety Concerns

Warning: Eye Burning

All game systems have been proven to cause stress to the eyes due to over exposure and long periods of focus. If your eyes begin to burn, it indicates that you and your partner need a break from game play.

Warning: Cramping in the Hands

Cramping in the fingers and hands are also indicators that your body needs a break to loosen the overused joints.

Caution: General Information

There are tendencies to obsess over certain games and game playing in general, please note that the human body has limits and it is the responsibility of the player to know his or her limits. Note that all systems include various cords and that each should be located where you, children and animals will not trip over them. Ensure that your system is in a secure location so that children and pets do not have access to fragile system components, these items are not covered in your warranty. Take precautions when plugging in your system and any extra accessories; know the wattage needed and do not over load one plug outlet or surge protector. Reckless power stocking can lead to electrical fires. If using a movement-sensitive console, such as the Wii, ensure that all furniture items and children's toys are not in close proximity. This will ensure that all players are safe from tripping hazards, ultimately causing serious bodily harm.

Nintendo Wii

The Nintendo Wii is a gaming console that allows the players to become physically involved in the games. Players are active and sometimes must balance or perform demanding moves. Stand 4 to 6 feet away from the TV when using the Wii console and always clear the playing area of any obstructions. This console is best for social settings and for players with good stamina or who enjoy physical activity.

The Wii is motion-sensitive and players actively move the controllers to play games. The Wii has a regular controller and a nunchuk controller. **Always** wear the controller wrist strap when you use the regular controller. The Wii is also compatible with the original Nintendo GameCube controller. The Wii can play GameCube games, however you must play GameCube games with the original GameCube controller since the games are not motion-sensitive.

The Wii console is portable and lightweight. The console is ideal for gamers of all ages because it has fewer system errors than other gaming consoles. The game discs for the Wii are very durable and difficult to scratch. However, the Wii console does not play DVDs or CDs. The Wii is also not compatible with other computer devices. The Wii system is easy to overheat because it does not have a built-in cooling fan.

Getting to Know the Wii Console and Controller

Console

- **Power Button-** Turns on the system and is located in the top left corner of the console.
- **Reset Button-** Located directly under the power button, and it restarts the system in case a game freezes.
- **Slot Door-** The flat small door on the left side of the console covers the sync button and the memory card slot. The sync button syncs the wireless Wii controllers to the console via Bluetooth technology.
- **Disc Slot-** Located on the right side of the console. Insert game discs into disc slot.
- **Eject Button-** Located on the bottom left side of the console. Ejects the disc safely from the slot. Do not forcefully remove disc from the slot because that could damage your game disc or the console.
- **Power Cord-** Runs from a standard home outlet and directly into the back of the console. Do not tangle or kink the power cord.
- **GameCube Ports-** Ports for Nintendo GameCube controllers.

Main Controller

- **Power Button-** Located in the top left corner of the controller. Turns on the console.
- **The D-Pad-** Located at the top of the controller. You can use the buttons as directional buttons, but generally you use them to select elements from a menu.
- **A button-** Located under the D-pad and its usual function is to select items, make your character jump, or make your character attack.
- **Home Button-** Located in the center of the controller with a house icon. Pulls up the Wii console menu. You use this button to check how much battery life the controllers have, change the system settings, or return to the main Wii menu.

- **Plus and Minus Buttons-** Located on the right and left side respectively of the home button. The usual function of these buttons is to access special features of the game.
- **1 and 2 Buttons-** Located at the bottom of the controller. The 1 button attacks or accesses special features. The 2 button generally selects or accelerates.
- **B button-** Located on the back of the controller. Usually used to brake, block attack, or take you back to a previous menu.
- **Wrist Strap-** Attached to the bottom of the controller and must **always** be worn during game play.

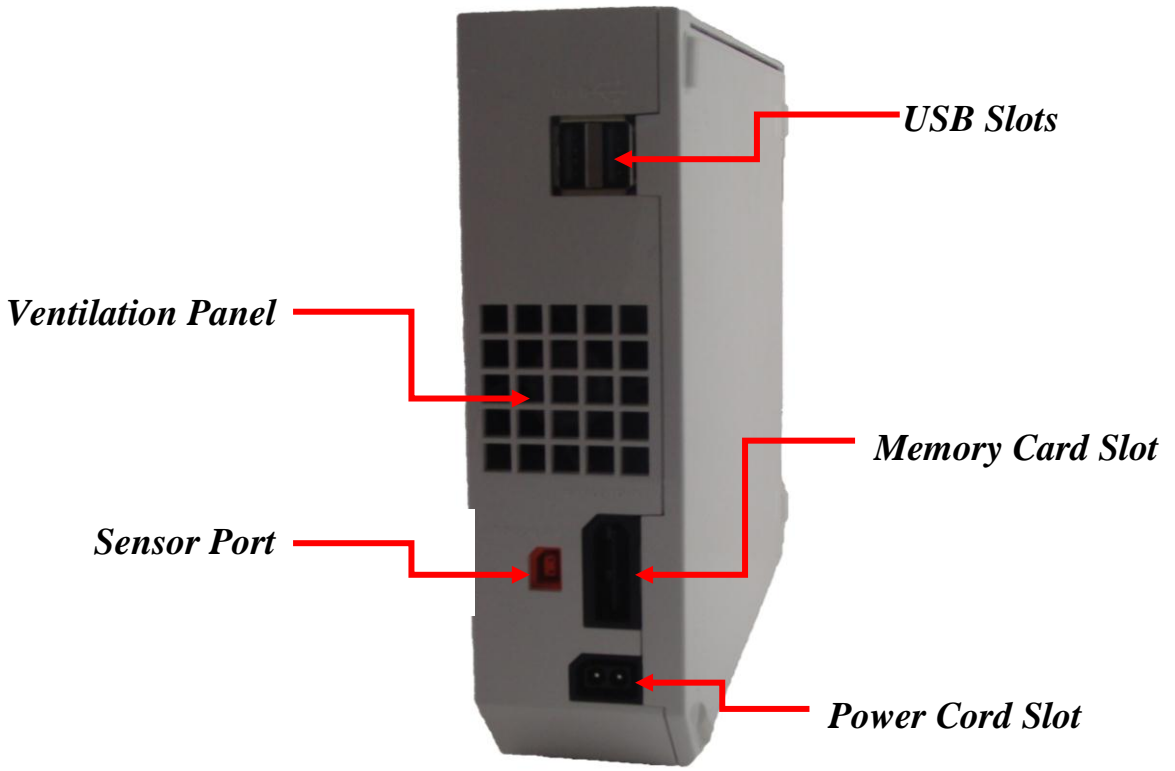
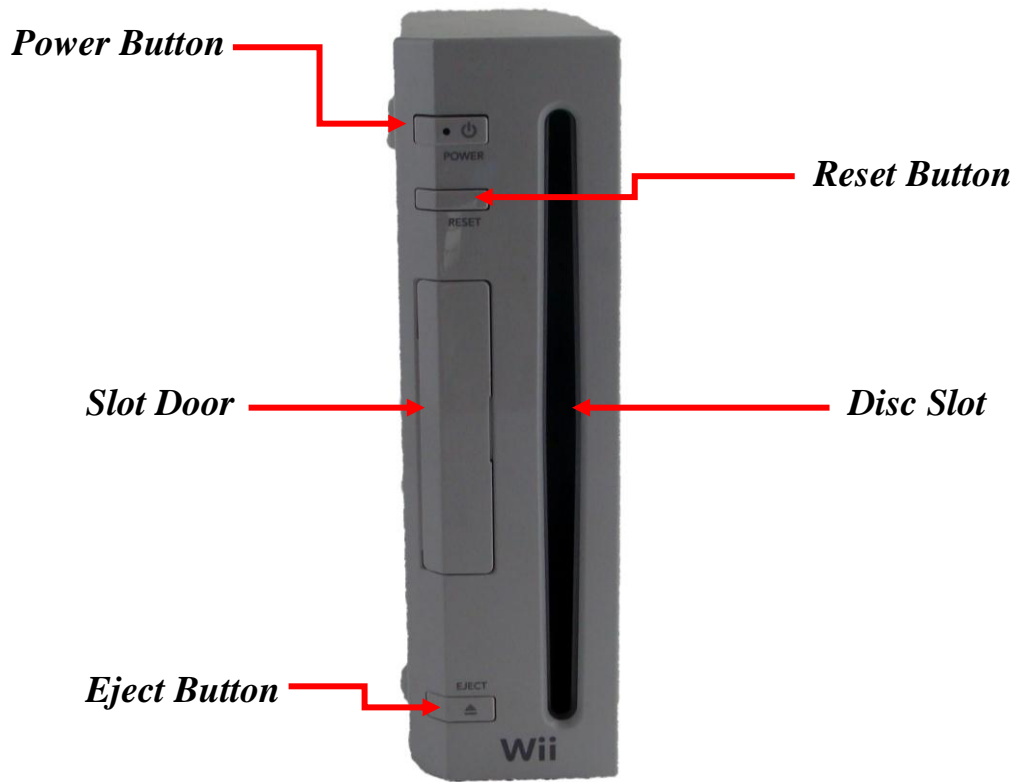
Nunchuk Controller

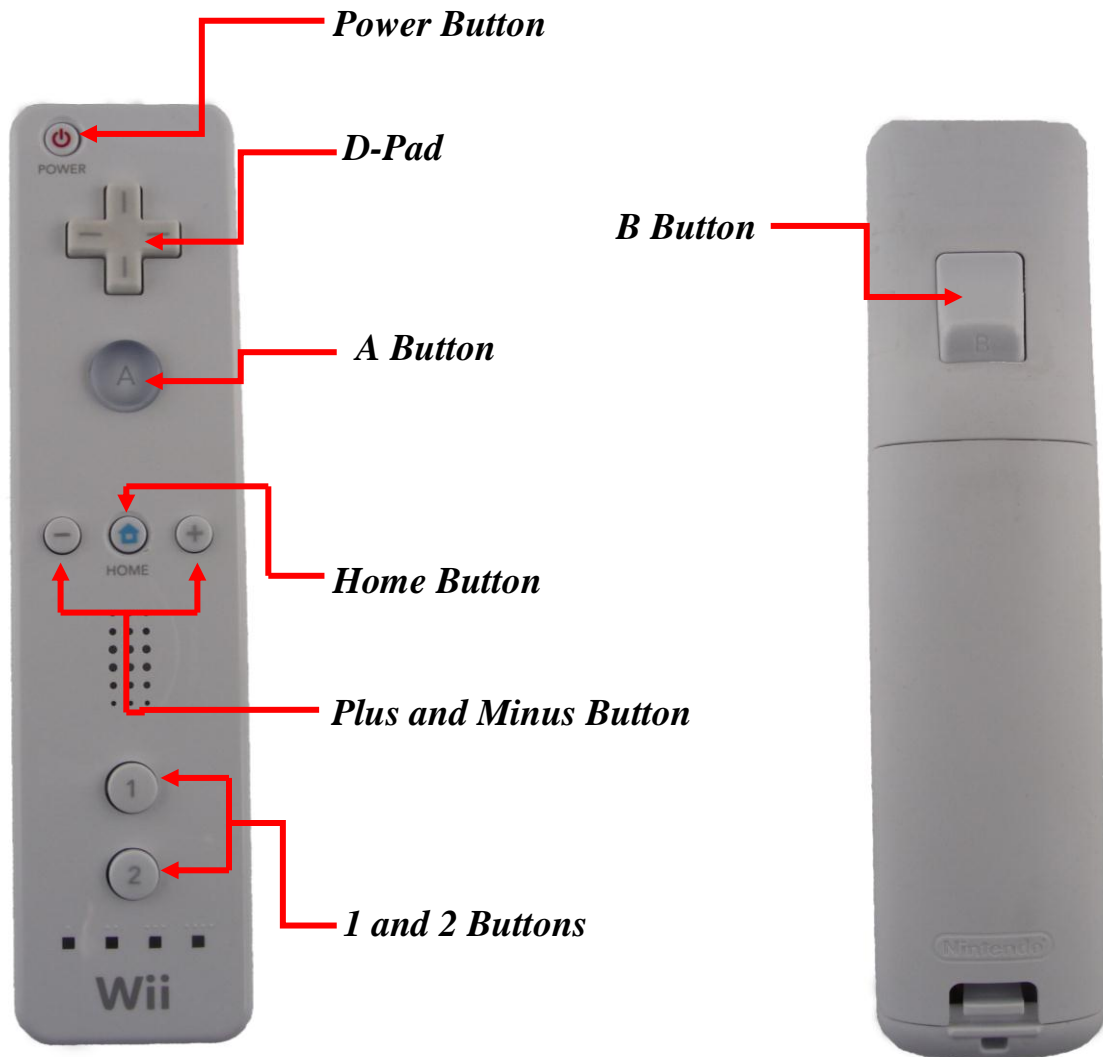
- **Nunchuk Cord-** Attached to the nunchuk and plugs directly into the main controller.
- **Joystick-** Moves the character or aims weaponry.
- **C button/Z button-** Located on the back of the nunchuk controller. Both buttons access special features and activates weaponry.

Sensor Bar

- The sensor bar senses your movements and translates them into the character's or cursor's movements in the game. Position the sensor bar above or below TV and indicate position when calibrating the system.

Always refer to the system manual for more information regarding the console and controllers' functions. You can customize the controls to suit your own personal gaming style for particular games. For example, you can assign the A button to be your defensive button and make the B button your attack button. Find a controller configuration that you feel confident using. Stay consistent in your configuration for each game you play.





Wii Accessories

Accessories are a very important factor in the game play. You might need a few extra supplies in order to fully immerse yourself in the game. All the accessories mentioned below are optional and do not improve your gaming abilities. The accessories merely enhance your gaming experience.

Wii Balance Board

The Wii Balance Board is a necessary requirement for the Wii Fit game. You can complete stepping courses, yoga poses, and strength-building exercises with the Wii Balance Board.

Wii Wheel

The Wii Wheel is an optional accessory for racing games such as Mario Kart. The Wii controller fits horizontally inside the Wii Wheel and helps you feel as though you are actually driving a vehicle. Some games come with a free Wii Wheel accessory.

Wii Sport Bundle Pack

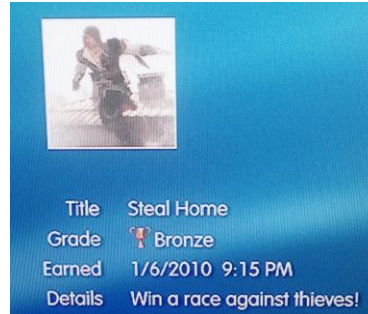
This pack includes optional accessories that hold the Wii controller and make you feel more engaged in the game. The sport bundle pack includes a sword, bow and arrow, golf club, water sports handle, tennis racket, and baseball bat attachment.

Playstation3

The PlayStation 3, or PS3, was created by Sony entertainment and is the third in the PlayStation Series. The PlayStation 3 is an improvement from its predecessors because of the slicker design and more readily available features. The PlayStation 3 allows you to play games, watch movies, listen to CDs, and watch Blu-ray discs. The Blu-ray capability allows you to see movies and your favorite games in high definition. You will also enjoy is the Wi-Fi capability. This capability allows you to access the internet and pull up sites such as Facebook, YouTube or check your email. The PS3 is the most expensive gaming console to date. PS3 games and Blu-ray DVDs can also be quite expensive.

The PS3 has wide assortment of game features. The trophy feature was adapted from Microsoft's Xbox achievement system where gamers would earn achievements to gain gamer points toward different items. PlayStation does not have gamer points, but in return for earning a badge you can unlock special items. The amount of trophies you earn also communicates your gaming experience level to other gamers. An example of a trophy is:

- Win a Race Against Thieves:
 - "Steal Home"



After you earn various trophies you can further your gaming abilities by visiting the PlayStation Home.

The PlayStation network is Sony's answer to Xbox Live. However, the network lacks many of Xbox Live advantages. The PlayStation network has several advantages though, such as it offers free access to PlayStation gamers, whereas Xbox Live requires a charged yearly subscription. The PlayStation Network is divided into two distinct parts: The PlayStation Store and PlayStation Home.

- You can buy movies and games through the PlayStation network at The PlayStation Store. Most games for the PS3 have bundles or add-ons to enhance game play. The add-ons range from special abilities to costumes, depending on the game. Bundles are special packs mostly used to acquire additional levels for a particular game.

- PlayStation Home has sections within a virtual city that you can visit. Each game has a specific area of the city and most games are in different buildings with a theme dedicated to each individual game. Within each building, you have a room dedicated to the trophies that you have earned. You can view the trophy room at any time. A profile is required for the online features of PlayStation 3.

The PS3 also features a wide range of downloadable games and demos. PlayStation 1 and some PlayStation 2 games are available for download at an affordable price. The PS3 also has exclusive PS3 games available for download as well.

Learning how to work the PlayStation 3 is not hard. Just like with anything else in life, you have to practice.

Getting to Know the PS3 Console and Controller

Console controller

This section gets you familiar with your PS3 game controller. This section is vital to mastering any type of games on this system. The functions for the controllers vary from game to game. Each button has a different function.

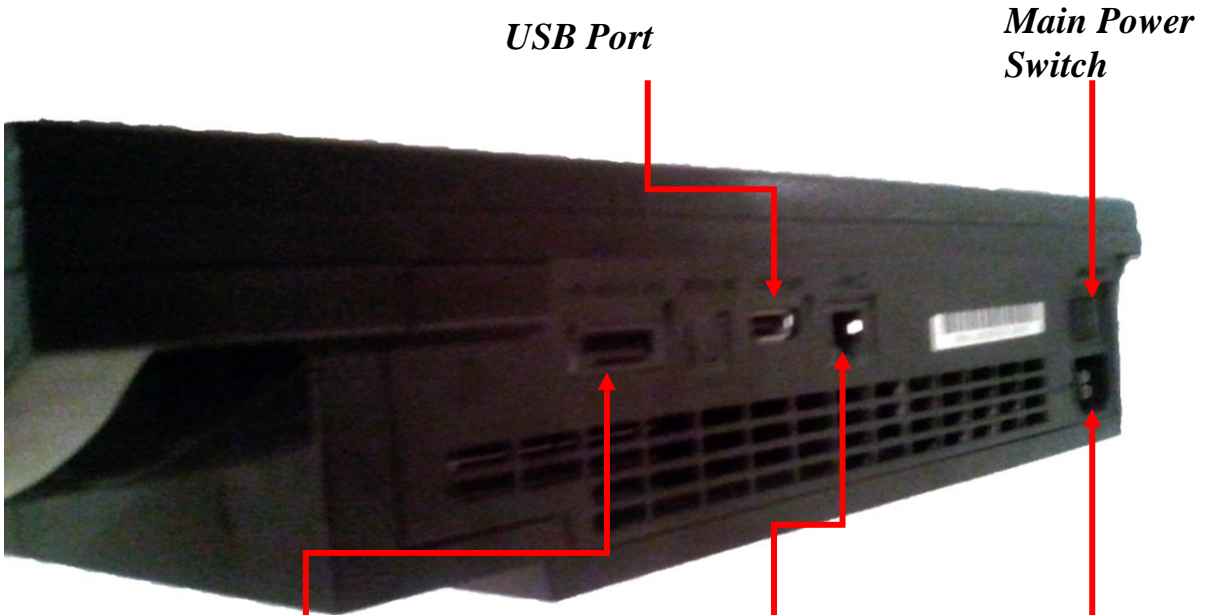
- **Triangle Button** - Used as the attack/weapons button on most games. This button also doubles as an action button
- **Square Button** – The primary function of this button is to perform some sort of action. The action button allows you to interact with different objects within the game and allows your character to use his or her weapon.
- **X Button**- Used as the jump button
- **Circle Button** – Used to dodge/roll/special moves. If your character has to get out of danger, this button allows you to escape.
- **L1**- Used for special moves
- **L2**- Used for special moves
- **R1**- Used for counter moves and aim
- **R2**- Used for special moves/special attacks
- **Toggle Controller**- Used for direction and for view
- **L3**- This is a directional button
- **R3**- This is a view button
- **Select Button**- Helps you navigate through different game settings.
- **Start Button**- Starts the game
- **PS Button**- Gives you option to quit the game.
- **D-Pad**- This is the most important and the most underused part of the controller. The D-pad is used to access supplies to restore your health and to switch from one weapon to the other. Depending on the type of game, the D-Pad can also access special abilities of the character. You will not be able to manually switch from the D-Pad to toggle.

Each button has a different function and is usually set at default the default setting at the start of each game. Each game has a default setting that you can customize to fit your playing style from the game menu. If this is your first time playing on a Playstation 3 console, take time to get to know the controller.



Controller Port

Power Button



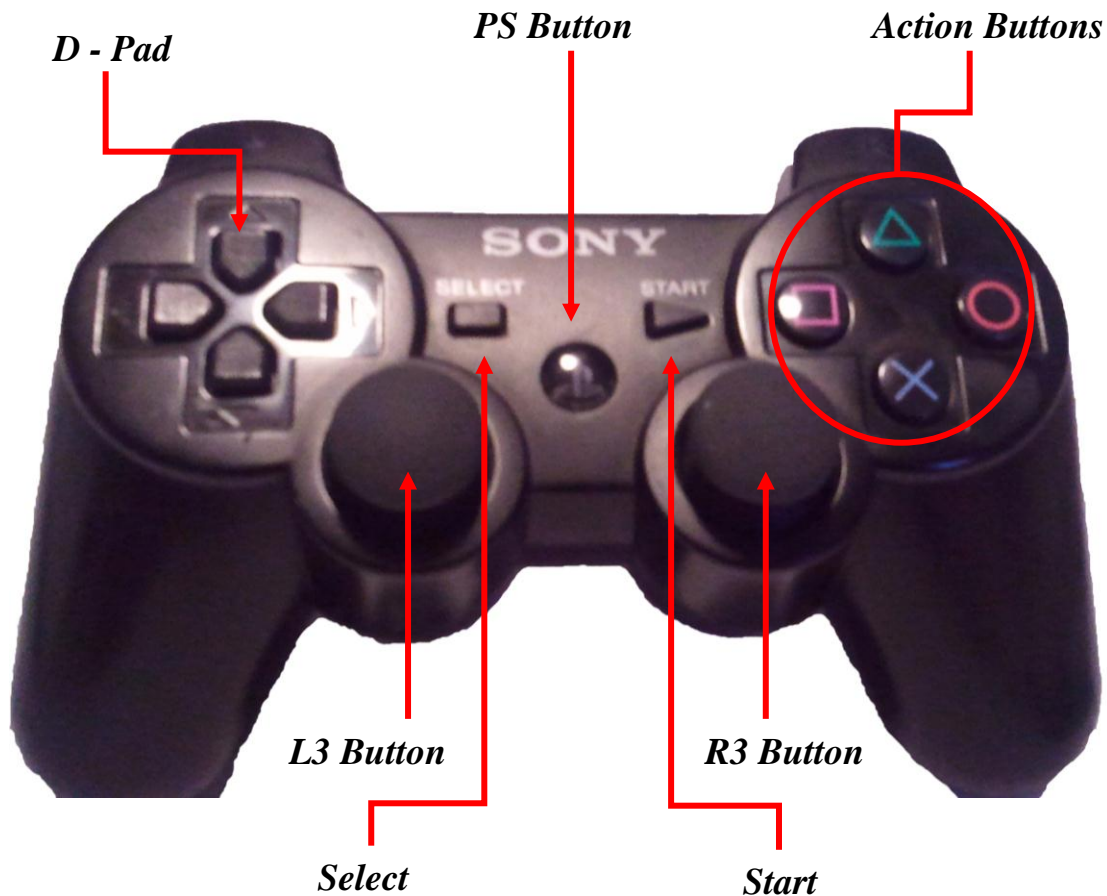
USB Port

Main Power Switch

AV Port

Ethernet Port

AC Power



PS3 Accessories

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Playstation Eye Toy

Is an updated version of the PlayStation eye toy for the PlayStation 3.

Playstation Move

Works with the PlayStation's eye toy; Move is an interactive piece that allows you to interact through movement. Move is a virtual reality. Instead of using just your hands you use your entire body. It is great way to get involve with your boyfriend with some one-on-one action.

- PlayStation Move Shooting Attachment
 - This attachment allows you turn the normal PlayStation Move controller into a deadly weapon of destruction. If your boyfriend likes war-games, like Call of Duty, this interactive piece will be essential.

Wireless Keypad

This keypad allows you to interact online with fellow gamers. It also allows you to search online easily without having to use the controller.

Vertical Stander

Why would he have a vertical stander? Just to look cool is the best answer. The vertical stander is used to place the PlayStation 3 in areas better suited for vertical positioning of objects.

Blu-ray Remote Controller

Blu-ray controller is an alternate and more accessible way to control the Blu-ray function.

Bluetooth

Bluetooth Technology allows you to interact with online players. Most games do not require any forms of headphones with a Bluetooth microphone; you can treat the Bluetooth as a mobile phone. Bluetooth is normally used in online game play and it may account for one of the reasons why your boyfriend is stuck in front of the television. The Bluetooth is set up for only one side of the ear unlike other consoles that have a full headset. So, if your boyfriend plays like he can't hear you, it's more than likely that he's ignoring you. Watch out for this deception.

Microsoft Xbox 360

Microsoft Xbox 360 is a game console created by Microsoft and is the second generation of Xbox consoles. The Xbox 360 is for recreational gamers. Players of all experience levels and gaming interests can utilize the functions of this system. Some advantages of the Xbox 360 are the wireless controller range can reach up to 20 feet away from the TV and players can remain stationary. When you play offline on a multiplayer game, up to 4 players can play at once. If you connect to Xbox Live, a group of 16 can play at once. There is no argument that this game system is very unique and competes at a very high level. It offers different experiences to different gamers.

Every system console comes with features that make it unique and gives it the competitive edge. The Xbox 360 is highly compatible with other computer devices. The biggest feature offered for Xbox 360 is Xbox Live. Xbox Live allows you to connect to the Internet from your console. With this feature, you can chat with friends, send e-mails, watch movies on Netflix, and even download entire games without having to purchase them at your local game store. If you are connected to Xbox Live you have access to download any new updates for your system.

The Xbox console is very user friendly and will teach you how to familiarize yourself with all the functions. The system also offers an appealing game environment to all gamers regardless of their experience.

This system does have some common problems. The most common problem is the Red Ring of Death which can be caused from overheating, loose internal parts, or if a particular game was not inserted correctly. When a Red Ring appears over the system Power Button, you cannot get your system to respond to any commands and you must

shut it off. Microsoft has corrected this error and they will replace any system that gets the Red Ring of Death with all your game information on the new system console, and all free of charge.

One other problem is the dreaded Laser Burn. If you insert your game disk and the game comes in contact with the laser on the inside of the console, the laser will burn into the disk and destroy the game.

Another error is the code E94. If your console tells you that you are experiencing the error code E94, this means that the console is not detecting a disk. If your console does not detect the disk make sure the game is not scratched, is compatible to your system, and is not dirty. These are all common problems but no problem should stop you from reaching the goal of beating your boyfriend in a video game.

Getting to Know the Xbox 360 Console and Controller

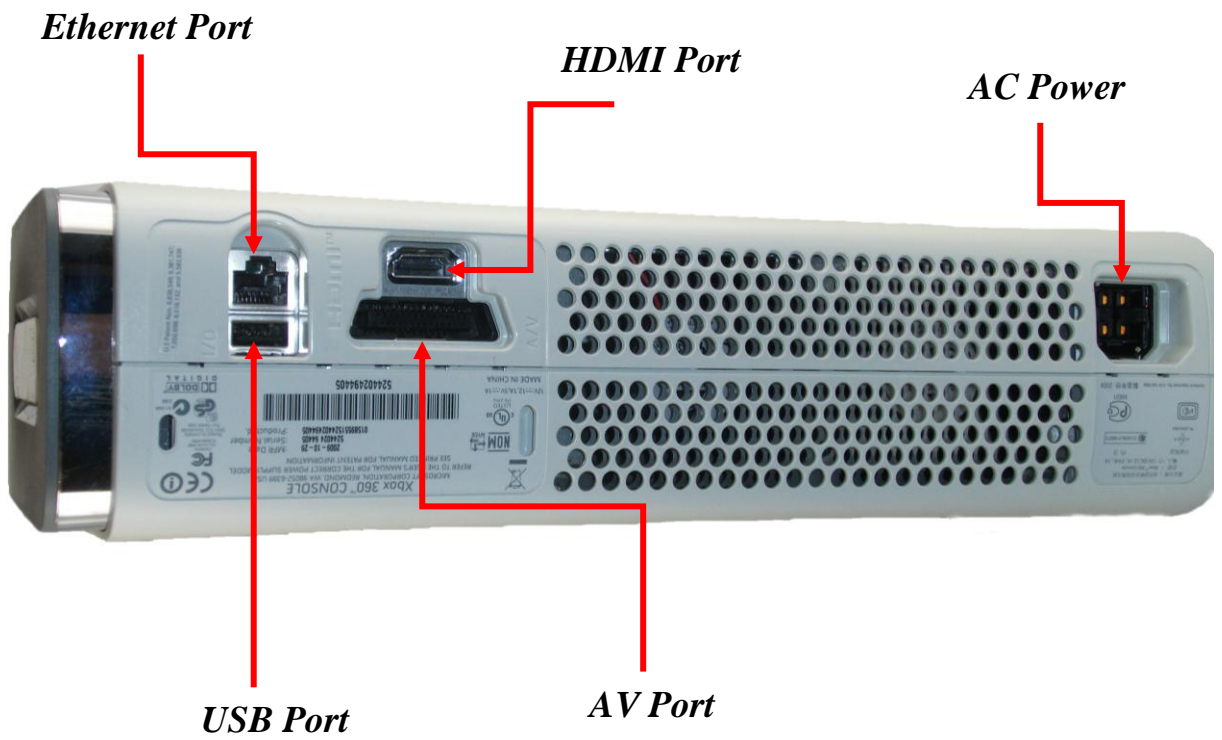
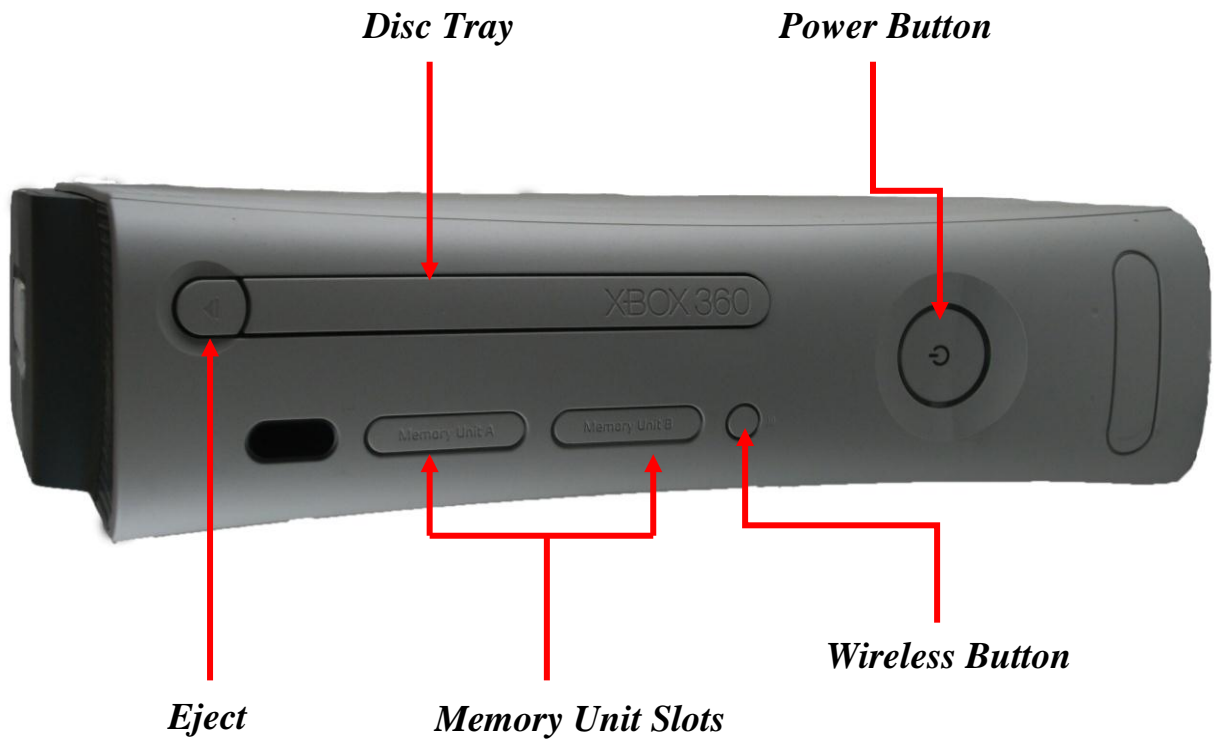
Console

- **Power Button-** Located at the bottom of your console directly above the Controller Slots. The power button powers on the system.
- **Wireless Button-** Located in the middle of your console. This button has a wireless icon next to it. This button corresponds with the button on your wireless controller shown and looks identical to the button on your controller. Press the Wireless Button on your console first to tell the console to search for the wireless signal from your controller. Then press the Wireless Button on the controller to link your controller with your system, which allows you to operate your console with your controller.
- **Memory Unit Slots-** Located directly above your Wireless Button. These two slots are where extra Memory Cards should be inserted. Please note that extra Memory Cards are a separate purchase and do not come with your X-box 360.
- **Eject Button-** Located on the front face of the console in the upper left corner. Press this button to open the **Disk Tray**. Press the Eject Button a second time to close the tray.
- **Disk Tray-** Holds the games and inserts them into the console.

Wireless Controller

- **Power Button-** Located in the top center of your controller. Powers on your controller and your Xbox 360 console.
- **Wireless Button-** Located on the front of your controller. The Wireless Button on your controller links the controller with your console.
- **Start Button-** Located to the left of the Power Button. This button brings up the start menu for any game being played, and also pauses the game being played.
- **Select Button-** Located on the right side of the Power Button. The Select Button usually has almost the same function as the Start Button, and some games do not use the Select Button due to the fact that the Start Button can be used for the same purpose. However, different games have different functions for the Select Button. Sometimes the Select Button brings up controller functions or the pause menu.
- **Right Joystick-** Located directly below the Select Button. The Right Joystick controls camera angle for Xbox 360 games. The Right Joystick is also used to aim weapons when put in aim mode.

- **D-Pad-** Located in the lower left area of your wireless controller. The D-Pad controls movement, menu options, and changes weapons on first shooter games.
- **Left Joystick-** Located in the upper left corner of your wireless controller. The Left Joystick controls player movement.
- **Action Buttons-** Located in the upper right corner on your wireless controller. The Actions Buttons are broken into four buttons, labeled **A, X, Y, B**. The **A Button** makes your player run or jump. The **X Button** controls firing weapons and also swings simple weapons such as swords, axe or even throws grenades. The **Y Button** is the information button. It brings up information on your player and other players in the game. The **B Button** blocks attacks or accesses extra weaponry if available.
- **Right Trigger-** Located on the top right hand side of the wireless controller. This is the fire trigger. This button allows your player to fire his or her weapon, or swing simple weapons such as swords or axe.
- **Left Trigger-** Located on the top left hand side of the wireless controller. This button controls aiming in aim mode for weapons such as the bow and arrows, and guns like the sniper rifle.





Xbox 360 Accessories

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Microsoft Xbox 360 Memory Card 512 MB

This accessory adds extra storage to your system.

Xbox 360 Headset

The headset allows players to talk with other players in other houses, or in other countries through Xbox Live. You must purchase a monthly or yearly subscription to Xbox Live to interact with other gamers over the internet.

Xbox Live 12-month Gold Card

The Xbox Live Card gives players the benefits of downloading extra game content and system updates without paying as you go.

Xbox Kinect

This item gives the gift of mobility and game play, similar to the Nintendos Wii. The Kinect scans the players and records their actions on the TV screen as they perform them.

Microsoft Messenger Kit

The messenger kit gives players the ability to send instant messages to each other.

Genres and Game Considerations

Genres

There are many different game genres for you to choose to play a game from. Each genre is different and may work better for certain consoles. Consider the genre that your boyfriend enjoys playing and attempt to practice a game from that genre. There are many types of games for you and your boyfriend to enjoy together. In order to spend quality time with your boyfriend, you want to interact and not become isolated from one another. We have created the **Boyfriend Meter** to help you discover the genre that provides the most interaction between you and your boyfriend during game play.

- High-** A lot of interaction occurs between you and your boyfriend in games of this genre
- Moderate-** Some interaction occurs between you and your boyfriend in games of this genre
- Low-** Almost no interaction occurs between you and your boyfriend in games of this genre

RPG/ Action Adventure

Ranking on the Boyfriend Meter: **Low**

The games in this genre are geared towards single player gamers. Your character adheres to a storyline and must carry out various missions and achievements. A leader board is

usually featured online to track your fellow gamers' scores. Games that fall into this category include:

- Infamous
- Assassin's Creed
- Bayonetta

War

Ranking on the Boyfriend Meter: **Moderate** to **Low**

These games require you to commit a lot of time to learning the functions and controls of the game. War games can be difficult to master because you have to be tactical and strategic. These games can be very interactive and highly competitive, however they are very popular. Games that fall into this category include:

- Call of Duty
- Army of Two
- Modern Warfare

Science Fiction/Superhero

Ranking on the Boy Friend Meter: **High**

This genre is comprised of games that offer an environment of fantasy and extreme creative fiction. Games can be superhero-based and give players a chance to fight super villains, fly, leap from buildings, or become a city savior. Other games could include adventures that require magic use, crazy weapons that enhance strength, or turn your enemies into chickens. This genre entrances the creative imagination, and makes the worldly impossible, possible.

Sports

Ranking on the Boyfriend Meter: **Moderate** to **Low**

Sport games range from winter games, racing, to the Olympic Games. These games can be intimidating if you are unfamiliar with the rules of the sport. However, these games can be very satisfying if you are familiar with the sport because you can create a character for your favorite team or play as your favorite sport champion. Games that fall under this category include:

- Madden'11
- Shawn White's Snowboarding
- Skate

Family Entertainment

Ranking on the Boyfriend Meter: **High**

Games of this genre are the most popular games because they are made for gamers of all ages and experience levels. This genre ranges from dance games to difficult problem solving puzzles to hand-eye coordination games. You and your boyfriend will interact a lot in these games. Some games under this category are:

- Rockband
- Dance, Dance Revolution
- American Idol Sing It

Game Considerations

For the Wii Console

The Wii console is best for games of the Family Entertainment genre or the Sports genre because the Wii is meant for physically active players and high interaction between gamers. For the Sports genre we recommend this game:

Wii Sports

Objective: Play against other players in various sports.

Category: Sports

Features: You play several sports in this game. These sports include:

- Tennis
- Boxing
- Golf
- Bowling
- Baseball

For the Family Entertainment genre we recommend:

Wii Rockband

Objective: You and your teammates develop a band and play songs accurately to gain fans, money, and unlock gigs. You can also play online against other bands.

Category: Family Entertainment.

Features: The game offers a wide variety of songs to play and has add-on packs which have more songs. The game instruments include:

- Drum set
 - Silencer Pads (Optional)
 - Symbols (Optional)
 - Decorated Drumsticks (Optional)
- Guitar
 - Decorated Guitar (Optional)
- Bass
 - Decorated Bass (Optional)
- Microphone

For the PS3 Console

The PS3 system is best suited for high definition and highly detailed games. The PS3 is good for any genre, but many gamers prefer Action Adventure games for this console because of the level of detail that goes into Action Adventure games. An example of game we recommend from this genre for PS3 is:

The Assassin's Creed Series

Objective: You follow the story of Desmond Miles a man who is trap between ancient feud between the Knight Templar and The assassin's order. You will journey with his ancestors though medieval Jerusalem to the renaissance Italy on quest to find his true purpose.

Category: Historic Action Adventure

Features: This game offers a lot of features and has a new multiplayer mode. The game is also part of the up-play (beta) system. Up-play is a place where you can earn gamer points the point goes to toward item you can buy though there website.

Games under the Science Fiction genre are commonly played on the PS3 system. A game that we recommend from this genre is:

Bayonetta

Objective: You follow the story of Bayonetta. Bayonetta is a 500 year old luman sage witch working as a gun for hire. She is trying to find out about the missing 20 years of her life. But, what she soon finds out is that she will play the part in age old battle between good and evil.

Category: Science Fiction

Features: Online Leader Board

For the XBox 360 Console

The first genres best suited for the Xbox 360 console are RPG/Action Adventure and Science Fiction/Superhero.

The RPG/Action Adventure genre involves a storyline with various missions and achievements to reach an ultimate goal. For this genre we recommend:

Halo 2

Objective: You are an elite soldier. Your mission is to lead the Earth army into battle against alien invaders to stop them from possessing a powerful weapon that could threaten your way of life and the human race as a whole. You must reach objective points by eliminating alien targets and using the aid of teammates, vehicles, and powerful weapons.

Category: RPG/Action Adventure

Features: This game offers a wide selection of environments, all based on the different levels in the game. The different stages give the player a chance to pick his/her favorites, with practice the stage is no longer just a stage, it is your stage.

The Science Fiction/Superhero genre enters a world of imagination and creative extremes. For this genre, we recommend. This game puts players in control of

Spiderman: Web of Shadows

Objective: You are Spiderman and must choose to become New York's savior or its ultimate nightmare. You complete missions with the aid of allies or enemies by fighting off symbiotic creatures who threaten New York. You can become the champion who defeats the mysterious monsters or the dark hero who becomes the city's nightmarish dictator and rules through fear and force.

Category: Science Fiction/Superhero

Features: This game is a single player and has a creative twist of giving players choices to create four different endings. The different choices given allow players to play multiple times and encounter a different experience each time.

Xbox 360

Source: www.gamestop.com

Name	Genre	Rating	GameStop
1. Grand Theft Auto IV	Historic Action Adventure	Mature 17 + (M)	10.0
2. Red Dead Redemption	Historic Action Adventure	Mature 17 + (M)	9.5
3. Grand Theft Auto IV: The Ballad of Gay Tony	Modern Action Adventure	Rating Pending(RP)	9.5
4. Assassin's Creed II	Historic Action Adventure	Mature 17 + (M)	9.0
5. Batman: Arkam Asylum	Fantasy Action Adventure	Teen (T)	9.0

Nintendo Wii

Source: www.gamestop.com

Name	Genre	Rating	GameStop
1. Super Mario Galaxy 2	3D Platformer	Everyone (E)	10.0
2. Call of Duty : Black Ops	Historic First-Person Shooter	Mature 17 + (M)	9.0
3. Golden Eye 007	Modern First-Person Shooter	Teen (T)	8.5
4. Kirby's Epic Yarn	2D Platformer	Everyone (E)	8.5
5. Metroid: Other M	Sci-Fi Action Adventure	Teen (T)	8.5

Playstation 3

Source: www.gamestop.com

Name	Genre	Rating	GameStop
1. Red Dead Redemption	Historic Action Adventure	Mature 17 + (M)	9.5
2. Call of Duty: Black Ops	Historic First-Person Shooter	Mature 17 + (M)	9.0
3. Vanquish	Sci-Fi Shooter	Mature 17 + (M)	9.0
4. FIFA Soccer 11	Soccer Sim	Everyone (E)	9.0
5. NHL 11	Ice Hockey Sim	Everyone (E)	9.0

Tutorials and Practice

First Things First

Set up your gaming system and profile after you pick a video game to play against your boyfriend. Every game system will require you to create a personal profile. This profile allows other gamers to identify your character. You also can save gaming information and your personal preferences on your profile.

1. Select **Create a Profile** or **New Game**
2. Input a username
3. Create a password
4. Personalize your profile
 - a. Some consoles allow you to create avatars or personal characters that represent your profile to other gamers
 - b. You can customize your profile to represent your likes, personality, or gaming interests

Make your profile your own. Having a personal profile enhances your gaming experience and lets you feel involved in the game. The profile doesn't necessarily give you an advantage to game play, but it engages you in the video gaming experience.

Utilizing the Tutorials

Tutorials teach you the basic functions of the game controls. Tutorials also introduce you to a game. **Always** go through the tutorials of each game before you attempt to play the game. Be sure to read through each step of the tutorial and follow all the instructions. Do not rush through the tutorial.

1. Insert video game
2. Pull up video game menu
3. Select **tutorial** option
 - a. If no **tutorial** option is available, see **Practice Mode** below.
4. Proceed through the tutorial
5. Complete all tutorials offered

Repeat the tutorials as many times as you want. Check online forums for additional information about the tutorials for the game you chose.

Playing in Practice Mode

Practice modes allow you to practice the functions of the game and the controls. In the practice mode, you play scenarios from the game without having mistakes count against you.

1. Select **practice** option
 - a. If the practice option is not provided, select **settings** option. Select **difficulty** option and check **practice** level if available.
2. Recall function of each button
3. Explore practice scenario
 - a. Mind the surroundings of the scenario
4. Attempt actions to learn what the game allows you to do
5. Test limitations of your character
6. Discover goal of scenario

7. Proceed to accomplish goal of scenario
8. Complete scenario

Play the practice modes as much as necessary to perfect your knowledge of the game functions and controls. Refer back to them often as you actually play the game. Some games have a practice level for each actual level of the game. If you find that you are stuck on a particular level, attempt to play that level in a practice mode.

Assessing Your Boyfriend's Gaming Style

Before you challenge your boyfriend in a video game, you need to determine your boyfriend's gaming style. Learn how he plays video games in order to develop your own style and learn what to expect from your boyfriend when you play against him.

Ask yourself the following questions:

- Is your boyfriend competitive or relaxed when playing against someone?
- What is your boyfriend's general strategy in a game?
 - Does he prefer to hide and be stealth-like?
 - Does he focus on defense more than offense?
 - Is he more aggressive and attacks first?
- How does your boyfriend handle losing?
- What are your boyfriend's gaming strengths?
- What are your boyfriend's gaming weaknesses?

Keep your boyfriend's gaming style in mind as you are developing your own gaming style. Try to avoid the same gaming weaknesses that your boyfriend has and implement his gaming strengths into your gaming style. You will become a formidable opponent if you can learn how to engage your boyfriend before you challenge him in a video game.

Moving to the Next Section

Move on to the next section when you are confident that you understand the game functions and controls. Play the practice modes and tutorials as many times as desired. The next section is about actually playing the game and developing your gaming skills. Before you proceed, keep these gaming tips in mind:

Have a Strategy

Make sure you have gone through the tutorials and the practice modes of the game you choose to play. You are more likely to beat your boyfriend in a game that you have experience in than you are in a game that you have no prior experience in.

Get in the Zone

Play in a comfortable environment. Make sure you can see and hear the TV perfectly. You will have a better gaming advantage if you are comfortable in your surroundings and can concentrate on beating the game.

Don't Give Up

Never give up. Stay confident in your gaming abilities and don't become overwhelmed with frustration. You are more likely to beat your boyfriend in a video game if you maintain your confidence.

Progress, Progress!

It is Game Time

You are now ready to actually play the video game. You can develop gaming experience and your own gaming style by beating the game on your own first. Start out on the easiest difficulty level and play the game completely through.

1. Bring up game menu
2. Select **settings** option
3. Set the difficulty level to **easy**
4. Return to the game menu
5. Select **single player** option
6. Begin game

When you play the game, recall the game controls and functions that you learned from the tutorials and practice modes. Test out the controls again to remind yourself which buttons perform particular actions.

Learn the Goal

You must discover the goal of each level you play in the game. Some levels may require your character to attain items or gain a skill before you advance to the next level. For some games, your character may have to beat other characters before you advance to the next level.

Once you know the goal of the level, you must accomplish the goal. All games offer you several resources to help you accomplish the goal of the level. To access these resources, refer to the game's guidebook, manual, or menu. Usually, you discover tips and hints for particular levels of the game. These tips will allow you to accomplish the goal so use the games resources to help guide you.

Once you accomplish the goal of the level, continue for all the levels until you beat the game. Play the game at this difficulty until you feel confident to move on to a harder difficulty. Try to beat the game at least once at all difficulty levels offered.

Access the troubleshooting guide of the game if you still have trouble figuring out the goal of a level.

Watch Out For...

During game play, be mindful of your surroundings and particular details of the game. Sometimes, the surroundings of the level give you a clue on what you must do to accomplish the goal of the level. You may have to climb over a wall, swim across a body of water, or defeat particular enemies. Other details may give you a clue on how to accomplish the goal. Look for details that stand out or seem out of place for the level.

Tip:

Remember to relax and have fun. Retry practice levels whenever possible. Practice and play the game as many times as you want. Play at your own pace and on your own time. Only advance when you feel ready.

Time to Challenge Your Boyfriend

Prepare for Battle

When you prepare to play against your boyfriend in a video game, consider the proceeding guidelines:

1. Practice before you play against your boyfriend if possible. Practice gives you a slight advantage and reminds you of the controller functions.
2. Discuss the terms of game play with your boyfriend before you begin the game. Keep the game fun for everyone by not belittling the loser or the winner and playing fairly.
3. Consider the setting when you play against your boyfriend. You may be more stressed if you play against your boyfriend in a social setting with other people in the room. People can distract you from the game and your goal. If you play against your boyfriend one-on-one, you may be less stressed and more focused. You also get to spend quality time with your boyfriend.

Time to Play

There are several things you should keep in mind when you play against your boyfriend:

1. Choose a character you are familiar with. Know your character's abilities, strengths, weaknesses, and weaponry.
2. Pick a level you have practiced. Know the level's surroundings and pay attention to particular details of the level.
3. Recall the functions of the game and controls
4. Reduce stress while playing against your boyfriend. Stay relaxed and calm while you play. Trust your gaming abilities and concentrate on what you must accomplish in the game. Ignore outside distractions.
5. Strategize on how to beat your boyfriend in the video game. Consider his gaming style and watch for his character's weaknesses. Utilize your character's strengths as well as implement your own gaming style.

Beating Your Boyfriend at the Game

You may not beat your boyfriend on the first attempt, but do not give up. Keep practicing and gain more gaming experience. When you feel confident that you can beat your boyfriend in a video game, challenge him again.

Note:

Remember that playing a video game with your boyfriend is a chance for you and him to spend quality time together. Do not make the time all about winning. Be a considerate opponent and play fairly. The most important thing to remember is to have fun.

Troubleshooting

Question	Answer
What should I do if I still can't beat my boyfriend?	Keep practicing and continue developing your gaming skills. Look at online forums about the video game you are playing. Get a game guide book to lead you through the game and give you tips on how to beat it.
What if I don't enjoy playing video games?	Be honest with your boyfriend. Tell him that you want to spend time with him and be a part of his interests, but you don't enjoy video games. Discuss other ways you and your boyfriend can have quality time together that allows both of you to have fun.
How do I improve my gaming skills outside of video game playing?	<i>Consult with your doctor before making any health decision.</i> Try simple exercises that improve reaction time. Develop problem solving skills by completing crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, or some other puzzle.
What if my boyfriend wants to play a different game than what I have practiced with?	Tell him that you want to practice the game and become familiar with its functions before you play against him. Reread this manual and follow each step for the new game. Play against your boyfriend when you are ready.

Conclusion

You now have all the skills and gaming experience you need to beat your boyfriend in a video game. You and your boyfriend can spend quality time together while playing a video game and you both can have fun. You will feel involved in your boyfriend's gaming interests because you can be a formidable opponent and provide him with a challenge. You and your boyfriend should periodically try new games from different genres so that you both may learn new gaming skills together. Repeat the procedures outlined in this manual for each new game you attempt. Remember to play fairly, be a considerate opponent, and have fun.

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