



Addicted to Gaming!

Do you play computer games? Do you play online games with people from around the world? Is your gaming under control – or are you addicted to computer gaming?

SUMMARY

Too much gaming? Kieran plays computer games every day after school. At first, so do his mates, but they get bored, leaving him alone. He spends more and more time playing games - trying to reach the top of the leader board. Being able to play against other people online only makes things worse. It gets so bad his parents have to find him a clinic that helps children with addiction.

Based on a true story, actors are used to protect the real Kieran's identity.

Check you know the keywords:

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Watch the video – it's the story of Kieran, a computer games addict.

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- 1) When did Kieran start playing computer games, and who with?
- 2) By the time he was 13, how often was he playing computer games?
- 3) What computer games did he play when he was 13?
- 4) Kieran's dad suggests they fix the car together or go to a football match together. What does Kieran say?
- 5) Kieran was so busy playing computer games he didn't have time to do what?
- 6) What had happened with Kieran's education by the time he was 15?
- 7) Who did Kieran talk to about playing so many computer games?
- 8) How did Kieran change his habits?
- 9) What does he like doing now, instead of computer gaming?



Check your answers

- 1) Aged 7, with friends.
- 2) Every night.
- 3) X Box, Playstation, Nintendo, PSP, online games.
- 4) "I've got to get to the next level"
- 5) Go to bed, washing, cleaning his teeth.
- 6) He had dropped out of school.
- 7) His dad.
- 8) He went to a special clinic that helped young people with addiction
- 9) All the things computers made him forget.