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Vocabulary: Technology: 词汇: 科技

Fashion and music are constantly looking back to the past. But would you be interested in **retro** video games? If so, you are part of a **growing trend**.

Vintage video games are making their way back into living rooms. There is already a large market for 1970s and 80s **games consoles**. Despite their limited **graphics** and sounds, original machines by Atari, Nintendo and Sega command high prices. This year, a charity in the UK is hoping to **cash-in** on this with the **re-release** of the hugely popular 1980s home computer, the ZX Spectrum. The new version has 1,000 games **pre-loaded** – a big change to the old machine that loaded games from a **cassette tape**. That process took several minutes and would often go wrong.



In the United States, large numbers of **gamers** wanting a taste of 80s action are visiting beer and **arcade game** centres where they can drink and relive the games of their childhood. "Our most popular games are the **classics** like Ms Pac Man and Donkey Kong and also the **multiplayer** games like Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, the Simpsons, NBA Jam and X-Men," says Paul Kermizian, owner of one successful chain of arcades.

Pinball goes even further back in time, but it's also enjoying a **revival**. New technology means **contemporary** machines have more features, but the **gameplay** has not changed. Pinball machine maker Gary Stern says people like playing because it's physical – more like a sport than a video game. Because of this, it's becoming popular with people in their 20s as well as older players.

So, is it just **nostalgia**, or are older games more fun? Either way, with a new generation of fans, it looks like retro gaming is here to stay.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. What two things are limited on old games consoles?
2. Which old computer system is being re-released in the UK?
3. What can gamers in the US do while playing old arcade games?
4. What two types of games are most popular in the arcades?
5. Why do young people like pinball?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. The game looks amazing. The _____ are incredible, but it's quite boring to play.

graphics	gameplay	arcade games	games consoles
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2. This rock album from 1972 is a real _____.

retro	contemporary	vintage	classic
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3. Playing _____ games with your friends is a lot of fun.

multiplayer	cassette tape	re-released	pre-loaded
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4. Visiting their old school gave them a strong feeling of _____ for a simpler time.

retro	revival	nostalgia	classic
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5. It's such a popular film that they are going to _____ it next year.

cash-in	re-release	pinball	growing trend
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. What two things are limited on old games consoles? **Graphics and sounds.**
2. Which old computer system is being re-released in the UK? **The ZX Spectrum.**
3. What can gamers in the US do while playing old arcade games? **Drink beer.**
4. What two types of games are most popular in the arcades? **Classics and multi-player games.**
5. Why do young people like pinball? **It's physical, like a sport.**

Exercise 练习

1. The game looks amazing. The **graphics** are incredible, but it's quite boring to play.
2. This rock album from 1972 is a real **classic**.
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4. Visiting their old school gave them a strong feeling of **nostalgia** for a simpler time.
5. It's such a popular film that they are going to **re-release** it next year.

Glossary 词汇表

retro	怀旧的，复古的
growing trend	上涨的趋势
vintage	老式的
games console	游戏机
graphics	图像
to cash-in	兑现
to re-release	再发行
pre-loaded	预先装载的
cassette tape	录音磁带
gamer	游戏玩家
arcade game	电子游戏
classic	(名词) 经典的游戏
multiplayer	多玩家的
pinball	弹球游戏
revival	复兴，再流行
contemporary	现代的
gameplay	游戏玩法
nostalgia	对往事的怀念，怀旧