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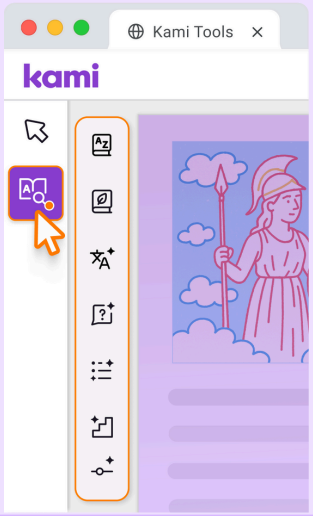

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Tip: Use any of the Comment tools to answer this reflection question in the yellow block:

How did seeing the picture or translation change how you understood the word?

Challenge 1:

- Learn how to look up the definition of any word in existing text and explore the different ways the text can be read aloud.
- Use the article ***Big Questions: Is gaming good for kids?*** by Newsela on page 4 to complete the following tasks:

Task 1: Dictionary Tool

- Use the **Dictionary Tool** in the **Understand Tool** and click on the word ***visual***. Write one definition you found:

Task 2: Picture Dictionary Tool

- Use the **Picture Dictionary Tool** and click on the word ***acuity*** **(appears next to visual)**. Write what the picture helped you understand about the word:

Task 3: Translate Tool

- Use the **Translate Tool** and translate a short sentence from the passage into a language of your choice. **Copy** and **paste** the translated version in the box below:

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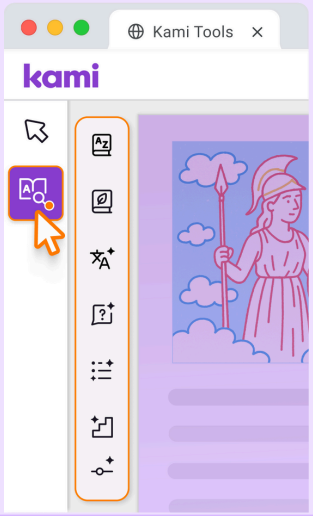

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Tip: Use any of the Comment tools to answer this reflection question in the yellow block:

How did using the Explain and Summarize tools help you understand the article more clearly?

Challenge 1:

- Learn how to look up the definition of any word in existing text and explore the different ways the text can be read aloud.
- Use the article ***Big Questions: Is gaming good for kids?*** by Newsela on page 4 to complete the following tasks:

Task 4: Explain Tool

- Use the **Explain Tool** to explain a sentence from the passage. **Copy** and **paste** the explanation in the box below:

Task 5: Summarize Tool

- Use the **Summarize Tool** on the first two paragraphs of the article (up through "***because you play video games***". **Copy** and **paste** the summary in the box below:

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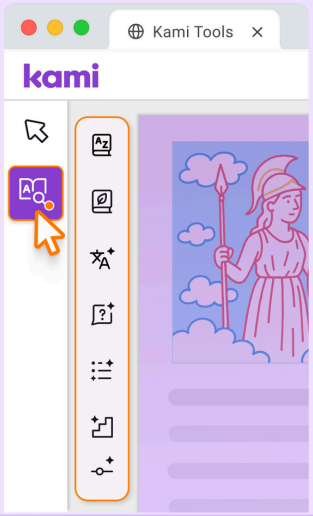

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What did you notice after hearing the text read aloud that you didn't notice when reading silently?

Challenge 1:

- Learn how to look up the definition of any word in existing text and explore the different ways the text can be read aloud.
- Use the article ***Big Questions: Is gaming good for kids?*** by Newsela on page 4 to complete the following tasks:

Task 6: Relevel Tool

- Use the **Relevel Tool** on this sentence from the passage: ***"It's one of the many benefits researchers like me have discovered about playing video games."***
- **Copy** and **paste** the sentence at the new Reading Level in the box below:

Task 7: The Read Aloud Tool

- Click on the **Read Aloud Tool** icon
- **Highlight** any sentence in the text
- As it reads, click through **each of the buttons** in the **Read Aloud Tool**
- Describe **what happened** when you clicked each of these buttons (you can use any of the Comment Tools to add your thoughts in the **yellow rectangle** on the right):

Challenge 2:
Complete **Tasks 1 to 7** from **Challenge 1 (previous pages) on this page** using the text from Newsela below:

Big Questions: Is gaming good for kids?

By John Velez, The Conversation on 04.13.21 Word Count **695** Level **MAX**

Gamers, have you ever noticed that you're the first person to spot animals at the zoo?

Or if someone drops candy on the ground, you know exactly where every piece landed? That may be because you play video games.

Research has shown people who play video games such as "Fortnite" or "Rocket League" have higher visual acuity.

This means they can keep track of multiple moving objects at once. They might even see things in the fog or rain that others cannot.

It's one of the many benefits researchers like me have discovered about playing video games.

You might know people who think video games are a waste of time or a negative force in your life. It might be worth showing them what the latest science has to say.

Developing Skills

When you keep an eye on your enemies, grab the best loot and change your inventory without even looking at the controller, you are essentially flexing your brain.■

This article is available at 5 Reading Levels at https://newsela.com.

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