

Just games

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Your coverage about computer game players being "more intelligent" is misleading (Zap! Go to the top of the class, March 24). The study highlighted in the Home Office report was carried out nearly 15 years ago.

The field of computer games has changed dramatically since then and most people who played computer games at that time would have probably been more affluent (which may have accounted for a more intelligent sample). My own reviews of the literature have concluded that there is no evidence that moderate computer game playing is in any way detrimental to children but that very excessive players are most "at risk" from social, psychological and medical consequences.

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