

## Level 5

# Gamers' Weekly

Two video game consoles have been released this week. We have spent all week playing the GameStation 4 and the PocketPlay. Which did I prefer? Read on to find out!



The main difference between the two consoles is that the PocketPlay is portable. The GameStation 4 is designed to be played at home, whereas the PocketPlay can be carried around to play on the go. Both are powerful consoles, however the GameStation 4 offers more memory. More memory means better graphics. Sure, you'll get great looking games on the PocketPlay, but the level of detail in the games on the GameStation 4 is unmatched. This is definitely something to consider if graphics are important to you.

The GameStation 4 is able to connect to the internet so you can play against your friends all over the world. Similarly, the PocketPlay offers online play. The difference is that while online play on the GameStation 4 costs \$10 per month, it is free on the PocketPlay. Remember to factor this into your budget, because it will be an extra \$120 per year if you're an online gamer.



The GameStation 4 already has a huge library of 32 games, and it will play all of your favourite DVDs. In contrast, the PocketPlay has a smaller library and cannot play DVDs. Unlike the GameStation 4, the PocketPlay is available in 5 fun colours. The GameStation 4 comes with the console, a controller, power pack and a voucher for 3 months free online play. The PocketPlay comes with a controller, a power pack, and a carry case. In addition, you'll find a download voucher for any game of your choice.

While they are both fantastic, I see huge potential in being able to take the PocketPlay with me for gaming on the go. No more tedious bus rides or car trips!

## Task A: Comprehension

1. Which console has better graphics?

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2. List 3 accessories that come with the PocketPlay.

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3. Which word from the text means 'dull'?

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4. List 3 similarities between the consoles.

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5. List 3 differences between the consoles.

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6. Which type of person might prefer the PocketPlay? Explain.

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7. Which device would you prefer? Explain your choice.

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## Task B: Language and Grammar

1. **Nouns** are naming words, **verbs** are doing words and **adjectives** are describing words. Make a list of **nouns**, **verbs** and **adjectives** you can find in the text.

Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives

2. **Edit** the following passage for full stops, capital letters, commas and spelling. Rewrite it correctly.

for your chance to win one of these two fantastic gameing devices write in and tell us which you would prefer we'll be chosing a winner in next week's edition of gamers' weekly

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## Task C: Challenge

Choose one of the consoles from the text and create a poster advertisement for it.