

Down with electronic games!



- 1** I think electronic games should be banned. They are turning children into monsters!
- 2** All they do is play those annoying machines. Mums and dads don't want to interrupt them. Their children get so angry if they are disturbed and lose a game.
- 3** Children used to be active, fit and healthy, having fun in the fresh air. Now, they just sit with their eyes on a screen. Pressing buttons is their only exercise.
- 4** They used to help at home, but now they don't care. No more helping in the garden or washing the car. No more tidying toys or putting away clothes.
- 5** Even on car trips, children sit with their eyes glued to a tiny screen instead of looking at the world around them.
- 6** Let's bring the children back again. We don't want them to become monsters. Ban electronic games so they will start playing in parks and gardens once more!

1. The word **banned** in Paragraph 1 means:

- (a) *monsters.*
- (b) *not allowed.*
- (c) *wrapped up.*

2. Mums and dads don't interrupt their children because they:

- (a) *will make a mistake.*
- (b) *will cry.*
- (c) *will get cross.*

3. Paragraph 5 tells us that children:

- (a) *are interested only in their electronic games.*
- (b) *are lazy.*
- (c) *are rude.*

4. The text tells us that electronic games make children:

- (a) *unhealthy.*
- (b) *clever.*
- (c) *active.*

5. The writer wants children to:

- (a) *read more books.*
- (b) *play computer games.*
- (c) *give up their electronic games.*

6. In Paragraph 2, the word **them** is used instead of the:

- (a) *children.*
- (b) *mums and dads.*
- (c) *electronic games.*



Something extra

- ★ Write a letter telling the writer what you think about electronic games.
- ★ List as many words ending in '-onic' as you can you find.