

## A brief history of video games (part 1)

**Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with the correct words from the vocabulary list:**

1. In 1972, Bear's idea to get video games out of the science lab and into the living room led to the \_\_\_\_\_ of a game console called Odyssey.
2. A video game is an electronic game that has an \_\_\_\_\_ designed for human interaction on a video device.
3. Space Invaders also helped \_\_\_\_\_ what is known as the Golden Age of Arcade Games.
4. In fact, the earliest U.S. videogame \_\_\_\_\_ on record was in 1948, and at the time it was referred to as a cathode-ray tube amusement device. That's a \_\_\_\_\_ !
5. This all changed when a man named Ralph Baer looked at his television screen and \_\_\_\_\_ how else it might be used.
6. By 1978, competition between Atari and another game company called Midway was \_\_\_\_\_.
7. While arcade games continued to decline in \_\_\_\_\_ over the years, the popularity of video games was \_\_\_\_\_ beginning [...].
8. By 1980, color came to arcade games, and this was also the year that another video gaming \_\_\_\_\_ was born.
9. It was an immediate \_\_\_\_\_ and it's credited as the first commercially successful video game.
10. Video games are used by scientists, the military, and people like you, and their evolution has \_\_\_\_\_ across arcades, consoles, computers, smartphones, and all kind of other electronics.
11. It was released in 1987 and, like Donkey Kong, it \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ storyline, a storyline common in many video games.

## **Answers:**

1) Release; 2) interface; 3) kick off; 4) patent; mouthful; 5) wondered; 6) heating up; 7) sales; merely; 8) milestone; 9) hit; 10) spread; 11) featured; damsel in distress.