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The Gaming Industry

Games Testers (also known as **Quality Assurance** or '**QA Testers**') are on the front line of the game development process. Before a game hits the shelves, it must be tested to find any '**bugs**' in the system. Without this vital phase the player could find their gaming experience full of '**glitches**' and poorly designed levels.

- ▶ With the industry being one of the fastest growing worldwide and there being a strong gaming community in the north (Manchester, Sheffield, Liverpool) it is important to know what types of roles exist within the industry.
- ▶ One excellent place to find out more is this website: <https://www.screenskills.com/careers/job-profiles/games/> where you can find really good descriptions of all the different types of jobs that exist in gaming. Some of those jobs include:

Publisher

Virtual Reality Animator

Marketing Executive

Producer

Programmer

Community Manager

eSports Producer

Artist

Writer....and many more!

- ▶ For this session we want you to focus more on the idea of being a **QA tester** for a big games company. To do this, you simply need to play your favourite game!

Task: *Within moderation* play your favourite game on any console, PC, phone or tablet and using the work sheet attached think about what you like about the game. What keeps you coming back? Complete the rest of the worksheet as you play.

Additional Task: Go on YouTube and search for a streamer who talks about the current glitches or errors affecting your favourite game.

- ▶ Do you agree with their opinion?
- ▶ Use your newly found skills as a QA Tester to make your own opinions and share them on the social media pages, maybe even think about creating your own content and share it with on YouTube.

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QA Testing Worksheet

What platform is used to play the game?

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What is the objective of the game?

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What three things do you like about the game?

1.
2.
3.

What three things do you not like about the game?

1.
2.
3.

List three reasons why you think this game is successful and popular.

1.
2.
3.

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Describe how you would improve the current game – be as detailed as you can!

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Create some new downloadable content (DLC) for the game.

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List three reasons why you think players would like your changes.

1.
2.
3.

List three reasons why your changes might be difficult to make happen.

1.
2.
3.

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