



Video Games

Good video games attract lots of users, so they're a good way to spread your message. Creating commercial video games takes years and a dedicated development team, though. Fortunately, there are online services that allow you to create games, with some shortcuts.

What do you create?

A video game with a climate change theme that incorporates your personal touch.

How many points can you earn?

500 points [limit 4 per school]

How do you earn points?

Use an online service like the ones described below to create your game. Host your game on the service's server and submit the link to your game on the [Upload form](#).

What You'll Need:

- An account at [YoYo Games](#)
- Digital photographs
- Audio files
- Creativity!

Step 1: Choose a focus

Focus on a particular idea, aspect of your plan, image, or recording to focus your video game. Consider how to incorporate your ideas into the game, how the players [your audience] will

interact with the game, and how your messages will get across. Your challenge will be to convey a message about climate change while also creating a stimulating game that users will want to play again.

Step 2: Get Ideas

- Once you've identified a theme for your game, check out examples of video games about climate change:

<http://www.logicity.co.uk/game>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/sn/hottopics/climatechange/climate_challenge/

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/fun/369960/?lang=e>

Discuss some of the video games with your team:

- Was there a clear message or story?
- Did you enjoy the game?
- What images, sounds, or text stood out?

Step 3: Create or Gather Media Components

- Search for climate change photos on Flickr.
- If your team has created photo essays, mashups, or audio recordings, reexamine those pieces. Would any of the images work in a video game? Could you expand on something you started in another activity?
- Create an outline for the video game's message.

Step 4: Create your Video Game

- Log on to your new YoYo Games account.
- Click on "MAKE"
- Follow the instructions for the service.

Alternative Flash game tutorials:

<http://www.oman3d.com/tutorials/flash/litegame>