VIOLENCE IN VIDEO GAMES

Recently, a group of medical and social service organization led by the American Academy of Pediatrics said that violence in entertainment including video games can cause serious short and long term harm to kids. To see how violent video games may be affecting your child, pay close attention as he/she interacts with other people after game time is over. When a child participates in or especially, directs violent situations on his computer or console, he/she may get more aggressive during real life play and quicker to lash out physically when he has a disagreement. But even if your child isn't acting out in this way, the games could still be having an adverse impact. Often unsettling imagery particularly if it's realistic can resonate in a child in the form of separation anxieties, sleeplessness and other fears. Also over time kids who regularly play violent video games may come desensitized to real life violence and suffering and more prone to aggression as adults.

VOCABULARIES:

Desensitized: To make emotionally insensitive or unresponsive, as by long exposure or repeated shocks:

Aggression: Hostile or destructive behavior or actions.

THINK AND TALK

1. What Parent's can do to video games violence?

2. How video games affect the Childs behavior?