



Team Captain Robert Tyndale (left) with the rest of the Canadian team

Robert is a full-time university student and manages to balance his gaming with his school commitments. He explains, “A typical week for me is: I work from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and practise from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. from Sunday to Thursday. I still have time for a number of things like chilling out with friends.” Like most pro gamers, he also makes time to keep physically fit. Serious competition demands quick reflexes, great hand-eye coordination, and a lot of **stamina**.

### Gaming Superstars

As interest in gaming grows, the competition is only going to get tougher. But as Robert suggests, this new growth will also bring greater opportunities—bigger prizes, more sponsors, and more chances to play. The question is: which of today’s basement amateurs will become Canada’s next superstar gamers?

## React and Respond

1. Imagine you are the manager of a video game team. Use the information from this article to advertise for new teammates. Include the qualifications and experience you are looking for. Be as persuasive as possible to attract the best players.
2. Work with a group. Role-play part of a radio, television, or Webcast video game tournament. For example, you might conduct a red-carpet interview as the gamers and audience arrive; offer colour commentary during a game; present expert comments between games; or conduct post-game interviews.

## Build Word Power

3. The root *cyber* has come a long way from its original ancient Greek meaning of “to steer or to guide.” Today, *cyber* is generally used to refer to the online or virtual world. Try to define these words by using today’s meaning of *cyber* in your definition: *cyberspace*, *cybersurfer*, *cyber war*, *cyber life*, *cybernaut*.

## MEDIA FILE

Design a print or online ad for a video game tournament. Catch your readers’ attention with the layout and use of font styles and colours. Include a logo.

**dynamic** full of energy and enthusiasm

**stamina** the ability to do something for an extended period of time