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Minecraft is one of the most popular video games in the world. It was created in 2009 by a Swedish programmer named Markus Persson. In this game, players enter a digital world made of blocks. These blocks represent things like dirt, stone, water, and trees. Players can **build**, **mine**, **explore**, and **survive** in this world.

Minecraft has different **modes**. In *Creative Mode*, players can build anything they want without danger. In *Survival Mode*, players need to find food, build a home, and protect themselves from monsters like zombies and skeletons. There is also *Multiplayer Mode*, where players can connect with friends online and create worlds together.

One reason Minecraft is so popular is because it is **open-ended**. There are no strict rules or goals. You can make a castle, go on an adventure, or just explore. This freedom helps children be creative and solve problems.

Many teachers also use Minecraft in schools to teach subjects like history, science, and even math. It helps children work together and learn in a fun way. With over 140 million players worldwide, Minecraft continues to be a favourite game for kids and adults alike.





Vocabulary Box:

Word	Meaning	Example Sentence
Popular	Liked by many people	Minecraft is a popular game.
Block	A small cube used to build things in the game	You can use blocks to build a house.
Mine (v)	To dig for stone, gold, or other things	I mine for coal to make a fire.
Survive	To stay alive, especially in danger	You must eat food to survive.
Monster	A scary creature, like a zombie or skeleton	The monster comes at night!
Creative	Having new ideas or making things	She is very creative and built a castle.
Multiplayer	A game mode with other people online	I play in multiplayer with my friends.

Grammar: Present Simple vs Present Continuous

Quick Refresher:

- **Present Simple:** facts, routines, things that happen regularly
 - *"Players build houses in Minecraft."*
 - *"He plays every day."*
- **Present Continuous:** actions happening right now
 - *"He is building a treehouse."*
 - *"I am collecting wood."*

Task: **Sentence switch** game:

Tutor says a sentence and student must change the tense to Present Continuous:

"He is building a house." →

"They explore caves." →

Grammar 2: . Prepositions of Place

Quick Refresher:

Prepositions are used to explain **where** something is:

- **in** – *The torch is in the cave.*
- **on** – *The bed is on the floor.*
- **next to** – *The wolf is next to the tree.*
- **under / behind / between** – *The house is between two trees.*

Comprehension Questions (5–7)

1. Who created Minecraft and when?
2. What are the blocks in Minecraft used for?
3. Name two game modes and what makes them different.
4. Why do teachers sometimes use Minecraft in schools?
5. What kinds of monsters are in Minecraft?
6. How do players survive in survival mode?
7. Why do people say Minecraft helps you be creative?

Discussion Questions (5–7)

1. Have you ever played Minecraft? What do you like to do in the game?
2. Do you prefer survival mode or creative mode? Why?
3. If you could build anything in Minecraft, what would it be?
4. What other games are similar to Minecraft?
5. Do you think video games can help kids learn? Why or why not?
6. What is your favourite place or moment in the game?