

Problematic Internet Use Symptom Checklist

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(Scoring Instructions. 1=never; 2= rarely; 3= sometimes; 4=often; 5= constant)

1. ____ Spends more and more time playing video games or online activities.
2. ____ Argues about and resists any restrictions put on video game or internet use.
3. ____ Withdraws from friends and activities to spend time playing.
4. ____ Repeatedly breaks family rules about when and how much game playing is allowed.
5. ____ Sneaks and lies about game playing or internet use.
6. ____ Neglects school work and other responsibilities because of play or use.
7. ____ Throws temper tantrums when limits are imposed.
8. ____ Neglects relationships because of internet-use.
9. ____ Thinks about playing or being online when not actively doing so.
10. ____ Is unhappy or depressed when not playing or using computer/Internet.
11. ____ Neglects sleep in order to play or use computer/Internet.
12. ____ Neglects personal hygiene and appearance because of gaming or online.
13. ____ Tries to limit gaming or internet time but is unable to do so.
14. ____ Family members or friends complain about person's gaming or internet use.
15. ____ Continues to play or use in spite of negative consequences.
16. ____ Is only happy when playing or online.
17. ____ More and more friends are gamers or online friends.
18. ____ Plays games or stays online longer than planned.
19. ____ Skips school or work to play or go online.
20. ____ Denies that there is any problem in spite of negative consequences.

Scores range between 20 and 100. Scores above 59 indicate concern.