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WHAT TO BUY VIDEO GAMERS



Surely the video gamers on your list have already talked to you multiple times about items they would love to open on Christmas morning. In case you glazed over as they droned on for hours and stopped listening, here are some items sure to be on their list, and a few that probably aren't but will still put a big smile on their face.

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▲ Xbox One Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare Bundle

This bundle features a 1-terabyte hard drive and the console is all decked out in a Sentinel Task Force design. The wireless limited edition controller resembles weaponry from wars of the future. Bundle includes many extras such as personalized exoskeletons and the full-game download of *Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare Day Zero Edition*. Walmart has the bundle for \$449.99.



▲ Sentry Turret Desk Defender

Fans of the *Portal* series will fondly remember the turrets that befuddled them as they puzzled their way through the walls. Now you can have them defend your desk against unwanted office workers. As intruders approach, the wings open, the light turns, on and a voice states that a target has been spotted.

It's a must-have for *Portal* fans as well as disgruntled workers and can be found at ThinkGeek.com for \$29.99.

▲ Legend of Zelda Monopoly

The Legend of Zelda is one of the most popular video games of all time. It only makes sense to combine it with the most popular board games of all time, *Monopoly*. Players will travel through Hyrule and visit places from the classic video game, such as Link's House and the Temple of Time. Pay a visit to **GameStop** to find this reborn classic board game and give the console the night off. It's well worth the \$39.99 price tag.



▲ Flashback consoles

Old-school gamers are quick to point out that games nowadays are just too complicated and involved. They long for the two-dimensional, pixelated protagonists from days of yore, but you can silence their ramblings with a Flashback console for Colecovision or Intellivision — systems so old the younger crowd won't even recognize the names. More than 60 classic games are included. Swing into **Best Buy** and get these antiquated plug-n-play systems for \$29.99 on sale.



▲ Super Mario 3D World Wii U 32GB Deluxe Console

When buying for the gamer, don't overlook the Wii U as a great first console or even as an awesome addition to your gamer's diverse arsenal of playing power. No matter his or her allegiances for the other big consoles, it remains impossible to open the Wii U and be disappointed. This bundle includes *Super Mario 3D World* and is found at **GameStop** for \$299.99.



▲ Playstation 4 Destiny Bundle

This bundle is complete with *Destiny*, where gamers take on the role of the Guardian of the last city on Earth. With special powers you must defend Earth from its enemies and even travel to other planets in the solar system. The console comes in glacier white and can be purchased at **Toys "R" Us** for \$449.99. Pick it up and become a legend of the holidays.

The games

Let us not forget the games. Without them, our consoles would be little else than a doorstop that plays movies and surfs the Internet. OK, maybe the consoles aren't so one-sided. Most of these games are cross-platform but make sure to ID your gamers' system before purchasing them. Games can be found almost anywhere, but large selections can be had at **GameStop**, **Walmart**, **Best Buy**, **Meijer**, and **Toys "R" Us**. Prices range from \$39.99 to \$59.99.



▲ Pac-Man Ghost Light

Normally, you want to turn on the lights to chase the ghosts away, but this light is already a ghost itself. The **Ghost Light** from *Pac-Man* has four different transition effects — Smooth, Flash, Strobe, and Fade. It also glows in 16 colors and comes with a remote so you can shut the light off after you've buried your head under the covers. Go to truehomecomfort.com for the higher-quality versions for \$53.99.



▲ Angry Birds: Knock on Wood

Fans of the smart-phone phenomenon *Angry Birds* will love testing their skills against the real version. Although the game is designed for children as young as 5, adults will find themselves launching the foul fowl for hours. *Knock on Wood* and other games including *Angry Birds Space*, can be found at **Kohl's** or kohls.com starting at \$11.99.



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