

Pointers For Parents

Playing By The Ratings

(NAPSA)—Buying a video game the whole family can enjoy is not just fun and games. You may want to do your homework.

Whether you're buying a game as a gift or for your own family to enjoy, it's important to make informed decisions about which games are most suitable for younger players.

Rating Symbols on the Front



Content Descriptors on the Back



Before buying a video game for younger players, always check the rating.

Here are some tips to help:

- Check the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) rating on the front of every box to gauge age appropriateness, from E for Everyone to M for Mature. And don't forget to look at the content descriptors and other information on the back.

- Most games have rating summaries available at ESRB.org that provide further details and examples of the game's content.

Download the free mobile app from ESRB to check a game's rating summary right from the store.

- Visit game review websites, which often have gameplay videos to help parents get a better feel for the content.

- Ask game store employees or other parents for recommendations.