



**Learning Support Board**  
Week Commencing  
**29th November 2021**

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Last time's answer: Wolverhampton Wanderers

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In the 1980s, Atari ruled the video game universe. Game developers flocked to the pioneering platform and churned out new titles. But most games developed for Atari were not as original as PONG or as popular as Pac-Man, and that ultimately led to the platform's demise. Nolan Bushnell had founded Atari in 1972 to create games and license them to other companies for mass production.

PONG was actually a training exercise for one of Atari's employees. Allan Alcorn was just 24 when he designed the world's first proper video game. Fresh out of college and working as a junior engineer for the then unknown company - Alcorn was Atari's second employee - his first task was intended to test his skills.

The original arcade version of PONG was made from simple digital logic chips that used a 14 MHz clock. There was no microprocessor, they didn't exist until 1974, so there was no code for the original game. Once it was finished, Bushnell made a few adjustments to make the game more interesting (like changing the ball's return angle) and added the sound effects. The result was PONG, an electronic table tennis game that paved the way for all modern video games.

Alcorn recalled that, "PONG was such a simple game that anyone could play. At that time, coin-operated games were dominated by pinball machines that had sometimes lurid graphics or driving machines that required skills that appealed to young males. PONG was unusual in that it required two players. I think it was the first game that appealed to young women and was a more social game."

## MINDFULNESS

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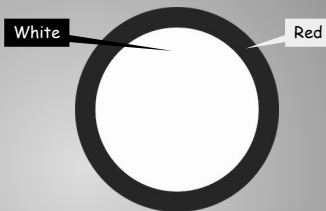
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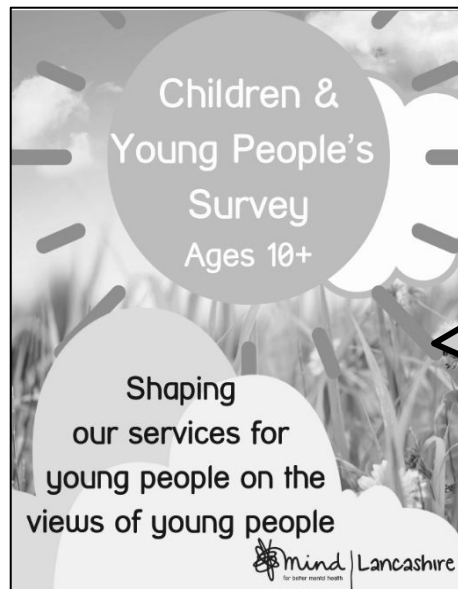
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