



Game On!

What are e-sports?

- E-sports means electronic sports.
- They are organised competitions between people playing video games.

Photo: Someone playing a computer game.

Sports Stars Compete in E-Sports

There have been a lot of changes in sports recently. Luckily, sportspeople are finding clever ways to keep us entertained.

Football players will be playing each other in a computer game tournament! Footballers from 20 top European teams, including Liverpool and Manchester City, will play against each other.

The 'FIFA 20 Stay and Play Cup' will last from 15th to 19th April and will be **live-streamed** on Twitch. EA Sports, the company which makes the FIFA games, will also give around £800 000 to help people affected by coronavirus.

It's not just football which is getting into e-sports! On 5th April, racing fans watched a **virtual** version of the Vietnam **Grand Prix**. The drivers included some **professional** drivers and a few famous faces.

They played on computers instead of using real cars. Unlike having different types of

cars to drive in real life, all the virtual cars had the same power. This meant that drivers had to rely on skill. Also, they made the cars hard to damage. This allowed the drivers to crash and carry on.

Charles Leclerc, who races for Ferrari, won the race. After winning, Leclerc said that he gave "everything" to his performance.

Glossary

live-streamed	A live showing of an event over the Internet.
virtual	Something not happening in reality.
grand prix	Any race from a motoring competition that happens across the world.
professional	Someone who is paid something for their job.

Questions

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Accept any of the following: They used virtual cars, all of the cars had the same power or the cars could not get damaged.

6. Explain what the story is about in 20 words or fewer.

Accept any reasonable summary of the story that is 20 words or fewer, e.g. Sports stars are competing in events online against each other. This has kept people entertained and raised money for charity.