

Minecraft

- a. Look at the following text. Read it to yourself. When you feel happy that you know how to say the words, read it aloud:

Minecraft is a sandbox video game developed by Mojang. Following several early test versions, it was released as a paid public alpha for personal computers in 2009 before full release in November 2011. Minecraft has since been ported to several other platforms and is the best-selling video game of all time, with 200 million copies sold and 126 million monthly active users as of 2020.

In Minecraft, players explore a blocky, procedurally-generated 3D world with infinite terrain, and may discover and extract raw materials, craft tools and items, and build structures or earthworks. Depending on game mode, players can fight computer-controlled "mobs", as well as cooperate with or compete against other players in the same world. Game modes include a survival mode and a creative mode.

Minecraft has won several awards and been recognised as one of the greatest video games of all time. Social media, parodies, adaptations, merchandise, and the annual MineCon conventions have played a big part in popularizing the game. In 2014, Mojang and the Minecraft intellectual property were purchased by Microsoft for US\$2.5 billion.

- b. Now look at this image. Tell me about what you can see:

