GAMING Lesson plan week 38

1) Read the text "**Korean gamer dies after 50 hours online**".
Make sure you understand the text. You may help each other out.
If you need to listen to the text you can find it here:
http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/0508/050811-gaming-e.mp3

Work with the text.

Korean gamer dies after 50 hours online

A 28-year-old South Korean man has died after playing an online computer game for almost 50 hours non-stop. The man, known only by his family name of Lee, started playing the popular battle simulation game *Starcraft* on August 3 and was fixed to his seat for over two days. His marathon gaming session was apparently broken only with the occasional toilet break or five-minute nap. Reuters News Agency reports police sources saying the man died from cardiac arrest "stemming from exhaustion". Lee was on a mission to become a professional gamer. This is an increasingly attractive and well-paid profession in South Korea. Top players can earn substantial amounts of money each year. Lee had recently been fired from his job because of absences due to his obsession with gaming. The dangers of being addicted to fantasy games are resulting in many social problems. In particular, MMORPGs, or massively multiplayer online role playing games, keep thousands of players glued to their screens for many hours.

(Text and exercises from
www.breakingnewsenglish.com/0508/050811-**gaming**.doc)

VOCABULARY: Write down any words you do not understand. Use dictionaries to find their meanings. (www.bab.la)

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article (sometimes more than one combination is possible):

a.	marathon	unfolding in front of them
b.	interspersed only with	stemming from exhaustion
c.	rooted to his	and lucrative profession
d.	died from cardiac arrest	gaming
e.	paramedics could not	seat for over two days
f.	an increasingly alluring	glued to their screens
g.	rake in	the occasional toilet break
h.	his obsession with	resuscitate him
i.	mesmerized by the events	substantial amounts of money
j.	keep thousands of players	gaming session

TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall exactly how these were used in the text:

- non-stop
- interspersed
- engrossed
- stemming
- collapsed
- resuscitate
- lucrative
- substantial
- attributed
- apparent
- mesmerized
- glued

2) Listen to the the radio programs "Science Radio: Computer games" http://www.ur.se/Produkter/136260-Science-Radio-Computer-Games which is about the benefits with games and "Rough Cuts: Computer games", in which they speak about the difference between what girls and boys play. Work with the radio programs.

http://www.ur.se/mb/pdf/Arbetsblad/Engelska/73010026703_arb.pdf

3) Write a short reflection on what you have learnt these weeks. Discuss the pros and cons of gaming. What conclusions do you draw? E-mail katarina.pocs@eskilstuna.se.