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News Review

Should 'loot boxes' in games like Fortnite and Fifa be controlled ?

The story

Loot boxes in video games should be classed as gambling. That's what the Children's Commissioner for England wants. Anne Longfield also thinks games need to introduce a maximum daily spending limit for players.

Vocabulary

splashing cash

spending lots of money on something

- I'm splashing cash on a new car at the weekend.
- My sofa was falling apart. I couldn't afford it, but I splashed out on a new one!

labeled (American English; British English spelling: labelled)

called or seen as

- Teenagers are often labelled antisocial, which is not always fair!
- Rob doesn't like being labelled a biscuit thief, but he was caught in the act!

curb

stop or control something that is not wanted

- The council increased fines to curb illegal parking.
- A new police scheme aims to curb graffiti.

Language challenge

Which word means 'stolen items'?

- a) toot
- b) coot
- c) loot

Answer:

- c) loot