

Wii Play

Wii Play comes with an additional Wii Remote and is a basic multi game package that introduces the movements needed to use the Wii. It is an excellent introduction to what the Wii can offer in terms of wireless movement and control of games.

Wii play is an excellent introduction to the Wii, although the games are fairly easy only one or two are repetitively used during therapy. The main games that Wii play offers is the Fishing game, the shooting game and Cow racing.

The other games are playable but have limited potential for therapy. Fishing is most likely the easiest game going and is an excellent starter even for those with poor cognition, poor eye sight or limited movement. The Wii remote vibrates when the fish is on the hook requiring the player to respond with an upwards arm movement to pull the fish from the pond. Points are awarded depending on the fish caught, but this can be ignored and the number of fish counted instead. This game is useful to encourage upper limb steadiness and control of the Wii mote.

It offers a good insight as to how well a patient will manage using the controllers using simple games with simple instructions and tasks.

Information about Wii Play can be found by clicking [here](#)

Below you will find an outline of the parts of the game that have been found accessible within physiotherapy sessions, you will also find indications of the level of activity or function required to play the game successfully. Easily accessible games are given 5 stars, more difficult games less.

Multiplayer	Yes - 2 players at once
WiiMote Buttons	Yes - but minimal A and or B
Nunchuk	No
Improves Movement	Control of fine movement, grip, dexterity
Motivational Tool	Games are basic but fun and enjoyable
Skill Development	Reaction speed, timing
WiFi option	No
No. of Mini Games	9
Therapy Friendly	Yes

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Wii Play is an excellent game offering the opportunity to work on control of fine movement, pointing and pressing buttons, reactions speeds depending on game, grip and dexterity along with others.

Therapists will have no problem using the easy aspects of this game with patients as either a distraction from therapeutic activity or as a means to focus on movement control and concentration.

GAME	TYPE	EASE (out of 5)	Additional Info
Fishing	Match	★★★★★	Timing and quick reflexes needed
Shootem Up	Match	★★★★☆	Press A or B to fire when pointing
Table Tennis	Match	★★★★☆	Quick reflexes needed + side to side movements
Cow Racing/Charge!	Match	★★★★☆	remote held on its side + tilting movements
Find Mii	Match	★★★★☆	Find the Miis that look alike, point & press A button
Laser Hockey	Match	★★★★☆	quick reflexes needed + up and down movements
Pool/Billards	Match	★★★☆☆	Line up shot using buttons then pull wiimote back & push fwd to play the shot
Pose Mii	Match	★★★★☆	Move Mii to bubble and rotate to match pattern
Tanks	Match	★★★★☆	Uses all buttons to position Tank and fire at others