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### Gacha

- Back in middle school when mobile games hitting it peak like flappy bird, temple run, subway surfer, candy crush, little old me craved something even more mobile games until a particular game showed my interest. that game was called brave frontier a mobile rpg send in the pit is called gacha ,a monetization technique that is mainly used on free to play app games used to describe the data, people from a random pool , which originally from Japanese toy machines the ones you sometimes see at the supermarket or laundry place. My relationship with gacha started as a mobile game that I just wanted to play on my phone meanwhile I take the bus from school or home I didn't know it has helped me gain online friend from all over the world to Australia, Philippines, Japan, France just by joining group chat from Facebook and interacting group chat either talking about the game future, helping new people out with coop raid or team building that it really feels nice to be part of community full of passion. It also helped me to understand how time zones are in each country since we had to organize a certain time we like to be online to play together although it was really quiet the struggle to have everyone online. Patience is a huge role when to money management free in game currency comes to summoning your favorite heroes or weapons from a huge pool because you don't want to waste all of

the free currency than later there is a character or weapon that you really wanted but now you're stuck can't grind anymore free in game currency not you have purchased in game currency because now you have a small chance to pull the heroes or weapon that you really wanted and plus don't how much money you are going to throw in the summoning banner. Some gacha games communities there are code names for your status in the gacha summoning such as whale which you're a person who spends a lot of money in the game, a dolphin a player spends a little money on the game than you have a fish who just doesn't spend money at all. Over time I began becoming a dolphin once I required a summer job and only grabbed cheap bundles to support the game, just wanted to support the developer for creating a fun game . Gacha is important to me because of the bond that it helps me create with strange or sometimes is the plot of gacha that really captivates your interests that you want more of it , or sometimes is the music that really sets apart gacha games which can get you pumped to play the game. For some people in the gacha community it can be the voice actor for their performance, sometimes it can be just art that is really majestic. But sometimes there can even be a dark side in gacha where there are stories of people can spend an entire budget of their food save or rent, life saving because some people don't have self control how they spend their money which can lead to a gambling addiction. I remember an article from the New York times interviewing a person who wasted 220k on a mobile game called fate grand order where the drop rate of getting a hero is 1% which is considered the worst Rate compared to other games that have been generous. There can be moments when you don't even get the hero or weapons from high enough free currency, I remember that I save up 6 month worth free in game

currency on brave frontier didn't even get character I wanted .sometimes i regret spend some money on gacha because think about all the money you could have used on other thing instead of spend on a png, I think I out of my whole gacha career I had spend over 400 dollars in the occurs of 8 years. But at the end of the day I see gacha as something that I can just have fun with friends and something that can be distracted when I'm either heading to school or home on the train ride home.