

First Esports World Cup ends in Saudi Arabia

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The Esports World Cup ended on Sunday. The eight-week-long competition was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Thirty teams from across the globe competed in 22 games. The winner of the tournament was Team Falcons. They won \$7 million for finishing top

of the table. The total prize money on offer at the World Cup was \$60 million. On Tuesday, Team Falcons faced off against Team Neymar Jr, led by the Brazilian soccer star. They played Counter-Strike 2, Rocket League, and TEKKEN 8. Neymar's side beat Team Falcons 2-1. Team Falcons won two of the major games and were runners-up in two. They came top in Call of Duty: Warzone and in Free Fire.

Esports have been increasing in popularity over the past decade. They are competitive video games that require great skill, quick reactions and extreme focus and concentration. Gamers take part in a variety of games. These include MOBAs (multiplayer online battle arena) like League of Legends, and first-person shooter games like Fortnite. As with other sports, Esports have their stars. These include Lee Sang-Hyeok, Luka Perkovic, and Kim Tae-sang. They are not quite household names yet. However, in the future, they will be seen as trailblazers. They may become global superstars next year. This is when the very first Olympic Esports Games take place.

Sources: esportsworldcup.com / arabnews.jp / liquipedia.net

Writing

Esports are as fun and exciting as regular sports. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Esports / competition / Saudi Arabia / winner / top of the table / soccer / star / games popularity / the past decade / skill / reactions / concentration / household names

True / False

- 1) The Esports World Cup was a month long. T / F
- 2) Different teams played a total of 30 games. T / F
- 3) The winning team got \$60 million in prize money. T / F
- 4) The winning team came second in two games. T / F
- 5) Esports have gained in popularity over the past 20 years. T / F
- 6) League of Legends is a multiplayer online battle arena game. T / F
- 7) Fortnite is a first-person shooter game. T / F
- 8) The very first Olympic Esports Games will take place next year. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. ended | a. very great |
| 2. competition | b. highest |
| 3. globe | c. growing |
| 4. faced off against | d. world |
| 5. top | e. close attention |
| 6. increasing | f. finished |
| 7. require | g. happen |
| 8. extreme | h. need |
| 9. concentration | i. contest |
| 10. take place | j. played |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) Are Esports really sports?
- c) What do you think of gaming?
- d) What do you think of watching expert gamers?
- e) What do you think of Call of Duty and Fortnite?
- f) What are your reactions like?
- g) Should Esports be part of the Olympic Games?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the expert gamers?

Phrase Match

1. The eight-week-
 2. held in
 3. finishing top
 4. runners-
 5. They came
 6. Esports have been increasing
 7. video games that require
 8. extreme focus
 9. They are not quite household
 10. in the future, they will be
- a. great skill
 - b. top in Call of Duty
 - c. seen as trailblazers
 - d. long competition
 - e. in popularity
 - f. names yet
 - g. Riyadh
 - h. up
 - i. and concentration
 - j. of the table

Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think of Esports?
- b) Are you into gaming?
- c) Which is better, playing soccer on a console or on a soccer pitch?
- d) Would you like to see the Esports World Cup?
- e) What are the best video games?
- f) Are multiplayer games or first-person-shooter games best?
- g) How good are you at playing video and computer games?
- h) Do people spend too long playing games?

Spelling

1. The eight-week-long onoitcmptie
2. The winner of the aronnmttue
3. They won \$7 omillni
4. The total zrepi money
5. two of the jaorm games
6. rnesur-pu
7. increasing in rtoyiuplpa
8. over the past ceedda
9. games that iquerre great skill
10. quick ceantsori
11. take part in a taivrye of games
12. not quite duseoolhh names yet

Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. i	3. d	4. j	5. b
6. c	7. h	8. a	9. e	10. g

Role Play

Role A – Fortnite

You think Fortnite is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their game. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): Call of Duty, Minecraft or Pokemon.

Role B – Call of Duty

You think Call of Duty is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their game. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): Fortnite, Minecraft or Pokemon.

Role C – Minecraft

You think Minecraft is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their game. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): Call of Duty, Fortnite or Pokemon.

Role D – Pokemon

You think Pokemon is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their game. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): Call of Duty, Minecraft or Fortnite.

Speaking – Video Games

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Fortnite
- Call of Duty
- Minecraft
- Pokemon
- Grand Theft Auto
- Cyberpunk
- Tetris
- The Legend of Zelda

Answers – True False

1	F	2	F	3	F	4	T	5	F	6	T	7	T	8	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.