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**Level 4 – 9th June 2025**

## Nintendo launches Switch 2 console worldwide

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Nintendo has launched its first major hardware in eight years - the long-awaited Switch 2. It is the follow-up to the Switch, which sold 152 million units. Switch 2 can be used as a handheld device or as a tablet. It can be connected to an external display. It comes with two controllers, a USB-C cable, a dock, two wrist straps and 25 games, including an improved Mario Kart World. Nintendo expects to sell 15 million Switch 2 consoles for the fiscal year to March 2026.

Gaming fans waited for hours outside stores to get the new system. In Japan, the consoles were sold via a lottery. Over 2.2 million applied. Winners of the draw lined up outside electronics stores. One Switch fan said: "It's fantastic that players can see each other while playing." A fan who was unsuccessful in the lottery went to a store just to savour the experience. He took a half-day off work. The console costs \$449.99, but fans say it's worth the money.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/games/2025/jun/05/the-nintendo-switch-2-is-out-today-heres-everything-you-need-to-know>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. launched its first major | a. straps               |
| 2. the long-                | b. up to the Switch     |
| 3. It is the follow-        | c. as a handheld device |
| 4. Switch 2 can be used     | d. year to March 2026   |
| 5. It can be connected to   | e. to sell 15 million   |
| 6. two wrist                | f. hardware             |
| 7. Nintendo expects         | g. an external display  |
| 8. the fiscal               | h. awaited Switch 2     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Gaming fans waited for     | a. draw                  |
| 2. get the new                | b. the money             |
| 3. the consoles were sold via | c. in the lottery        |
| 4. Winners of the             | d. system                |
| 5. A fan who was unsuccessful | e. hours outside stores  |
| 6. went to a store just to    | f. day off work          |
| 7. He took a half-            | g. a lottery             |
| 8. fans say it's worth        | h. savour the experience |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250609-nintendo-switch-2-4.html>

Nintendo has launched its (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in eight years - the long-awaited Switch 2. It is the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Switch, which sold 152 million units. Switch 2 can be used as a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ as a tablet. It can be connected to an external display. It comes (4) \_\_\_\_\_, a USB-C cable, a dock, two wrist straps and 25 games, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Mario Kart World. Nintendo expects to sell 15 million Switch 2 consoles for the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ March 2026.

Gaming fans (7) \_\_\_\_\_ outside stores to get the new system. In Japan, the consoles were sold (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Over 2.2 million applied. Winners of the draw (9) \_\_\_\_\_ electronics stores. One Switch fan said: "It's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ can see each other while playing." A fan who was unsuccessful in the lottery went to a store (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the experience. He took a half-day off work. The console costs \$449.99, but fans say it's (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# GAME CONSOLES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250609-nintendo-switch-2-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Game consoles in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250609-nintendo-switch-2-4.html>

Write about **Game consoles** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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