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Nintendo launches Switch 2 console worldwide

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THE ARTICLE

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Gaming enthusiasts queued for hours outside stores worldwide, clamouring to get their hands on Nintendo's new system. In Japan, the consoles were sold via a national lottery that got around 2.2 million applications. In Tokyo, winners of the draw lined up at dawn outside an electronics store. Switch fan Koji Takahashi, 39, said: "It's fantastic that players can see each other while playing. I can't wait to go home and play." Satoshi Ayame was unsuccessful in the lottery, but undeterred, he went to the store's release event to savour the experience. He said: "I took a half-day off work because I desperately wanted to try the Switch 2." The console has a hefty \$449.99 price tag, but fans say it is 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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WARM-UPS

1. GAME CONSOLES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about game consoles. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

video game / Nintendo / hardware / fanfare / console / USB / Mario / fiscal year / enthusiasts / queued / lottery / winners / dawn / electronics store / work / price tag

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BOARD GAMES: Students A **strongly** believe board games are better than video games; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GAME MAKERS: What do you know about these game makers? What do you think of them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Think
Sony		
Tencent		
Nintendo		
Electronic Arts		
Microsoft Gaming		
Epic Games		

5. GAME: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "game". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

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

- Super Mario
- Final Fantasy
- Grand Theft Auto
- Legend of Zelda
- Minecraft
- Halo
- Assassin's Creed
- Pokémon GO

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. launched | a. The physical parts of a computer or machine (like the screen, buttons, or controller). |
| 2. hardware | b. Expected or waited for something (usually with excitement). |
| 3. fanfare | c. Started or introduced something new (like a product or a service). |
| 4. anticipated | d. Easy to carry and move. |
| 5. predecessor | e. Something that came before another thing. |
| 6. portable | f. Made better or improved. |
| 7. enhanced | g. A lot of attention and excitement when something important happens. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. enthusiasts | h. Large or heavy (often about size, weight, or cost). |
| 9. queued | i. An act of selecting names randomly to decide winners in a lottery, opponents in a sporting contest, etc. |
| 10. clamouring | j. Not stopped or not giving up, even after something bad happens. |
| 11. draw (noun) | k. People who really like and enjoy something a lot. |
| 12. undeterred | l. Stood in a line and waited. |
| 13. savour | m. Enjoy something slowly and with pleasure. |
| 14. hefty | n. Shouting or asking loudly for something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says Nintendo releases major hardware ever eight years. **T / F**
2. The original Switch console sold more than 150 million units. **T / F**
3. The Switch 2 comes with a USB-A charging cable. **T / F**
4. Nintendo thinks it will sell 15 million Switch 2 consoles by March. **T / F**
5. People in Japan had to win a lottery to get the Switch 2. **T / F**
6. People started queuing at daybreak to but the console. **T / F**
7. A man took a whole day off work to play the Switch 2 in a store. **T / F**
8. Switch fans say the console is overpriced. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. launched | a. transportable |
| 2. hardware | b. not put off |
| 3. portable | c. improved |
| 4. bundled | d. enjoy |
| 5. enhanced | e. equipment |
| 6. enthusiasts | f. daybreak |
| 7. dawn | g. huge |
| 8. undeterred | h. released |
| 9. savour | i. fans |
| 10. hefty | j. packaged |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. launched its first major | a. straps |
| 2. It can be connected | b. \$449.99 price tag |
| 3. two wrist | c. with 25 games |
| 4. It comes bundled | d. for hours outside stores |
| 5. for the fiscal | e. the money |
| 6. Gaming enthusiasts queued | f. piece of hardware |
| 7. winners of the draw lined up | g. the experience |
| 8. savour | h. to an external display |
| 9. The console has a hefty | i. year to March 2026 |
| 10. it is worth | j. at dawn |

GAP FILL

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predecessor
display
fiscal
launched
enhanced
handheld
fanfare
cable

Gaming (9) _____ queued for hours outside stores worldwide, (10) _____ to get their hands on Nintendo's new system. In Japan, the consoles were sold via a national lottery that got around 2.2 million (11) _____. In Tokyo, winners of the draw lined up at (12) _____ outside an electronics store. Switch fan Koji Takahashi, 39, said: "It's (13) _____ that players can see each other while playing. I can't wait to go home and play." Satoshi Ayame was unsuccessful in the lottery, but (14) _____, he went to the store's release event to savour the experience. He said: "I took a half-day off work because I (15) _____ wanted to try the Switch 2." The console has a (16) _____ \$449.99 price tag, but fans say it is worth the money.

applications
fantastic
enthusiasts
desperately
clamouring
hefty
dawn
undeterred

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The Japanese video game company Nintendo has launched its first major _____
 - a. peace of hardware
 - b. piece of harden ware
 - c. piece of horde ware
 - d. piece of hardware
- 2) The new console can be used as a _____
 - a. portable hand hold device
 - b. portable handy hold device
 - c. portable handed held device
 - d. portable handheld device
- 3) a power adaptor, a USB-C charging cable, a dock, and _____
 - a. two list straps
 - b. two wrist straps
 - c. two waste straps
 - d. two writs straps
- 4) It comes bundled with 25 games, including _____
 - a. an enhanced vision
 - b. an enhanced version
 - c. an enhanced aversion
 - d. an enhanced venison
- 5) Nintendo expects to sell 15 million Switch 2 consoles for _____
 - a. the fiscal year
 - b. the physical year
 - c. the fizzy year
 - d. the feisty year
- 6) In Japan, the consoles were sold via _____
 - a. a national lottery
 - b. a national rotary
 - c. a national lettering
 - d. a national flattery
- 7) In Tokyo, winners of the draw lined _____
 - a. up at drawn
 - b. up at dawn
 - c. up at down
 - d. up at done
- 8) It's fantastic that players can see each _____
 - a. others while playing
 - b. another while playing
 - c. other while playing
 - d. the other while playing
- 9) but undeterred, he went to the store's release event to _____
 - a. savoury the experience
 - b. savour their experience
 - c. saviour the experience
 - d. savour the experience
- 10) The console has a hefty \$449.99 price tag, but fans say it is _____
 - a. worst the money
 - b. with the money
 - c. worth a money
 - d. worth the money

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Gaming (7) _____ hours outside stores worldwide, clamouring to get their hands on Nintendo's new system. In Japan, the consoles were sold via a (8) _____ got around 2.2 million applications. In Tokyo, winners of the draw lined up at dawn outside (9) _____. Switch fan Koji Takahashi, 39, said: "It's fantastic that players can see each other while playing. I can't wait to go home and play." Satoshi Ayame was unsuccessful in the lottery, but undeterred, he went to the store's release (10) _____ the experience. He said: "I took a half-day off work (11) _____ wanted to try the Switch 2." The console has a hefty \$449.99 (12) _____ fans say it is worth the money.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How long ago was Nintendo's previous major hardware release?
2. How many Switch consoles did Nintendo sell?
3. What can the Switch 2 be connected to?
4. How many games are preloaded on the Switch 2?
5. How many Switch 2 consoles does Nintendo hope to sell this fiscal year?
6. Who queued for hours?
7. How were Switch 2 consoles sold in Japan?
8. From when did fans start waiting outside stores in Tokyo?
9. What did a man do to be able to savour the experience of the Switch 2?
10. What do fans think of the price of the Switch 2?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How long ago was Nintendo's previous major hardware release?
 - a) 18 years ago
 - b) eight years ago
 - c) five years ago
 - d) 15 years ago
- 2) How many Switch consoles did Nintendo sell?
 - a) 155 million
 - b) 154 million
 - c) 153 million
 - d) 152 million
- 3) What can the Switch 2 be connected to?
 - a) special glasses
 - b) the Internet
 - c) an external display
 - d) smart watches
- 4) How many games are preloaded on the Switch 2?
 - a) 25
 - b) 26
 - c) 28
 - d) 30
- 5) How many Switch 2 consoles does Nintendo hope to sell this fiscal year?
 - a) 12 million
 - b) 15 million
 - c) 18 million
 - d) 22 million
- 6) Who queued for hours?
 - a) gaming enthusiasts
 - b) coders
 - c) journalists
 - d) school children
- 7) How were Switch 2 consoles sold in Japan?
 - a) at train stations
 - b) in convenience stores
 - c) via a national lottery
 - d) online
- 8) From when did fans start waiting outside stores in Tokyo?
 - a) from dawn
 - b) from dusk
 - c) from midnight
 - d) from a week before
- 9) What did a man do to be able to savour the experience of the Switch 2?
 - a) sleep on the street
 - b) save lots of money
 - c) dress as Mario
 - d) take a half-day off work.
- 10) What do fans think of the price of the Switch 2?
 - a) It's overpriced.
 - b) It's not worth the money.
 - c) It's worth the money.
 - d) It's really cheap.

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Super Mario

You think Super Mario is the best video game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): Grand Theft Auto, Minecraft or Pokémon GO.

Role B – Grand Theft Auto

You think Grand Theft Auto is the best video game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): Super Mario, Minecraft or Pokémon GO.

Role C – Minecraft

You think Minecraft is the best video game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): Grand Theft Auto, Super Mario or Pokémon GO.

Role D – Pokémon GO

You think Pokémon GO is the best video game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): Grand Theft Auto, Minecraft or Super Mario.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'video' and 'console'.

video	console
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• launched• fanfare• sold• external• two• sell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hours• via• dawn• wait• event• tag
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GAME CONSOLES SURVEY

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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.

GAME CONSOLES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'video'?
3. What do you know about Nintendo?
4. What do you think of gaming?
5. In what ways are video games better than board games?
6. How interested are you in the new Switch 2?
7. What's your favourite video game?
8. What are some problems caused by video games?
9. Are there too many game consoles on the market?
10. Have you ever queued outside a shop waiting for it to open?

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GAME CONSOLES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'console'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of Nintendo?
15. In what ways are video games good for us?
16. What do you think of electronics stores?
17. What's the best game console?
18. What do you think of the price of the Switch 2?
19. How can companies make game consoles better?
20. What questions would you like to ask Nintendo?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) majority | (b) major | (c) majors | (d) majored |
| 2. | (a) fun fare | (b) fanfare | (c) furor | (d) fare |
| 3. | (a) out | (b) down | (c) in | (d) up |
| 4. | (a) pill | (b) tablet | (c) lozenge | (d) capsule |
| 5. | (a) streps | (b) stripes | (c) strips | (d) straps |
| 6. | (a) physical | (b) fiasco | (c) fiscal | (d) fissure |
| 7. | (a) on | (b) of | (c) at | (d) by |
| 8. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) up | (d) on |
| 9. | (a) united | (b) unadulterated | (c) underrated | (d) undeterred |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) for | (c) by | (d) so |
| 11. | (a) off | (b) in | (c) on | (d) at |
| 12. | (a) worth | (b) value | (c) cost | (d) price |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the much-ijactdnpaet Switch 2 console
2. the follow-up to its hugely popular eordeesprcs
3. used as a aoerpbt handheld device
4. It comes ebunldd with 25 games
5. an nahcneed version of the smash success
6. the lcafsi year to March 2026

Paragraph 2

7. Gaming enthusiasts gedueu for hours
8. nglramcoiu to get their hands on it
9. lined up at ndaw
10. but ureeddtern, he went to the release event
11. I eteprydleas wanted to try the Switch 2
12. The console has a thfye \$449.99 price tag

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () applications. In Tokyo, winners of the draw lined up at dawn outside an electronics store. Switch
- () be used as a portable handheld device or as a tablet. It can be connected to an external
- () display. It comes with two controllers, a power adaptor, a USB-C charging cable, a dock, and two wrist
- () event to savour the experience. He said: "I took a half-day off work because I desperately
- () fan Koji Takahashi, 39, said: "It's fantastic that players can see each other while playing. I can't wait
- () Gaming enthusiasts queued for hours outside stores worldwide, clamouring to get their
- () hands on Nintendo's new system. In Japan, the consoles were sold via a national lottery that got around 2.2 million
- () hardware in eight years. To much fanfare, the much-anticipated Switch 2 console was released last Thursday. It is the follow-
- () straps. It comes bundled with 25 games, including an enhanced version of the smash
- () success Mario Kart World. Nintendo expects to sell 15 million Switch 2 consoles for the fiscal year to March 2026.
- (**1**) The Japanese video game company Nintendo has launched its first major piece of
- () to go home and play." Satoshi Ayame was unsuccessful in the lottery, but undeterred, he went to the store's release
- () up to its hugely popular predecessor, the Switch, which sold 152 million units worldwide. The new console can
- () wanted to try the Switch 2." The console has a hefty \$449.99 price tag, but fans say it is worth the money.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. launched its It piece major first of hardware .
2. follow-up The its to popular hugely predecessor .
3. used device be handheld as can a It .
4. connected be It can to display an external .
5. Mario enhanced smash of success the version An .
6. queued hours Gaming outside enthusiasts stores for worldwide .
7. sold consoles via national were The a lottery .
8. lined at dawn of draw Winners up the .
9. experience savour went He to it the to .
10. console price tag a The \$449 .99 has hefty .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The Japanese video game company Nintendo has launched its first *majority* / *major* piece of hardware in eight years. To much *fun fare* / *fanfare*, the much-anticipated Switch 2 console was *releasing* / *released* last Thursday. It is the follow-up to its hugely popular *successor* / *predecessor*, the Switch, which sold 152 million units worldwide. The new console can be used as a *portable* / *portability* handheld device or as a *pill* / *tablet*. It can be connected to an external display. It *goes* / *comes* with two controllers, a power adaptor, a USB-C charging cable, a dock, and two wrist *stripes* / *straps*. It comes bundled with 25 games, including an enhanced version of the *smash* / *smashed* success Mario Kart World. Nintendo expects to sell 15 million Switch 2 consoles for the *fiscal* / *physical* year to March 2026.

Gaming *enthusiasm* / *enthusiasts* queued for hours outside stores worldwide, clamouring to get their *feet* / *hands* on Nintendo's new system. In Japan, the consoles were sold *via* / *viva* a national lottery that got around 2.2 million applications. In Tokyo, winners of the draw lined up at *drawn* / *dawn* outside an electronics *store* / *storage*. Switch fan Koji Takahashi, 39, said: "It's fantastic that players can see each *another* / *other* while playing. I can't wait to go home and play." Satoshi Ayame was unsuccessful in the lottery, but *deterrent* / *undeterred*, he went to the store's release event *for* / *to* savour the experience. He said: "I took a half-day *off* / *on* work because I desperately wanted to try the Switch 2." The console has a hefty \$449.99 price tag, but fans say it is worth *a* / *the* money.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ J_p_n_s_ v_d__ g_m_ c_m_p_ny N_nt_nd_ h_s
l__nch_d _ts f_rst m_j_r p__c_ _f h_rdw_r_ _n __ght
y__rs. T_ m_ch f_nf_r_, th_ m_ch-_nt_c_p_t_d Sw_tch
2 c_ns_l_ w_s r_l__s_d l_st Th_rsd_y. _t _s th_
f_ll_w-_p t_ _ts h_g_ly p_p_l_r pr_d_c_ss_r, th_
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n_w c_ns_l_ c_n b_ _s_d _s _ p_rt_bl_ h_ndh_ld
d_v_c_ _r _s _ t_bl_t. _t c_n b_ c_nn_ct_d t_ _n
_xt_rn_l d_spl_y. _t c_m_s w_th tw_ c_ntr_ll_rs, _
p_w_r _d_pt_r, _ _SB-C ch_rg_ng c_bl_, _ d_ck, _nd
tw_ wr_st str_ps. _t c_m_s b_ndl_d w_th 25 g_m_s,
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

the japanese video game company nintendo has launched its first major piece of hardware in eight years to much fanfare the much anticipated switch 2 console was released last thursday it is the followup to its hugely popular predecessor the switch which sold 152 million units worldwide the new console can be used as a portable handheld device or as a tablet it can be connected to an external display it comes with two controllers a power adaptor a usbc charging cable a dock and two wrist straps it comes bundled with 25 games including an enhanced version of the smash success mario kart world nintendo expects to sell 15 million switch 2 consoles for the fiscal year to march 2026

gaming enthusiasts queued for hours outside stores worldwide clamouring to get their hands on nintendos new system in japan the consoles were sold via a national lottery that got around 22 million applications in tokyo winners of the draw lined up at dawn outside an electronics store switch fan koji takahashi 39 said its fantastic that players can see each other while playing i cant wait to go home and play satoshi ayame was unsuccessful in the lottery but undeterred he went to the stores release event to savour the experience he said i took a halfday off work because i desperately wanted to try the switch 2 the console has a hefty 44999 price tag but fans say it is worth the money

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **game consoles** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Nintendo makes the best video games. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. GAME CONSOLES: Make a poster about game consoles. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. GAMING LIMIT: Write a magazine article about creating a daily limit to the number of hours people can spend gaming. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on game consoles. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make consoles better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Eight years ago
- 152 million
- An external display
- Twenty-five
- 15 million
- Gaming enthusiasts
- Via a national lottery
- From dawn
- Take a half-day off work.
- It's worth the money.

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- It launched its first major piece of hardware.
- The follow-up to its hugely popular predecessor.
- It can be used as a handheld device.
- It can be connected to an external display.
- An enhanced version of the smash success Mario.
- Gaming enthusiasts queued for hours outside stores worldwide.
- The consoles were sold via a national lottery.
- Winners of the draw lined up at dawn.
- He went to it to savour the experience.
- The console has a hefty \$449.99 price tag.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)