

## Crucible - Amazon's first major PC game released

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The online retail giant Amazon has released its first ever big-budget PC game. The game is called Crucible. It is a science-fiction shooter game. It has many unusual characters that have special powers. Crucible is currently only available in North America, where people can download it from the video distribution website Steam. Amazon said the game will be available in other parts of the world soon. Crucible was created by Amazon Game Studios and Relentless Studios and is free. Amazon is a newcomer in the video games market. It hopes to become a major producer of games. Many experts on video games believe Crucible could be very successful. They say it could be a rival to the game Fortnite.

Crucible is set in an apocalyptic world on a fictional planet in outer space. Very few people can walk around outside on this planet. Players can go outside but they must hunt and kill different creatures and monsters. They must also collect a special material called "essence". This helps players level up and become stronger. Mike Frazzini, the vice president of Amazon Games, spoke about Crucible. He said he hoped it would help people to connect with each other. He told reporters: "We want to make games that resonate with a very large audience of players." He added: "One of the reasons I've always loved games is not only is it a fun form of entertainment, but it's a way to connect with others."

Sources: [pcgamer.com](http://pcgamer.com) / [cnet.com](http://cnet.com) / [cnn.com](http://cnn.com)

### Writing

PC games are the best kind of entertainment. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

online / retail / giant / science fiction / download / studios / newcomer / successful / apocalyptic / planet / outer space / material / creatures / monsters / connect / games

### True / False

- a) The article called Amazon an online giant. T / F
- b) Amazon's new PC game is only available in North America. T / F
- c) Crucible will cost around \$10 to download and play. T / F
- d) Experts have said Crucible could be a rival to the game Fortnite. T / F
- e) The game Crucible is set in a jungle in the Amazon rainforest. T / F
- f) If gamers collect a material called essence, they can level up. T / F
- g) A vice president hoped the game would help people connect. T / F
- h) The vice president said games were the best form of entertainment. T / F

### Synonym Match

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

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>online</b>      | a. characters |
| 2. <b>unusual</b>     | b. beginner   |
| 3. <b>currently</b>   | c. following  |
| 4. <b>newcomer</b>    | d. strange    |
| 5. <b>rival</b>       | e. expected   |
| 6. <b>apocalyptic</b> | f. challenger |
| 7. <b>creatures</b>   | g. Internet   |
| 8. <b>hoped</b>       | h. kind       |
| 9. <b>audience</b>    | i. doomsday   |
| 10. <b>form</b>       | j. presently  |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of Amazon?
- b) What are your favourite PC games?
- c) What kinds of games are best?
- d) Are computers or smartphones best to play games on?
- e) Should there be a daily limit to time spent playing games?
- f) Is it better to play games alone or with other people?
- g) How can games benefit us?
- h) What is the best game ever?

## Phrase Match

1. The online retail
  2. unusual characters that
  3. currently only available
  4. Amazon is a newcomer in the
  5. They say it could be a rival
  6. Crucible is set in an apocalyptic
  7. They must also collect a special
  8. it would help people to connect
  9. resonate with a very large
  10. a fun form
- a. video games market
  - b. to the game Fortnite
  - c. of entertainment
  - d. material called "essence"
  - e. have special powers
  - f. audience of players
  - g. world
  - h. giant Amazon
  - i. with each other
  - j. in North America

## Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think of PC games?
- c) What is an apocalyptic world?
- d) Why do people like science fiction?
- e) How good are you at playing video games?
- f) How good are games at connecting people?
- g) How much fun are PC games?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Amazon's boss?

## Spelling

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11. a very large neeaudci of players
12. a way to ocnecnt with others

### Answers – Synonym Match

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

## Role Play

### Role A – Soccer

You think soccer is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): chess, Monopoly or charades.

### Role B – Chess

You think chess is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): soccer, Monopoly or charades.

### Role C – Monopoly

You think Monopoly is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): chess, soccer or charades.

### Role D – Charades

You think charades is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): chess, Monopoly or soccer.

## Speaking – Games

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

- Fortnite
- soccer
- charades
- Chess
- Monopoly
- Tag (park game)
- snap (card game)
- Angry Birds

### Answers – True False

a T	b T	c F	d T	e F	f T	g T	h F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.