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Level 5 – 7th November, 2020

Nintendo Switch game console shatters sales forecasts

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The gaming company Nintendo predicted the year ending March 2021 will be a bumper one for its Switch games console. Executives said sales will be 26 per cent higher than initial forecasts, and that it will ship 24 million consoles by the end of the financial year. They said the rise in demand for the console is attributable to a pandemic-driven boom in gaming. Millions of people stayed indoors because of COVID-19 and invested in a new games console. The result provided Nintendo with an extra reason for optimism - its operating profit forecast is up by 50 per cent to \$4.3 billion.

The Nintendo Switch was unveiled in 2016 and released worldwide in 2017. It is a hybrid console that is used as a home console or a standalone device. It has controllers with motion sensing and tactile feedback. These attach to both sides of the console to support handheld-style play, like the Nintendo Wii. Gamers can play online as well as with other consoles on a local wireless network. Developers have created over 320 games for the console, many from third-party companies. Sales have been led by Nintendo-created games such as The Legend of Zelda and Animal Crossing.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nintendo-results/nintendo-raises-switch-forecast-to-24-million-units-on-pandemic-gaming-boom-idUSKBN27L0QH>
<https://www.engadget.com/nintendo-switch-lite-sales-paper-mario-3d-all-stars-earnings-082905737.html>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nintendo_Switch

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the year ending March 2021 will | a. is up |
| 2. 26 per cent higher than | b. financial year |
| 3. by the end of the | c. stayed indoors |
| 4. attributable to a pandemic- | d. for optimism |
| 5. Millions of people | e. initial forecasts |
| 6. invested in a new | f. driven boom |
| 7. an extra reason | g. be a bumper one |
| 8. its operating profit forecast | h. games console |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. The Nintendo Switch was | a. other consoles |
| 2. It is a hybrid | b. party companies |
| 3. support handheld- | c. unveiled in 2016 |
| 4. play online as well as with | d. by Nintendo-created games |
| 5. on a local | e. console |
| 6. created over 320 games | f. wireless network |
| 7. third- | g. style play |
| 8. Sales have been led | h. for the console |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The gaming company Nintendo (1) _____ ending March 2021 will be a (2) _____ its Switch games console. Executives said sales will be 26 per cent higher (3) _____, and that it will ship 24 million consoles by the end of the financial year. They said the (4) _____ for the console is attributable to a (5) _____ in gaming. Millions of people stayed indoors because of COVID-19 and invested in a new games console. The result provided Nintendo with an extra (6) _____ - its operating profit forecast is up by 50 per cent to \$4.3 billion.

The Nintendo Switch was unveiled in 2016 and released worldwide in 2017. It is (7) _____ that is used as a home console or (8) _____. It has controllers with motion sensing (9) _____. These attach to both sides of the console to support handheld-style play, like the Nintendo Wii. Gamers can play (10) _____ as with other consoles on a (11) _____. Developers have created over 320 games for the console, many (12) _____ companies. Sales have been led by Nintendo-created games such as The Legend of Zelda and Animal Crossing.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NINTENDO SWITCH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Nintendo Switch 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

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Write about **Nintendo Switch** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
