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## **Level 1**

# **Nintendoland to open in Japan**

**9th March, 2016**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1603/160309-nintendoland-1.html>

Universal Studios Japan (USJ) will build a new theme park called Nintendoland in Osaka. There will be rides based on Nintendo characters. USJ said it would be ready in 2020, in time for the Tokyo Olympics. The park will cost \$351 million. This is \$100 million more than the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Florida. Nintendo said its park would, "include major attractions...and feature Nintendo's most famous characters". It will give more details later.

Nintendo did not say which characters will be in Nintendoland. Fans hope they can interact with Mario, Zelda and Pokemon. Fans also hope the park will be for people of all ages. One Osaka resident said she was very excited about the theme park. She said Harry Potter and Hello Kitty had a theme park, so it was good that Nintendo had one too. She said it was good fans of Nintendo had a place to go and she couldn't wait for Nintendoland to open.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1603/160309-nintendoland-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. build                 | a. the Tokyo Olympics |
| 2. it would be ready     | b. famous characters  |
| 3. in time for           | c. in 2020            |
| 4. The park will cost    | d. details later      |
| 5. This is \$100 million | e. a new theme park   |
| 6. major                 | f. more               |
| 7. Nintendo's most       | g. attractions        |
| 8. It will give more     | h. \$351 million      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Nintendo did not say        | a. with Mario               |
| 2. characters will             | b. resident                 |
| 3. Fans hope they can interact | c. place to go              |
| 4. the park will be for        | d. about the theme park     |
| 5. One Osaka                   | e. for Nintendoland to open |
| 6. she was very excited        | f. people of all ages       |
| 7. fans of Nintendo had a      | g. which                    |
| 8. she couldn't wait           | h. be in Nintendoland       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1603/160309-nintendoland-1.html>

Universal Studios Japan (USJ) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ new theme park called Nintendoland in Osaka. There (2) \_\_\_\_\_ based on Nintendo characters. USJ said it (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2020, in time for the Tokyo Olympics. The park will (4) \_\_\_\_\_ million. This is \$100 million more than the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Florida. Nintendo (5) \_\_\_\_\_ would, "include major attractions...and feature Nintendo's most famous characters". It will give (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Nintendo did (7) \_\_\_\_\_ characters will be in Nintendoland. Fans hope (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with Mario, Zelda and Pokemon. Fans (9) \_\_\_\_\_ park will be for people of all ages. One Osaka resident said she was very (10) \_\_\_\_\_ theme park. She said Harry Potter and Hello Kitty had a theme park, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that Nintendo had one too. She said it was good fans of Nintendo had (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and she couldn't wait for Nintendoland to open.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1603/160309-nintendoland-1.html>

Universal Studios Japan (USJ) will build a new theme park called Nintendo Land in Osaka. There will be rides based on Nintendo characters. USJ said it would be ready in 2020, in time for the Tokyo Olympics. The park will cost \$351 million. This is \$100 million more than the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Florida. Nintendo said its park would, "include major attractions... and feature Nintendo's most famous characters". It will give more details later. Nintendo did not say which characters will be in Nintendo Land. Fans hope they can interact with Mario, Zelda and Pokemon. Fans also hope the park will be for people of all ages. One Osaka resident said she was very excited about the theme park. She said Harry Potter and Hello Kitty had a theme park, so it was good that Nintendo had one too. She said it was good fans of Nintendo had a place to go and she couldn't wait for Nintendo Land to open.

# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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h)

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