

Nintendoland to open in Japan

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A new theme park will open in Osaka, Japan. Universal Studios Japan (USJ) is going to build a new attraction called Nintendoland. It will be full of rides based on Nintendo's favourite characters. A USJ spokesperson said Nintendoland would be ready in 2020. It is scheduled to open in

time for the Tokyo Summer Olympics. The new park will cost \$351 million to build, which is nearly \$100 million more than it cost to make the Wizarding World of Harry Potter park at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. Nintendo said the new park would, "include major attractions...and feature Nintendo's most famous characters and games". It added that: "More details will be announced in the future."

Nintendo has not said any more about which of its brands will be part of Nintendoland. Many fans predict that they will get to interact with their favourite characters, like Mario and Luigi, Link and Zelda, and Pokemon. Fans also hope the new rides will be for people of all ages, from toddlers to pensioners. Osaka resident Mika Hashimoto said: "I'm so excited that this theme park will be built." She said many other characters (such as Harry Potter, Mickey Mouse and Hello Kitty) had a theme park, so it was good that people could have the chance to go to a Nintendo attraction. She added: "It is about time fans of Nintendo had a place to go and have fun. I can't wait for Nintendoland to open."

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Writing

Theme parks are better than parks full of nature. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

theme park / attraction / favourite characters / Olympics / Harry Potter / the future / brands / predict / interact / toddlers / pensioners / excited / Mickey Mouse / Hello Kitty

True / False

- A new Nintendo theme park will open in Tokyo, Japan. T / F
- The new theme park will open in the year 2020. T / F
- The park will cost \$100 million less than a Harry Potter theme park. T / F
- The park will not feature any of Nintendo's games. T / F
- Nintendo has not said which characters or brands will be in the park. T / F
- Fans hope the park will be just for young people. T / F
- A woman was happy that Nintendo characters will get a theme park. T / F
- The woman said she couldn't wait for the park to open. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. build | a. went on to say |
| 2. nearly | b. citizen |
| 3. major | c. made public |
| 4. added | d. opportunity |
| 5. announced | e. big |
| 6. predict | f. construct |
| 7. hope | g. enthusiasts |
| 8. resident | h. forecast |
| 9. chance | i. almost |
| 10. fans | j. expect |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- What is your favourite theme park, and why?
- What do you think of theme parks?
- Would you like to go to Nintendoland?
- What do you know about Nintendo's characters?
- Should Nintendo open theme parks all over the world?
- Which is better, Disneyland or Universal Studios? Why?
- Are there any bad things about theme parks?

Phrase Match

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| 1. It will be | a. had a place to go |
| 2. It is scheduled to | b. more than it cost |
| 3. nearly \$100 million | c. of all ages |
| 4. feature Nintendo's most | d. in the future |
| 5. More details will be announced | e. their favourite characters |
| 6. interact with | f. full of rides |
| 7. the new rides will be for people | g. for Nintendoland |
| 8. Osaka | h. famous characters |
| 9. It is about time fans of Nintendo | i. resident |
| 10. I can't wait | j. open in time |

Discussion – Student B

- Are theme parks good value for money?
- Is a natural park (with trees, etc.) better than a theme park?
- What characters would you like to interact with at a theme park?
- Why are theme parks for people of all ages?
- Why are Mickey Mouse and Hello Kitty so popular?
- What are your favourite amusement park rides?
- What do you think of the theme parks in your country?
- What questions would you like to ask the boss of Nintendo?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – Theme parks

You think theme parks are the best parks. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their parks. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): nature parks, safari parks or water parks.

Role B – Nature parks

You think nature parks are the best parks. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their parks. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): theme parks, safari parks or water parks.

Role C – Safari parks

You think safari parks are the best parks. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their parks. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): nature parks, theme parks or water parks.

Role D – Water parks

You think water parks are the best parks. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their parks. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): nature parks, safari parks or theme parks.

Speaking – Parks

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

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| • theme parks | • fitness parks |
| • nature parks | • desert parks |
| • safari parks | • sports parks |
| • water parks | • food parks |

Answers – True False

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