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Level 3

Nintendoland to open in Japan

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THE ARTICLE

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

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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WARM-UPS

1. THEME PARKS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about theme parks. 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?

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

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

3. NEW PARKS: What kind of parks could there be on these themes? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Attractions	Who would like it?
Internet		
English		
Facebook		
Chocolate		
United Nations		
Pensioners		

4. NATURE: Students A **strongly** believe parks full of nature are better than theme parks; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

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

- theme parks
- nature parks
- safari parks
- water parks
- fitness parks
- desert parks
- sports parks
- food parks

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

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

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| 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 |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 |

GAP FILL

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

A new theme park will open in Osaka, Japan. Universal Studios Japan (USJ) is going to build a new (1) _____ called Nintendoland. It will be full of (2) _____ based on Nintendo's favourite characters. A USJ spokesperson said Nintendoland would be ready in 2020. It is (3) _____ to open in time for the Tokyo Summer Olympics. The new park will cost \$351 million to build, which is (4) _____ \$100 million more than it (5) _____ to make the Wizarding World of Harry Potter park at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. Nintendo said the new park would, "include (6) _____ attractions...and feature Nintendo's most famous (7) _____ and games". It added that: "More (8) _____ will be announced in the future."

cost
rides
nearly
characters
attraction
details
scheduled
major

Nintendo has not said any more about which of its (9) _____ will be part of Nintendoland. Many fans (10) _____ 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 (11) _____, from toddlers to pensioners. Osaka (12) _____ Mika Hashimoto said: "I'm so excited that this theme park will be built." She said many other characters (13) _____ as Harry Potter, Mickey Mouse and Hello Kitty) had a theme park, so it was good that people could have the (14) _____ to go to a Nintendo attraction. She added: "It is about time (15) _____ of Nintendo had a place to go and have fun. I can't (16) _____ for Nintendoland to open."

ages
chance
predict
wait
resident
fans
brands
such

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) USJ is going to build a new attraction called Nintendoland. It will be _____
 - a. full of riders
 - b. full of rides
 - c. full of ride
 - d. full of rids
- 2) A USJ spokesperson said Nintendoland would be _____
 - a. ready in 2020
 - b. ready on 2020
 - c. ready at 2020
 - d. ready to 2020
- 3) The new park will cost \$351 million to build, which is nearly \$100 million _____
 - a. more than it costs
 - b. more than it costed
 - c. more than it costly
 - d. more than it cost
- 4) the new park would, "include major attractions...and feature Nintendo's _____"
 - a. most famously characters
 - b. most famous character
 - c. most famous characters
 - d. most famously character
- 5) It added that: "More details will be announced _____."
 - a. on the future
 - b. in the future
 - c. at the future
 - d. by the future
- 6) Nintendo has not said any more about which of its brands _____ Nintendoland
 - a. will be part of
 - b. will be party of
 - c. will be parts of
 - d. will be partly of
- 7) Many fans predict that they will get to interact with _____
 - a. them favourite characters
 - b. they favourite characters
 - c. their favourite characters
 - d. they're favourite characters
- 8) Fans also hope the new rides will be for people of all ages, from toddlers _____
 - a. too pensioners
 - b. to pensioners
 - c. two pensioners
 - d. through pensioners
- 9) it was good that people could have the chance _____ Nintendo attraction
 - a. to leave to a
 - b. to be to a
 - c. to visit to a
 - d. to go to a
- 10) It is about time fans of Nintendo had a place to _____
 - a. go and have funny
 - b. go and have fund
 - c. go and have funnies
 - d. go and have fun

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

A new theme (1) _____ Osaka, Japan. Universal Studios Japan (USJ) is going (2) _____ 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 (3) _____ for the Tokyo Summer Olympics. The new park will cost \$351 million to build, which is nearly \$100 million more than (4) _____ the Wizarding World of Harry Potter park at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. Nintendo said the new park would, "include (5) _____ and feature Nintendo's most famous characters and games". It added that: "More details will be (6) _____."

Nintendo has not said (7) _____ which of its brands will be part of Nintendoland. Many fans predict that they will (8) _____ 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 (9) _____. Osaka resident Mika Hashimoto said: "I'm (10) _____ 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 (11) _____ go to a Nintendo attraction. She added: "It is about time fans of Nintendo had a place to (12) _____. I can't wait for Nintendoland to open."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. In which Japanese city will Nintendoland open?

2. When will Nintendoland open?

3. How much will Nintendoland cost to build?

4. What cost \$100 million less to build than Nintendoland?

5. When will Nintendo announce more details?

6. Who predicted they would get to interact with Mario and Luigi?

7. What ages do fans hope the park will be for?

8. Where does Mika Hashimoto live?

9. What did Mika Hashimoto say other characters had?

10. What did Mika Hashimoto say she couldn't wait for?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

1. In which Japanese city will Nintendoland open?
 - a) Osaka
 - b) Hiroshima
 - c) Sapporo
 - d) Tokyo
2. When will Nintendoland open?
 - a) 2022
 - b) 2030
 - c) 2020
 - d) 2019
3. How much will Nintendoland cost to build?
 - a) \$350 million
 - b) \$351 million
 - c) \$352 million
 - d) \$353 million
4. What cost \$100 million less to build than Nintendoland?
 - a) the International Space Station
 - b) Disneyland
 - c) the Pyramids
 - d) Wizarding World of Harry Potter
5. When will Nintendo announce more details?
 - a) in the future
 - b) at 7pm
 - c) when the Internet comes back
 - d) 2020
6. Who predicted they would get to interact with Mario and Luigi?
 - a) a builder
 - b) Nintendo's CEO
 - c) Pokemon
 - d) fans
7. What ages do fans hope the park will be for?
 - a) teens
 - b) people of all ages
 - c) people in their 20s and 30s
 - d) pensioners
8. Where does Mika Hashimoto live?
 - a) Disneyland
 - b) Okinawa
 - c) Kyoto
 - d) Osaka
9. What did Mika Hashimoto say other characters had?
 - a) style
 - b) money
 - c) theme parks
 - d) funny ears
10. What did Mika Hashimoto say she couldn't wait for?
 - a) Pikachu
 - b) Nintendoland to open
 - c) lunch
 - d) a new Nintendo character

ROLE PLAY

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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.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'theme' and 'park'.

theme	park

- 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">• going• based• ready• 100• games• future	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• brands• interact• ages• such• good• wait
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THEME PARKS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about theme parks 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.

THEME PARKS DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'theme park'?
- 3) What do you think about what you read?
- 4) What is your favourite theme park, and why?
- 5) What do you think of theme parks?
- 6) Would you like to go to Nintendoland?
- 7) What do you know about Nintendo's characters?
- 8) Should Nintendo open theme parks all over the world?
- 9) Which is better, Disneyland or Universal Studios? Why?
- 10) Are there any bad things about theme parks?

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THEME PARKS 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 know about Nintendo?
- 13) Are theme parks good value for money?
- 14) Is a natural park (with trees, etc.) better than a theme park?
- 15) What characters would you like to interact with at a theme park?
- 16) Why are theme parks for people of all ages?
- 17) Why are Mickey Mouse and Hello Kitty so popular?
- 18) What are your favourite amusement park rides?
- 19) What do you think of the theme parks in your country?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the boss of 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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Nintendo has not said any more about which of its brands will be (7) _____ of Nintendoland. Many fans predict that they will get to interact (8) _____ their favourite characters, like Mario and Luigi, Link and Zelda, and Pokemon. Fans also hope the new rides will be for people of all (9) _____, 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 (10) _____ Harry Potter, Mickey Mouse and Hello Kitty) had a theme park, so it was good that people could have the (11) _____ 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 (12) _____ for Nintendoland to open."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) opens | (b) opening | (c) open | (d) opened |
| 2. | (a) full | (b) fully | (c) filled | (d) filling |
| 3. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) by | (d) to |
| 4. | (a) which | (b) that | (c) so | (d) but |
| 5. | (a) majority | (b) major | (c) majored | (d) majors |
| 6. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) on | (d) in |
| 7. | (a) party | (b) partner | (c) part | (d) parts |
| 8. | (a) at | (b) as | (c) from | (d) with |
| 9. | (a) ages | (b) aged | (c) aging | (d) ageless |
| 10. | (a) was | (b) as | (c) has | (d) is |
| 11. | (a) rhythm | (b) chance | (c) travel | (d) visit |
| 12. | (a) visit | (b) see | (c) wait | (d) enter |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. A new hetme park will open
2. a new caottrtain called Nintendoland
3. based on Nintendo's favourite stcchaerr
4. It is dulcdhsee to open in time
5. arfeetu Nintendo's most famous...
6. More saetdil will be announced

Paragraph 2

7. its nsbdar will be part of Nintendoland
8. Many fans tdpicer that...
9. they will get to ttcneria with...
10. from odldtsre to pensioners
11. I'm so xteecdi
12. have the ahncec to go

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Nintendo has not said any more about which of its brands will be part of Nintendoland. Many fans
- () good that people could have the chance to go to a Nintendo attraction. She added: "It is about
- () and Pokemon. Fans also hope the new rides will be for people of all ages, from toddlers to
- () other characters (such as Harry Potter, Mickey Mouse and Hello Kitty) had a theme park, so it was
- () predict that they will get to interact with their favourite characters, like Mario and Luigi, Link and Zelda,
- () build a new attraction called Nintendoland. It will be full of rides based on Nintendo's favourite characters. A USJ
- (**1**) A new theme park will open in Osaka, Japan. Universal Studios Japan (USJ) is going to
- () 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
- () time fans of Nintendo had a place to go and have fun. I can't wait for Nintendoland to open."
- () pensioners. Osaka resident Mika Hashimoto said: "I'm so excited that this theme park will be built." She said many
- () spokesperson said Nintendoland would be ready in 2020. It is scheduled to open in
- () and games". It added that: "More details will be announced in the future."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. theme park will open in Osaka , Japan A new .

2. Be characters rides full Nintendo's based of favourite on .

3. time Olympics for the Open Tokyo in Summer .

4. the would attractions said park major Nintendo new include .

5. characters famous most Nintendo's Feature games and .

6. get with characters will interact favourite They to their .

7. of all ages The new rides will be for people .

8. so excited that this theme park will be built I'm .

9. to go to chance the have could People attraction Nintendo a .

10. had fans is go a of about place Nintendo time It to .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

A new theme park will *open / opening* in Osaka, Japan. Universal Studios Japan (USJ) is going to build a new *attractive / attraction* called Nintendoland. It will be full of *rides / ride* based on Nintendo's favourite characters. A USJ spokesperson said Nintendoland would be *already / ready* in 2020. It is scheduled to open in *timely / time* for the Tokyo Summer Olympics. The new park will *cost / costed* \$351 million to build, which is *nearly / nears* \$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 / inclusive* major attractions...and feature Nintendo's most *famously / famous* characters and games". It added that: "More details will be announced *in / on* the future."

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

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

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

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n_w th_m_ p_rk w_ll _p_n _n _s_k_, J_p_n.
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w_ll b_ __nn__nc_d _n th_ f_t_r_."

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r_s_d_nt M_k_ H_sh_m_t_ s__d: "'m s__xc_t_d th_t
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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 Nintendo. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THEME PARKS: Make a poster about theme parks. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. NINTENDOLAND: Write a magazine article about whether or not Nintendoland should open all over the world. 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 theme parks. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what makes a great theme park. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d F e T f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Osaka
2. 2020
3. \$351 million
4. The Wizarding World of Harry Potter
5. In the future
6. Fans
7. People of all ages
8. Osaka
9. Theme parks
10. Nintendoland to open

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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