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Level 5 – 9th June 2025

Nintendo launches Switch 2 console worldwide

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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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Nintendo has launched its first major piece of hardware in eight years. The much-anticipated Switch 2 console was released last week. It is the follow-up to the hugely popular Switch, which sold 152 million units. The new Switch 2 can be used as a handheld device or as a tablet. It can be connected to an external display. It comes with two controllers, a power adaptor, a USB-C charging cable, a dock, and two wrist straps. It has 25 games, including an enhanced version of Mario Kart World. Nintendo expects to sell 15 million Switch 2 consoles for the fiscal year to March 2026.

Gaming fans queued for hours outside stores, eager to get their hands on the new system. In Japan, the consoles were sold via a national lottery. Over 2.2 million applied. In Tokyo, winners of the draw lined up at dawn outside an electronics store. One Switch fan said: "It's fantastic that players can see each other while playing. I can't wait to...play." Another fan, who was unsuccessful in the lottery, went to the store's release event to savour the experience. He took a half-day off work to try the Switch 2. The console has a hefty \$449.99 price tag, but fans say it's worth the money.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/games/2025/jun/05/the-nintendo-switch-2-is-out-today-heres-everything-you-need-to-know>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. launched its first major | a. the hugely popular Switch |
| 2. The much- | b. charging cable |
| 3. It is the follow-up to | c. anticipated Switch 2 console |
| 4. The new Switch 2 can be | d. version of Mario Kart |
| 5. It can be connected | e. year to March 2026 |
| 6. a USB-C | f. to an external display |
| 7. including an enhanced | g. piece of hardware |
| 8. the fiscal | h. used as a handheld device |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Gaming fans queued for | a. sold via a national lottery |
| 2. eager to get their hands | b. the experience |
| 3. In Japan, the consoles were | c. the money |
| 4. In Tokyo, winners of the draw | d. off work |
| 5. savour | e. hours outside stores |
| 6. He took a half-day | f. lined up at dawn |
| 7. The console has a hefty | g. on the new system |
| 8. fans say it's worth | h. \$449.99 price tag |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Nintendo has launched its (1) _____ of hardware in eight years. (2) _____ Switch 2 console was released last week. It is the follow-up to (3) _____ Switch, which sold 152 million units. The new Switch 2 can be used as (4) _____ or as a tablet. It can be connected to an external display. It comes with two controllers, a power adaptor, a USB-C charging cable, a dock, and (5) _____. It has 25 games, including an enhanced version of Mario Kart World. Nintendo expects to sell 15 million Switch 2 consoles for the (6) _____ March 2026.

Gaming (7) _____ hours outside stores, eager to get their hands on the new system. In Japan, the consoles were sold (8) _____ lottery. Over 2.2 million applied. In Tokyo, winners of the draw lined up (9) _____ an electronics store. One Switch fan said: "It's fantastic that players can see each (10) _____. I can't wait to...play." Another fan, who was unsuccessful in the lottery, went to the store's release event to savour the experience. He took a (11) _____ work to try the Switch 2. The console has a hefty \$449.99 price tag, but fans say it's (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GAME CONSOLES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Game consoles 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 **Game consoles** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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