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Level 2

Nintendoland to open in Japan

9th March, 2016

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THE READING

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Universal Studios Japan (USJ) is going to build a new theme park called Nintendoland. It will be full of rides based on Nintendo characters. A USJ spokesperson said it would be ready in 2020, in time for the Tokyo Summer Olympics. The new park will cost \$351 million to build. This is nearly \$100 million more than the Wizarding World of Harry Potter park at Universal Studios in Florida. Nintendo said the new park would, "include major attractions...and feature Nintendo's most famous characters and games". It will announce more details in the future.

Nintendo did not say which of its brands will be in Nintendoland. Fans predict that they will get to interact with characters like Mario, Zelda and Pokemon. Fans also hope the new rides will be for people of all ages, from young to old. Osaka resident Mika Hashimoto said she was very excited the theme park will be built. She said other characters (such as Harry Potter and Hello Kitty) had a theme park, so it was good that people could go to a Nintendo park. 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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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. build | a. in 2020 |
| 2. It will be full of rides based | b. more |
| 3. it would be ready | c. most famous characters |
| 4. The new park will cost | d. on Nintendo |
| 5. This is nearly \$100 million | e. in the future |
| 6. major | f. a new theme park |
| 7. feature Nintendo's | g. attractions |
| 8. It will announce more details | h. \$351 million to build |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Nintendo did not say | a. for Nintendoland to open |
| 2. its brands will | b. resident |
| 3. interact with | c. very excited |
| 4. the new rides will be for people | d. be in Nintendoland |
| 5. Osaka | e. characters like Mario |
| 6. Hashimoto said she was | f. which |
| 7. fans of Nintendo had a | g. of all ages |
| 8. I can't wait | h. place to go |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Universal Studios Japan (USJ) is going (1) _____ theme park called Nintendoland. It (2) _____ rides based on Nintendo characters. A USJ spokesperson said it would be ready in 2020, (3) _____ Tokyo Summer Olympics. The new park will cost \$351 million to build. This is nearly \$100 million (4) _____ Wizarding World of Harry Potter park at Universal Studios in Florida. Nintendo said the new park would, "include (5) _____...and feature Nintendo's most famous characters and games". It will (6) _____ in the future.

Nintendo did (7) _____ its brands will be in Nintendoland. Fans predict that they (8) _____ with characters like Mario, Zelda and Pokemon. Fans also hope the new rides will be for people (9) _____, from young to old. Osaka resident Mika Hashimoto said she was very excited the theme park will be built. She (10) _____ (such as Harry Potter and Hello Kitty) had a theme park, so it was good that people could go to a Nintendo park. She added: "(11) _____ fans of Nintendo had a place to go and have fun. (12) _____ Nintendoland to open."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1603/160309-nintendoland-2.html>

Universal Studios Japan (USJ) is going to build a new theme park called Nintendo Land. It will be full of rides based on Nintendo characters. A USJ spokesman said it would be ready in 2020, in time for the Tokyo Summer Olympics. The new park will cost \$351 million to build. This is nearly \$100 million more than the Wizarding World of Harry Potter park at Universal Studios in Florida. Nintendo said the new park would, "include major attractions... and feature Nintendo's most famous characters and games". It will announce more details in the future. Nintendo did not say which of its brands will be in Nintendo Land. Fans predict that they will get to interact with characters like Mario, Zelda and Pokemon. Fans also hope the new rides will be for people of all ages, from young to old. Osaka resident Mika Hashimoto said she was very excited the theme park will be built. She said other characters (such as Harry Potter and Hello Kitty) had a theme park, so it was good that people could go to a Nintendo park. She added: "It is about time fans of Nintendo had a place to go and have fun. I can'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)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
