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Level 4 – 7th November, 2020

Nintendo Switch game console shatters sales forecasts

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Nintendo predicted the year ending March 2021 will be a bumper one for its Switch games console. It said sales will be 26 per cent higher than initial forecasts. It will sell 24 million consoles by the end of March. They said demand for the console is because of a pandemic-driven boom in gaming. Millions of people stayed indoors and bought a new games console. The result gave Nintendo reason for optimism - its profit forecast is up by 50 per cent.

The Switch was unveiled in 2016 and released worldwide in 2017. It is a hybrid console. It can be used as a standalone device. Its controllers have motion sensing and tactile feedback. These support handheld-style play, like the Nintendo Wii. Gamers can play online as well as on a local wireless network. Developers have created over 320 games for Switch. Sales have been led by Nintendo-created games such as The Legend of Zelda and Animal Crossing.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nintendo-results/nintendo-raises-switch-forecast-to-24-million-units-on-pandemic-gaming-boom-idUSKBN27L0QH>
<https://www.engadget.com/nintendo-switch-lite-sales-paper-mario-3d-all-stars-earnings-082905737.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the year | a. of March |
| 2. higher than initial | b. games console |
| 3. by the end | c. forecasts |
| 4. a pandemic-driven | d. up by 50 per cent |
| 5. Millions of people stayed | e. ending March 2021 |
| 6. bought a new | f. reason for optimism |
| 7. The result gave Nintendo | g. boom in gaming |
| 8. its profit forecast is | h. indoors |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The Switch was unveiled | a. wireless network |
| 2. It can be used as a standalone | b. in 2016 |
| 3. motion sensing and tactile | c. created games |
| 4. These support handheld- | d. feedback |
| 5. Gamers can play online | e. style play |
| 6. on a local | f. over 320 games |
| 7. Developers have created | g. device |
| 8. Sales have been led by Nintendo- | h. as well |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Nintendo predicted (1) _____ March 2021 will be a
(2) _____ its Switch games console. It said sales will be
26 per cent higher (3) _____. It will sell 24 million
consoles by the end of March. They said (4) _____
console is because of a pandemic-driven (5) _____.
Millions of people stayed indoors and bought a new games console. The
result gave Nintendo reason for optimism - its
(6) _____ up by 50 per cent.

The Switch (7) _____ 2016 and released worldwide in
2017. It is (8) _____. It can be used as
(9) _____. Its controllers have motion
(10) _____ feedback. These support handheld-style
play, like the Nintendo Wii. Gamers can play online as well as on
(11) _____ network. Developers have created over 320
games for Switch. Sales have (12) _____ Nintendo-
created games such as The Legend of Zelda and Animal Crossing.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NINTENDO SWITCH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Nintendo Switch 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) _____

