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The New York Times buys Wordle

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THE ARTICLE

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Sources: <https://www.theverge.com/2022/1/31/22911274/wordle-new-york-times-free-word-game-acquisition>
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WARM-UPS

1. WORDLE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Wordle. 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?

newspaper / online / word game / puzzle / craze / score / price / publish / magical / software / engineer / partner / release / bigger / audience / feedback / correct / free

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

3. ONLINE GAMES: Students A **strongly** believe online games are better than paper-based games; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. VOCABULARY: How good are these things at learning new vocabulary? What is your experience of them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Good	My Experiences
Online games		
Flash cards		
Movies		
Translation apps		
Reading books		
English teachers		

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

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

- Word games
- Board games
- Video games
- Sports
- Card games
- Chess
- Quiz games
- Party games

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. well known | a. Prepare and issue a book, journal, or piece of music to sell to people. |
| 2. publish | b. An activity or object which appears suddenly and is very, very, very popular. |
| 3. puzzle | c. A person who made something new. |
| 4. creator | d. A game, toy, or problem designed to test mental skills. |
| 5. craze | e. Famous. |
| 6. undisclosed | f. A sudden feeling of excitement and pleasure. |
| 7. thrilled | g. Not revealed or made known to the public. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. former | h. Information about a person's performance of a task. |
| 9. released | i. Having previously been a particular thing. |
| 10. feat | j. An effort to achieve or complete something (difficult). |
| 11. audience | k. At first. |
| 12. attempt | l. An achievement that requires great courage, skill, or strength. |
| 13. feedback | m. All of the spectators or listeners at a public event such as a play, film, concert, or meeting. |
| 14. initially | n. Made a film, recording, or other product available to the public. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220203-wordle.html>

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

1. Wordle is the first game the New York Times has ever bought. **T / F**
2. The creator of Wordle first uploaded it this year. **T / F**
3. The New York Times paid over \$10,000,000 for Wordle. **T / F**
4. The New York Times called Wordle a magical game. **T / F**
5. Wordle's creator originally created it for his English students. **T / F**
6. Over 90 million people now play Wordle every day. **T / F**
7. Players of Wordle have six guesses at an unknown word. **T / F**
8. Wordle is still free, for now. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. well known | a. ex- |
| 2. latest | b. excited |
| 3. craze | c. at first |
| 4. spokesperson | d. famous |
| 5. thrilled | e. issued |
| 6. former | f. trend |
| 7. released | g. tries |
| 8. feat | h. most recent |
| 9. attempts | i. achievement |
| 10. initially | j. representative |

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

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. The paper is well known | a. around the world |
| 2. Wordle is the latest addition to | b. place |
| 3. it has become a craze | c. seven figures |
| 4. it paid an undisclosed price in the low | d. day of its release |
| 5. We could not be more | e. feedback |
| 6. a former | f. for the games it publishes |
| 7. 90 people played it on the | g. thrilled |
| 8. Wordle players have six attempts to | h. its list of puzzles |
| 9. the game gives the player | i. guess a five-letter word |
| 10. in the wrong | j. software engineer |

GAP FILL

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thrilled
full
magical
online
able

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attempts
surprised
feat
correct
former
each
initially
imagined

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220203-wordle.html>

- 1) The paper is well known for the _____
 - a. games sit publishes
 - b. games zit publishes
 - c. games it publishes
 - d. game set publishes
- 2) Wordle is the latest addition to its _____
 - a. list of puzzles
 - b. list off puzzles
 - c. list oft puzzles
 - d. list toff puzzles
- 3) uploaded it in October. In the past four months, it has _____
 - a. become a graze
 - b. become a cage
 - c. become a crate
 - d. become a craze
- 4) full of posts from people playing the game and _____
 - a. share ring their score
 - b. shearing their score
 - c. sharing their score
 - d. shoring their score
- 5) able to publish the game. She wrote: "We could not _____"
 - a. be more trilled
 - b. be more thrilled
 - c. be more frilled
 - d. be morph riled
- 6) He was surprised after 90 people played it on the day _____
 - a. off fits release
 - b. of fits release
 - c. off its release
 - d. of its release
- 7) Mr Wardle tweeted: "The game has got bigger than _____"
 - a. I ever imagine
 - b. I ever imagines
 - c. I ever imagined
 - d. I ever imagination
- 8) I suppose isn't that much of a feat, given I made the game for an _____
 - a. audience of won
 - b. audience of one
 - c. audience of win
 - d. audience of worm
- 9) in the correct place, or are correct letters but are in _____
 - a. the wrong place
 - b. the wrong plaice
 - c. the wrong plates
 - d. the wrong plays
- 10) The New York Times said that "initially" the game _____
 - a. would remain flea
 - b. would remain flee
 - c. would remain freed
 - d. would remain free

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The New York Times newspaper (1) _____ online word game Wordle. The paper is (2) _____ the games it publishes. Wordle is the latest addition to its (3) _____. Wordle is a new online game. Its creator, Josh Wardle, only uploaded it in October. In the past four months, it has become (4) _____ the world. Social media sites are now full of posts from people playing the game and sharing their score. The New York Times said it paid "an undisclosed price in the (5) _____" for the game. A spokesperson was excited the paper would be able to publish the game. She wrote: "We could not be more thrilled to become the new home and (6) _____ this magical game."

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220203-wordle.html>

1. What's the New York Times well known for?
2. When was Wordle uploaded for the first time?
3. What are players sharing on social media sites?
4. How much did the New York Times pay for Wordle?
5. What kind of game did the New York Times say Wordle was?
6. Where did Wordle's creator work in the past?
7. How many people played Wordle on the day it was released?
8. How many people did Wordle's creator make his game for?
9. How many attempts do Wordle players have to guess a word?
10. What did the New York Times say would happen initially?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220203-wordle.html>

- 1) What's the New York Times well known for?
 - a) controversial stories
 - b) video games
 - c) the games it publishes
 - d) its software
- 2) When was Wordle uploaded for the first time?
 - a) last October
 - b) last November
 - c) last January
 - d) last week
- 3) What are players sharing on social media sites?
 - a) words
 - b) their scores
 - c) rules
 - d) tricks
- 4) How much did the New York Times pay for Wordle?
 - a) \$1,000,000
 - b) \$10,000,000
 - c) \$100,000,000
 - d) a price in the low seven figures
- 5) What kind of game did the New York Times say Wordle was?
 - a) a great game
 - b) an English-learning game
 - c) a magical game
 - d) a difficult game
- 6) Where did Wordle's creator work in the past?
 - a) Facebook
 - b) Reddit
 - c) a dictionary company
 - d) a language school
- 7) How many people played Wordle on the day it was released?
 - a) 190
 - b) 19
 - c) 900
 - d) 90
- 8) How many people did Wordle's creator make his game for?
 - a) 2
 - b) 1
 - c) 10,000,000
 - d) a billion
- 9) How many attempts do Wordle players have to guess a word?
 - a) 5
 - b) 6
 - c) 8
 - d) 10
- 10) What did the New York Times say would happen initially?
 - a) Wordle would be free
 - b) nothing
 - c) more words
 - d) longer words

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Word Games

You think word games are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): board games, party games or video games.

Role B – Board Games

You think board games are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): word games, party games or video games.

Role C – Party Games

You think party games are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): board games, word games or video games.

Role D – Video Games

You think video games are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): board games, party games or word games.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220203-wordle.html>

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

word	game

- 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">• newspaper• puzzles• craze• score• price• magical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• software• millions• feat• audience• feedback• free
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WORDLE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Wordle 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.

WORDLE DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'word'?
3. What do you know about Wordle?
4. What do you think of word games?
5. What do you know about the New York Times?
6. Are online games better than paper-based games?
7. Why do you think Wordle has become a "craze"?
8. What games do you like to play?
9. What do you think of the name Wordle?
10. How is your spelling?

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WORDLE 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 think of when you hear the word 'game'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is your favourite word game?
15. Are word games good for learning English?
16. Do you think a seven-figure price for Wordle is good value?
17. Are word games better than gaming games?
18. Are you good at word games in your language?
19. Should Wordle stay free for people to play?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr Wardle?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) bough | (b) bought | (c) blight | (d) brought |
| 2. | (a) latent | (b) lay test | (c) least | (d) latest |
| 3. | (a) On | (b) In | (c) At | (d) Of |
| 4. | (a) discovery | (b) inner | (c) undisclosed | (d) owned |
| 5. | (a) excited | (b) excite | (c) excitedly | (d) excitement |
| 6. | (a) proud | (b) pride | (c) prod | (d) proudly |
| 7. | (a) framer | (b) farmer | (c) firmer | (d) former |
| 8. | (a) its | (b) that's | (c) what's | (d) their |
| 9. | (a) feet | (b) feat | (c) fleet | (d) foot |
| 10. | (a) estimate | (b) calculate | (c) guess | (d) forecast |
| 11. | (a) what | (b) why | (c) which | (d) thus |
| 12. | (a) remnant | (b) remain | (c) ramming | (d) ream |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the latest addition to its list of zezpuls
2. it has become a zearc around the world
3. it paid an edincosdlu price
4. would be able to ibhlusp the game
5. We could not be more ertilldh
6. proud stewards of this agalcmi game

Paragraph 2

7. a former software rneineeg
8. on the day of its laerese
9. an iuaceend of one
10. After each tpetatm
11. in the cocrert place
12. nitliiya the game would remain free

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () figures" for the game. A spokesperson was excited the paper would be able to
- () around the world. Social media sites are now full of posts from people playing the game and
- () new online game. Its creator, Josh Wardle, only uploaded it in October. In the past four months, it has become a craze
- () release. It is now played by millions every day. Mr Wardle tweeted: "The game has got bigger than I ever
- () sharing their score. The New York Times said it paid "an undisclosed price in the low seven
- () publish the game. She wrote: "We could not be more thrilled to become the new home and proud stewards of this magical game."
- () Mr Wardle is a former software engineer for the website Reddit. He created Wordle for his
- () partner to play. He released it in October. He was surprised after 90 people played it on the day of its
- () to guess a five-letter word. After each attempt, the game gives the player feedback
- () on which of the letters they have used are in the correct place, or are correct letters but are in the wrong
- () known for the games it publishes. Wordle is the latest addition to its list of puzzles. Wordle is a
- (**1**) The New York Times newspaper has bought the online word game Wordle. The paper is well
- () place. The New York Times said that "initially" the game would remain free.
- () imagined (which I suppose isn't that much of a feat, given I made the game for an audience of one)." Wordle players have six attempts

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. The is for the known paper games . well
2. of to The addition puzzles . its latest list
3. has around the world . a become It craze
4. price undisclosed seven the in figures . An low
5. more thrilled . she could not be said She
6. to created Wordle his play . partner for He
7. now It every is played millions day . by
8. bigger got The imagined . game I than ever
9. players gives game the After feedback . each attempt,
10. letters, the in place . wrong but Correct

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The New York Times newspaper has *bought* / *brought* the online word game Wordle. The paper is well *knowing* / *known* for the games it publishes. Wordle is the latest *add* / *addition* to its list of puzzles. Wordle is a new online game. Its creator, Josh Wardle, only uploaded *it* / *them* in October. In the past four months, it has become a *crazy* / *craze* around the world. Social media sites are now full *to* / *of* posts from people playing the game and sharing their score. The New York Times said it paid "an undisclosed *price* / *cost* in the low seven *number* / *figures*" for the game. A spokesperson was excited the paper would be able *to* / *by* publish the game. She wrote: "We could not be more thrilled to become the new home and proud stewards *on* / *of* this magical game."

Mr Wardle is a *former* / *firmer* software engineer for the website Reddit. He created Wordle for his partner *at* / *to* play. He released it in October. He was surprised after 90 people played it on the day *off* / *of* its release. It is now played by millions *whole* / *every* day. Mr Wardle tweeted: "The game has got bigger than I ever imagined (which I suppose isn't that much of a *feat* / *feet*, given I made the game for an audience of one)." Wordle players have six attempts to *estimate* / *guess* a five-letter word. After *each* / *all* attempt, the game gives the player feedback *on* / *in* which of the letters they have used are in the correct place, or are correct letters but *be* / *are* in the wrong place. The New York Times said that "initially" the game would *remain* / *remaining* free.

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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Th_ N_w Y_rk T_m_s n_wsp_p_r h_s b__ght th_ _nl_n_ w_rd g_m_ W_rdl_. Th_ p_p_r _s w_ll kn_wn f_r th_ g_m_s _t p_bl_sh_s. W_rdl_ _s th_ l_t_st _dd_t__n t_ _ts l_st _f p_zzl_s. W_rdl_ _s _ n_w _nl_n_ g_m_. _ts cr__t_r, J_sh W_rdl_, _nly _pl__d_d _t _n _ct_b_r. _n th_ p_st f__r m_nths, _t h_s b_c_m_ _ cr_z_ _r__nd th_ w_rld. S_c__l m_d__ s_t_s _r_ n_w f_ll _f p_sts fr_m p__pl_ pl_y_ng th_ g_m_ _nd sh_rng th__r sc_r_. Th_ N_w Y_rk T_m_s s__d _t p__d "_n _nd_scl_s_d pr_c_ _n th_ l_w s_v_n f_g_r_s" f_r th_ g_m_. _ sp_k_sp_rs_n w_s _xc_t_d th_ p_p_r w__ld b_ _bl_ t_ p_bl_sh th_ g_m_. Sh_ wr_t_: "W_ c__ld n_t b_ m_r_ thr_ll_d t_ b_c_m_ th_ n_w h_m_ _nd pr__d st_w_rds _f th_s m_g_c_l g_m_."

Mr W_rdl_ _s _ f_rm_r s_ftw_r_ _ng_n__r f_r th_ w_bs_t_ R_dd_t. H_ cr__t_d W_rdl_ f_r h_s p_rtn_r t_ pl_y. H_ r_l__s_d _t _n _ct_b_r. H_ w_s s_rpr_s_d _ft_r 90 p__pl_ pl_y_d _t _n th_ d_y _f _ts r_l__s_. _t _s n_w pl_y_d by m_ll__ns _v_ry d_y. Mr W_rdl_ tw__t_d: "Th_ g_m_ h_s g_t b_gg_r th_n _ _v_r _m_g_n_d (wh_ch _ s_pp_s_ _sn't th_t m_ch _f _ f__t, g_v_n _ m_d_ th_ g_m_ f_r _n __d__nc_ _f _n_)." W_rdl_ pl_y_rs h_v_ s_x _tt_mpts t_ g__ss _ f_v_-l_tt_r w_rd. _ft_r __ch _tt_mpt, th_ g_m_ g_v_s th_ pl_y_r f__db_ck _n wh_ch _f th_ l_tt_rs th_y h_v_ _s_d _r_ _n th_ c_rr_ct pl_c_, _r _r_ c_rr_ct l_tt_rs b_t _r_ _n th_ wr_ng pl_c_. Th_ N_w Y_rk T_m_s s__d th_t "_n_t__lly" th_ g_m_ w__ld r_m__n fr__.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the new york times newspaper has bought the online word game wordle the paper is well known for the games it publishes wordle is the latest addition to its list of puzzles wordle is a new online game its creator josh wardle only uploaded it in october in the past four months it has become a craze around the world social media sites are now full of posts from people playing the game and sharing their score the new york times said it paid an undisclosed price in the low seven figures for the game a spokesperson was excited the paper would be able to publish the game she wrote we could not be more thrilled to become the new home and proud stewards of this magical game mr wardle is a former software engineer for the website reddit he created wordle for his partner to play he released it in october he was surprised after 90 people played it on the day of its release it is now played by millions every day mr wardle tweeted the game has got bigger than i ever imagined which i suppose isnt that much of a feat given i made the game for an audience of one wordle players have six attempts to guess a fiveletter word after each attempt the game gives the player feedback on which of the letters they have used are in the correct place or are correct letters but are in the wrong place the new york times said that initially the game would remain free

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The New York Times newspaper has bought the online word game Wordle. The paper is well known for the games it publishes. Wordle is the latest addition to its list of puzzles. Wordle is a new online game. Its creator, Josh Wardle, only uploaded it in October. In the past four months, it has become a craze around the world. Social media sites are now full of posts from people playing the game and sharing their score. The New York Times said it paid "an undisclosed price in the low seven figures" for the game. A spokesperson was excited the paper would be able to publish the game. She wrote: "We could not be more thrilled to become the new home and proud steward of this magical game." Mr Wardle is a former software engineer for the website Reddit. He created Wordle for his partner to play. He released it in October. He was surprised after 90 people played it on the day of its release. It is now played by millions every day. Mr Wardle tweeted: "The game has got bigger than I ever imagined (which I suppose isn't that much of a feat, given I made the game for an audience of one)." Wordle players have six attempts to guess a five-letter word. After each attempt, the game gives the player feedback on which of the letters they have used are in the correct place, or are correct letters but are in the wrong place. The New York Times said that "initially" the game would remain free.

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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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WORDLE: Make a poster about Wordle. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. WORD GAMES: Write a magazine article about making word games part of the school curriculum. 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 Wordle. Ask him/her three questions about word games. Give him/her three of your opinions on word games. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. g 7. f
8. i 9. n 10. l 11. m 12. j 13. h 14. k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The games it publishes
2. Last October
3. Their scores
4. A price in the low seven figures
5. A magical game
6. Reddit
7. 90
8. One
9. Six
10. Wordle would be free

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. The paper is well known for the games.
2. The latest addition to its list of puzzles.
3. It has become a craze around the world.
4. An undisclosed price in the low seven figures.
5. She said she could not be more thrilled.
6. He created Wordle for his partner to play.
7. It is now played by millions every day.
8. The game got bigger than I ever imagined.
9. After each attempt, the game gives players feedback.
10. Correct letters, but in the wrong place.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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