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Crucible - Amazon's first major PC game released

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200523-crucible.html>

The online retail giant Amazon has released its first ever big-budget PC game. The game is called Crucible. It is a science-fiction shooter game. It has many unusual characters that have special powers. Crucible is currently only available in North America, where people can download it from the video distribution website Steam. Amazon said the game will be available in other parts of the world soon. Crucible was created by Amazon Game Studios and Relentless Studios and is free. Amazon is a newcomer in the video games market. It hopes to become a major producer of games. Many experts on video games believe Crucible could be very successful. They say it could be a rival to the game Fortnite.

Crucible is set in an apocalyptic world on a fictional planet in outer space. Very few people can walk around outside on this planet. Players can go outside but they must hunt and kill different creatures and monsters. They must also collect a special material called "essence". This helps players level up and become stronger. Mike Frazzini, the vice president of Amazon Games, spoke about Crucible. He said he hoped it would help people to connect with each other. He told reporters: "We want to make games that resonate with a very large audience of players." He added: "One of the reasons I've always loved games is not only is it a fun form of entertainment, but it's a way to connect with others."

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<https://www.cnet.com/how-to/how-to-play-crucible-amazons-free-pc-game-that-everyones-talking-about/>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/05/19/tech/amazon-crucible-new-game/index.html>

WARM-UPS

1. PC GAMES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about PC games. 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?

online / retail / giant / science fiction / download / studios / newcomer / successful / apocalyptic / planet / outer space / material / creatures / monsters / connect / games

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

3. SCIENCE FICTION: Students A **strongly** believe science fiction is the best movies, books and games genre; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PLAYING GAMES: What are the good and bad things about playing these kinds of games? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
PC games		
Board games		
Card games		
Sports		
Guessing games		
Role-playing games		

5. GIANT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "giant". 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.

- Fortnite
- soccer
- snap (card game)
- charades
- Angry Birds
- Chess
- Monopoly
- Tag (park game)

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. retail | a. A very large company or organization. |
| 2. giant | b. Now; at the present time. |
| 3. science fiction | c. A person or thing competing with another person or thing to win something or be better at something. |
| 4. currently | d. Stories about space or the future. |
| 5. newcomer | e. A person who has a lot of knowledge of or skill in a particular area. |
| 6. expert | f. The sale of things in shops or online. |
| 7. rival | g. A person or thing that has recently arrived in a place or joined a group or activity. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. set | h. About the end of the world. |
| 9. apocalyptic | i. From a story or literature. |
| 10. fictional | j. A thing, event, performance, or activity designed to make people have fun. |
| 11. creature | k. Something from which another thing is or can be made. |
| 12. material | l. An animal or imaginary animal, not a human being. |
| 13. connect | m. A story, play, movie, or scene happening at a specified time or in a specified place. |
| 14. entertainment | n. Join people together. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200523-crucible.html>

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

- a. The article called Amazon an online giant. **T / F**
- b. Amazon's new PC game is only available in North America. **T / F**
- c. Crucible will cost around \$10 to download and play. **T / F**
- d. Experts have said Crucible could be a rival to the game Fortnite. **T / F**
- e. The game Crucible is set in a jungle in the Amazon rainforest. **T / F**
- f. If gamers collect a material called essence, they can level up. **T / F**
- g. A vice president hoped the game would help people connect. **T / F**
- h. The vice president said games were the best form of entertainment. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. online | a. characters |
| 2. unusual | b. beginner |
| 3. currently | c. following |
| 4. newcomer | d. strange |
| 5. rival | e. expected |
| 6. apocalyptic | f. challenger |
| 7. creatures | g. Internet |
| 8. hoped | h. kind |
| 9. audience | i. doomsday |
| 10. form | j. presently |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. The online retail | a. video games market |
| 2. unusual characters that | b. to the game Fortnite |
| 3. currently only available | c. of entertainment |
| 4. Amazon is a newcomer in the | d. material called "essence" |
| 5. They say it could be a rival | e. have special powers |
| 6. Crucible is set in an apocalyptic | f. audience of players |
| 7. They must also collect a special | g. world |
| 8. it would help people to connect | h. giant Amazon |
| 9. resonate with a very large | i. with each other |
| 10. a fun form | j. in North America |

GAP FILL

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available
retail
created
experts
currently
rival
shooter
major

Crucible is set in an (9) _____ world on a fictional planet in outer space. Very few people can walk around outside on this planet. Players can go outside but they must (10) _____ and kill different creatures and monsters. They must also collect a special material called "(11) _____ ". This helps players (12) _____ up and become stronger. Mike Frazzini, the vice president of Amazon Games, spoke about Crucible. He said he (13) _____ it would help people to connect with each other. He told reporters: "We want to make games that (14) _____ with a very large audience of players." He added: "One of the (15) _____ I've always loved games is not only is it a fun form of entertainment, but it's a way to (16) _____ with others."

essence
hoped
reasons
apocalyptic
connect
hunt
resonate
level

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200523-crucible.html>

- 1) The online retail giant Amazon has released its first _____ PC game
 - a. ever big-budget
 - b. every big-budget
 - c. even big-budget
 - d. never big-budget
- 2) It has many unusual characters that _____
 - a. have specially powers
 - b. have species powers
 - c. have special powers
 - d. have specs powers
- 3) in North America, where people can download it from the _____
 - a. video distributing website
 - b. video distribute website
 - c. video distribute on website
 - d. video distribution website
- 4) Amazon is a newcomer in the _____
 - a. video games market
 - b. video games mark it
 - c. video games mar kit
 - d. video games marked it
- 5) Crucible could be very successful. They say it could _____
 - a. be a libel
 - b. be a rival
 - c. be a revel
 - d. be a level
- 6) Crucible is set in an apocalyptic world on a fictional planet _____
 - a. in outer space
 - b. in out a space
 - c. in out as space
 - d. inner to space
- 7) Very few people can walk around outside _____
 - a. on this plant
 - b. on this plan it
 - c. on this plane it
 - d. on this planet
- 8) They must also collect a special material _____
 - a. called "S" sense
 - b. called "S" cents
 - c. called "essence"
 - d. called essential
- 9) We want to make games that resonate with a very large _____
 - a. audience off players
 - b. audience off plays
 - c. audiences of players
 - d. audience of players
- 10) not only is it a fun form of entertainment, but it's a way to _____
 - a. connect within others
 - b. connect with others
 - c. connect without others
 - d. connect wither others

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200523-crucible.html>

1. What did the article call Amazon in the first sentence?
2. What kind of game is Crucible?
3. When will Crucible be available outside of North America?
4. How much will Crucible cost?
5. What did experts say Crucible could be a rival to?
6. In what kind of world is Crucible set?
7. What is the name of the special material that players must collect?
8. Who is Mike Frazzini?
9. Who does Mike Frazzini want games to connect with?
10. What did Mike Frazzini say games are a fun form of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200523-crucible.html>

- 1) What did the article call Amazon in the first sentence?
 - a) amazing
 - b) the world's biggest company
 - c) an online retail giant
 - d) a monster
- 2) What kind of game is Crucible?
 - a) a science fiction shooter game
 - b) a first-person shooter game
 - c) PvP
 - d) massively multiplayer online
- 3) When will Crucible be available outside of North America?
 - a) 2021
 - b) in six months
 - c) only when the game is successful in the USA
 - d) soon
- 4) How much will Crucible cost?
 - a) \$9.99
 - b) nothing
 - c) \$0.99
 - d) \$1.95
- 5) What did experts say Crucible could be a rival to?
 - a) GTA
 - b) Angry Birds
 - c) Fortnite
 - d) Zoom
- 6) In what kind of world is Crucible set?
 - a) a crazy world
 - b) an apocalyptic world
 - c) the Amazon jungle
 - d) in Stone Age Africa
- 7) What is the name of the special material that players must collect?
 - a) presence
 - b) sense
 - c) common sense
 - d) essence
- 8) Who is Mike Frazzini?
 - a) a gaming world champion
 - b) Amazon Games' Vice President
 - c) a game designer
 - d) a game critic
- 9) Who does Mike Frazzini want games to resonate with?
 - a) a large audience
 - b) journalists
 - c) other games
 - d) Amazon
- 10) What did Mike Frazzini say games are a fun form of?
 - a) free time
 - b) leisure
 - c) technology
 - d) entertainment

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200523-crucible.html>

Role A – Soccer

You think soccer is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): chess, Monopoly or charades.

Role B – Chess

You think chess is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): soccer, Monopoly or charades.

Role C – Monopoly

You think Monopoly is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): chess, soccer or charades.

Role D – Charades

You think charades is the best game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): chess, Monopoly or soccer.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200523-crucible.html>

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

PC	game
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- 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">• giant• shooter• download• soon• free• rival	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• planet• hunt• material• hoped• large• way
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PC GAMES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200523-crucible.html>

Write five GOOD questions about PC games 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.

PC GAMES 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 'PC'?
3. What do you think of Amazon?
4. What are your favourite PC games?
5. What kinds of games are best?
6. Are computers or smartphones best to play games on?
7. Should there be a daily limit to time spent playing games?
8. Is it better to play games alone or with other people?
9. How can games benefit us?
10. What is the best game ever?

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PC GAMES 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 do you think of PC games?
15. What is an apocalyptic world?
16. Why do people like science fiction?
17. How good are you at playing video games?
18. How good are games at connecting people?
19. How much fun are PC games?
20. What questions would you like to ask Amazon's boss?

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) trail | (b) trial | (c) retail | (d) retell |
| 2. | (a) shooter | (b) sheeting | (c) shouting | (d) chatting |
| 3. | (a) powers | (b) power | (c) powerful | (d) powered |
| 4. | (a) other | (b) another | (c) others | (d) the others |
| 5. | (a) by | (b) to | (c) for | (d) of |
| 6. | (a) revel | (b) rebel | (c) level | (d) rival |
| 7. | (a) met | (b) let | (c) set | (d) bet |
| 8. | (a) reduce | (b) lower | (c) much | (d) few |
| 9. | (a) called | (b) name | (c) label | (d) title |
| 10. | (a) on | (b) with | (c) at | (d) of |
| 11. | (a) spectacle | (b) audience | (c) listeners | (d) viewers |
| 12. | (a) how | (b) which | (c) way | (d) when |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The online riatle giant Amazon
2. its first ever big-tbgeud PC game
3. It has many unusual rehrsatcac
4. the video stontdruiib website
5. Many repetsx on video games
6. a ravli to the game Fortnite

Paragraph 2

7. an apocalyptic world on a inoftlcia planet
8. different srrtuaece and monsters
9. They must also collect a special eitmarla
10. the vice eeirsdpnt of Amazon
11. a very large neeaudci of players
12. a way to ocnecnt with others

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200523-crucible.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () that resonate with a very large audience of players." He added: "One of the reasons I've always
- () market. It hopes to become a major producer of games. Many experts on video games
- () stronger. Mike Frazzini, the vice president of Amazon Games, spoke about Crucible. He said he hoped it would
- () help people to connect with each other. He told reporters: "We want to make games
- () loved games is not only is it a fun form of entertainment, but it's a way to connect with others."
- () powers. Crucible is currently only available in North America, where people can download
- (**1**) The online retail giant Amazon has released its first ever big-budget PC game. The game is called
- () around outside on this planet. Players can go outside but they must hunt and kill different creatures
- () it from the video distribution website Steam. Amazon said the game will be available in other parts of the world soon. Crucible was created
- () and monsters. They must also collect a special material called "essence". This helps players level up and become
- () Crucible. It is a science-fiction shooter game. It has many unusual characters that have special
- () by Amazon Game Studios and Relentless Studios and is free. Amazon is a newcomer in the video games
- () believe Crucible could be very successful. They say it could be a rival to the game Fortnite.
- () Crucible is set in an apocalyptic world on a fictional planet in outer space. Very few people can walk

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200523-crucible.html>

1. game . its released ever first Amazon PC big-budget
2. powers . has have characters that many special It
3. in Available world soon . of the parts other
4. hopes to major a become It producer .
5. a to game . It the could rival be
6. world apocalyptic An on fictional planet . a
7. few Very can people outside . around walk
8. called . must material a special collect They
9. would It connect each help other . people with
10. the of games . always loved One I've reasons

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200523-crucible.html>

The online *retail / trail* giant Amazon has released its first ever big-budget PC game. The game is called Crucible. It is a science-fiction *shot / shooter* game. It has many *unusual / usually* characters that have special powers. Crucible is currently *justly / only* available in North America, where people can download *them / it* from the video distribution website Steam. Amazon said the game will be available in *another / other* parts of the world soon. Crucible was created by Amazon Game Studios and Relentless Studios and is *free / freely*. Amazon is a newcomer in the video games market. It *fires / hopes* to become a major producer of games. Many *experts / expats* on video games believe Crucible could be very successful. They say it could be a *rebel / rival* to the game Fortnite.

Crucible is *set / let* in an apocalyptic world on a fictional planet in *out / outer* space. Very few people can walk *around / abound* outside on this planet. Players can go outside but they must *hunt / hurt* and kill different creatures and monsters. They must also collect a special material called "essence". This helps players level *to / up* and become stronger. Mike Frazzini, the vice president of Amazon Games, *spoke / tell* about Crucible. He said he hoped it would help people to *correct / connect* with each other. He told reporters: "We want to make games *that / what* resonate with a very large audience of players." He added: "*One / Once* of the reasons I've always loved games is not only is it a fun form of entertainment, but it's a *good / way* to connect with others."

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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T h _ _ n l _ n _ r t _ _ l g _ _ n t A m _ z _ n h _ s r _ l _ _ s _ d
_ t s f _ r s t _ v _ r b _ g - b _ d g _ t P C g _ m _ . T h _ g _ m _
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200523-crucible.html>

the online retail giant amazon has released its first ever bigbudget pc game the game is called crucible it is a sciencefiction shooter game it has many unusual characters that have special powers crucible is currently only available in north america where people can download it from the video distribution website steam amazon said the game will be available in other parts of the world soon crucible was created by amazon game studios and relentless studios and is free amazon is a newcomer in the video games market it hopes to become a major producer of games many experts on video games believe crucible could be very successful they say it could be a rival to the game fortnite

crucible is set in an apocalyptic world on a fictional planet in outer space very few people can walk around outside on this planet players can go outside but they must hunt and kill different creatures and monsters they must also collect a special material called essence this helps players level up and become stronger mike frazzini the vice president of amazon games spoke about crucible he said he hoped it would help people to connect with each other he told reporters we want to make games that resonate with a very large audience of players he added one of the reasons ive always loved games is not only is it a fun form of entertainment but its a way to connect with others

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The online retail giant Amazon has released its first ever big-budget PC game. The game is called Crucible. It is a science-fiction shooter game. It has many unusual characters that have special powers. Crucible is currently only available in North America, where people can download it from the video distribution website Steam. Amazon said the game will be available in other parts of the world soon. Crucible was created by Amazon Game Studios and Relentless Studios and is free. Amazon is a new comer in the video games market. It hopes to become a major producer of games. Many experts on video games believe Crucible could be very successful. They say it could be a rival to the game Fortnite. Crucible is set in an apocalyptic world on a fictional planet in outer space. Very few people can walk around outside on this planet. Players can go outside but they must hunt and kill different creatures and monsters. They must also collect a special material called "essence". This helps players level up and become stronger. Mike Frazzini, the vice president of Amazon Games, spoke about Crucible. He said he hoped it would help people to connect with each other. He told reporters: "We want to make games that resonate with a very large audience of players." He added: "One of the reasons I've always loved games is not only it is a fun form of entertainment, but it's a way to connect with others."

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

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

4. GAMES: Write a magazine article about a limit being put on the number of hours people should spend playing PC games. 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 PC games. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on PC and video games. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. An online retail giant
2. A science fiction shooter game
3. Soon
4. Nothing (It's free.)
5. Fortnite
6. An apocalyptic world
7. Essence
8. Vice President of Amazon Games
9. A very large audience of players
10. Entertainment

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Amazon released its first ever big-budget PC game.
2. It has many characters that have special powers.
3. Available in other parts of the world soon.
4. It hopes to become a major producer.
5. It could be a rival to the game.
6. An apocalyptic world on a fictional planet.
7. Very few people can walk around outside.
8. They must collect a special material called.
9. It would help people connect with each other.
10. One of the reasons I've always loved games.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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