### **Nintendo launches Switch 2 console worldwide**

The Japanese video game company Nintendo has launched its first major piece of hardware in eight years. To much fanfare, the much-anticipated Switch 2 console was released last Thursday. It is the follow-up to its hugely popular predecessor, the Switch, which sold 152 million units worldwide. The new console can be used as a portable 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 comes bundled with 25 games, including an enhanced version of the smash success Mario Kart World. Nintendo expects to sell 15 million Switch 2 consoles for the fiscal year to March 2026.

Gaming enthusiasts queued for hours outside stores worldwide, clamouring to get their hands on Nintendo's new system. In Japan, the consoles were sold via a national lottery that got around 2.2 million applications. In Tokyo, winners of the draw lined up at dawn outside an electronics store. Switch fan Koji Takahashi, 39, said: "It's fantastic that players can see each other while playing. I can't wait to go home and play." Satoshi Ayame was unsuccessful in the lottery, but undeterred, he went to the store's release event to savour the experience. He said: "I took a half-day off work because I desperately wanted to try the Switch 2." The console has a hefty $449.99 price tag, but fans say it is worth the money.

**Homework:**

1. Write a full sentence answer for each question below.
2. How long ago was Nintendo's previous major hardware release?
3. How many Switch consoles did Nintendo sell?
4. What can the Switch 2 be connected to?
5. How many games are preloaded on the Switch 2?
6. How many Switch 2 consoles does Nintendo hope to sell this fiscal year?
7. Who queued for hours?
8. How were Switch 2 consoles sold in Japan?
9. From when did fans start waiting outside stores in Tokyo?
10. What did a man do to be able to savour the experience of the Switch 2?
11. What do fans think of the price of the Switch 2?

**Free Writing**

* Write about Nintendo Switch 2 for 10 minutes.