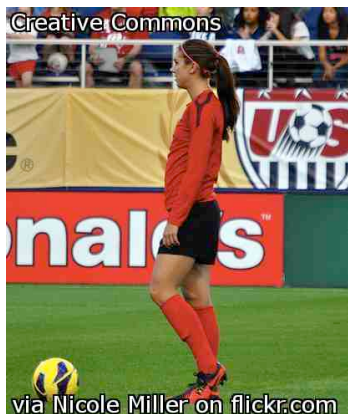


Top soccer video game has women's teams

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One of the world's best-selling video games has increased its list of options to attract more women players. The game is the latest in EA Sports' incredibly popular football FIFA series and is called FIFA 16. It will be on sale later this month. Game players will be able to choose

women's teams for the very first time. The new game has 12 of the top international women's teams. They can only play against other women's teams, so there will be no woman against men games. A demo version of the game was made available from September 8th. Game players who tested FIFA 16 said the games with women's teams were played at a faster pace than games with men's teams.

The vice president of EA Sports said he was excited about the introduction of women's teams. He said it was one of the most important changes in the 22-year history of the video game. He said: "Bringing some of the best women's players and teams in the world to our franchise is a massive event for EA Sports, and we are equally excited about bringing millions of fans a new way to play." Alex Morgan, who plays for the U.S. national women's team, spoke of her excitement at being one of the players in the FIFA 16 game. She said: "It is such an honour for...our team to be included in FIFA 16. I always wondered what it would be like to see our team in the game and it is very cool to know that it is now a reality."

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Writing

Video games are a waste of time and money. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

best selling / video games / popular / on sale / international / demo version / pace / introduction / important / changes / franchise / massive / excitement / honour / reality

True / False

- A video game maker hopes to attract more female players. T / F
- The game went on sale last month. T / F
- Players have the option to play women's teams against men's. T / F
- The men's games are played at a faster pace than the women's teams. T / F
- The FIFA football games are no 22 years old. T / F
- Alex Morgan plays football for the women's U.S. national team. T / F
- Alex Morgan said she had never heard of the FIFA video games before. T / F
- Alex Morgan thinks it is cool that she is in the video game. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. increased | a. speed |
| 2. options | b. select |
| 3. choose | c. thought about |
| 4. version | d. start |
| 5. pace | e. expanded |
| 6. introduction | f. supporters |
| 7. massive | g. fact |
| 8. fans | h. choices |
| 9. wondered | i. huge |
| 10. reality | j. edition |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- Would it make a difference to you if the players were men or women?
- What's your favourite video game, and why?
- Is football (soccer) the best sport for a video game?
- How different is women's football to men's?
- Why do you think the game does not let you play women against men?
- Why are the women's games played at a faster pace?
- Which word is best, 'soccer' or 'football'? Why?

Phrase Match

1. One of the world's best-
 2. attract
 3. for the very
 4. A demo
 5. played at a faster
 6. vice
 7. in the 22-year
 8. a massive
 9. I always wondered what
 10. very cool to know that it is now
- a. president
 - b. pace
 - c. history of the video game
 - d. more women players
 - e. it would be like
 - f. version of the game
 - g. a reality
 - h. selling video games
 - i. event
 - j. first time

Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think of football video games?
- b) What kinds of games do you like?
- c) Why has it taken so long to include women's teams?
- d) What more does the company need to do to attract women?
- e) Why is the introduction of women's teams "a new way to play"?
- f) How much of an 'honour' is it to be in the game?
- g) What do you think the game will do for women's football?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the video game boss?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – FIFA 16

You think FIFA 16 is the best video game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Minecraft, Lego or Guitar Hero.

Role B – Minecraft

You think Minecraft is the best video game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): FIFA 16, Lego or Guitar Hero.

Role C – Lego

You think Lego is the best video game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Minecraft, FIFA 16 or Guitar Hero.

Role D – Guitar Hero

You think Guitar Hero is the best video game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Minecraft, Lego or FIFA 16.

Speaking – Best games

Rank these video games with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Lego
- Guitar Hero
- Minecraft
- Call of Duty
- FIFA 16
- Candy Crush
- Grand Theft Auto
- Halo

Answers – True False

a	T	b	F	c	F	d	F	e	T	f	T	g	F	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.