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Crucible - Amazon's first major PC game released

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The online giant Amazon has released its first ever big PC game. It is called Crucible and is a science-fiction shooter game. It has many characters who have special powers. Crucible is only available in North America for now. People there can download it from the video website Steam. It will be available in other parts of the world soon. Crucible was created by Amazon Game Studios and is free. Amazon is a newcomer to video games. It hopes to become a major maker of games. Many experts on video games think Crucible could be very successful. They say it could be a rival to the game Fortnite.

Crucible is set in a scary world on a fictional planet in outer space. It is dangerous for people to walk outside on this planet. Players can go outside but they must hunt strange creatures and monsters. They must also collect a special thing called "essence". This helps players level up and become stronger. The vice-president of Amazon Games said he hopes it will help people to connect with each other. He said: "We want to make games that...a very large audience of players [like]." He added: "One of the reasons I've always loved games is not only [are they] a fun form of entertainment, but [also] a way to connect with others."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The online | a. fiction shooter game |
| 2. a science- | b. on video games |
| 3. characters who have special | c. parts of the world |
| 4. available in other | d. the game Fortnite |
| 5. Amazon is a newcomer | e. maker of games |
| 6. It hopes to become a major | f. powers |
| 7. Many experts | g. to video games |
| 8. it could be a rival to | h. giant Amazon |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. set in a scary world on | a. loved games |
| 2. outer | b. creatures |
| 3. they must hunt strange | c. with others |
| 4. This helps players level | d. a fictional planet |
| 5. a very large | e. entertainment |
| 6. One of the reasons I've always | f. up |
| 7. a fun form of | g. audience |
| 8. a way to connect | h. space |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PC GAMES SURVEY

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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.

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) _____

