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Back to War 回到战争时代

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Thousands of UK **gamers** queued into the night for the launch of what may be the world's most **anticipated** video game.

Video game retailers opened at midnight to sell the first copies of Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2, a game which is widely expected to **shatter sales records**.

The latest instalment in the Call of Duty **franchise** was officially launched in the UK at a cinema in Leicester Square in the heart of London's West End, a site usually reserved for the premiere of **Hollywood blockbusters**.

Actors dressed as soldiers **patrolled** the square while British celebrities joined gamers to take part in **multiplayer** sessions of the game.

The game, which is **tipped** to sell more than a million copies in the UK in its first week of release, features astonishing **graphics** and exciting **gameplay** as the player **takes on** a group of **ultra-nationalist** Russian terrorists.

Predictably, the game has provoked a certain amount of **criticism** as it is extremely violent and features a **controversial** scene in which civilians are killed at an airport.

One British **MP** has attacked the game in the press, describing his "absolute shock" at the violence portrayed in the game.

However, another MP has defended the game by setting up a group on a **social-networking website** which describes itself as "unashamedly pro-video games" and which aims to "discuss how UK video gamers can find their voice in newspapers and government".

More **cynical** observers have said that the game's developers deliberately included the scene in which civilians are massacred in order to **stir up** controversy, knowing that this will generate a huge amount of free **publicity**.

Whatever people's views on violence in computer games, the game is **flying off the shelves** around the UK and is expected to generate \$400m (2,700m yuan) globally for its publishers.

Glossary 词汇表

gamers – 游戏爱好者	anticipated – 令人期待的
shatter sales records – 打破了销售记录	franchise – 一系列 (游戏)
Hollywood blockbusters – 好莱坞大片	patrolled – 巡逻
multiplayer – 多玩家	tipped – 专家预计
graphics - 画面	gameplay – 游戏性
takes on – 对峙, 挑战	ultra-nationalist – 极端民族主义者
criticism – 批评	controversial – 有争议的
MP – 下院议员	social-networking website – 社交网站
cynical - 愤世嫉俗的	stir up – 煽动
publicity – 宣传	flying off the shelves – 极其畅销

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Video game shops opened at dawn to sell the game. **True / False**
2. The premiere was held in London's West End. **True / False**
3. Real soldiers were on patrol in Leicester Square. **True / False**
4. The game features a band of peace-loving Russian nationalists.
True / False
5. British politicians have differing viewpoints on violence in video games.
True / False

2. Video Game Phrases 电子游戏短语

Match the phrases and words below to their definitions.

请把以下单词和短语与右边的解释连线。

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|-------------|---|
| 1. sandbox | a. a type of game that attempts to simulate real life. |
| 2. sim | b. a type of game where the player may explore the game world freely. |
| 3. frag | c. a game that has sold many copies and may win a lot of awards. |
| 4. AAA game | d. to kill an in-game character. |

Now complete the sentences below with words or phrases from above.

请用上面练习里的单词或短语来完成以下句子。

1. I love _____ games like GTA where you don't just have to follow a set mission or storyline.
2. My favourite type of game is a _____. The one I like best teaches you how to fly a plane.
3. Just when I was about to get my highest ever score, I got _____ by another player online.
4. There is no question that the Call of Duty series are all _____.

3. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

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2. sold expected new game is units to break The records for.

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6. this millions make video Analysts will hundreds of predict of game dollars.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with video games in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与电子游戏有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

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a	e	c	r	c	c	b	f	t	b	y	e
y	x	e	f	r	k	v	g	t	t	v	t
a	d	e	v	e	l	o	p	v	t	d	r

cheat	hack	mod	gamer	franchise
play	unlock	develop	graphics	gameplay

Answers 答案

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Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

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1. Thousands of video game fans queued late at night for the new game.
2. The new game is expected to break records for units sold.
3. The premiere of the game was like that of a top Hollywood film.
4. Some people think there is too much violence in video games.
5. Other people believe that violence in games is no different from films.
6. Analysts predict this video game will make hundreds of millions of dollars.

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2. a
3. d
4. c

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