

The history of Nintendo



Nintendo is a Japanese company that has made video games and video game consoles since the 1970s. It was originally a company that made playing cards and then it started to make toys. Nintendo began making video games in the 1970s. In 1980, the company released a hand-held game device called 'Game and Watch'. It was battery operated and not in colour but the games were very playable and fun.

Nintendo's first video game console was the colour TV Game, Famicom, but the company really became successful with its second console, "Nintendo Entertainment System", or NES for short. Nintendo also released many popular video games like *Donkey Kong*, *Super Mario Bros.*, *Duck Hunt*, and *The Legend of Zelda*. Later, the company made hand-held consoles such as the *Game Boy* and *DS*, and consoles such as *Nintendo 64*, *GameCube*, *Wii*, and *WiiU*.



Nintendo's newest release is the *Nintendo Switch*. It has a smart design and different functions but some fans have said the games and accessories are too expensive. The switch will compete with *Sony's PS4* virtual reality headset in a very crowded market.

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Date:.....

Now answer the following questions about the text.

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Nintendo became very successful when it began selling the NES or “Nintendo Entertainment System”.

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The company’s most recent console is the *Nintendo Switch*.

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