

LEISURE

Top soccer video game has women's teams

WARM-UPS

1. SOCCER:

In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

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

2. VIDEO GAMES: How can we make them better? Complete this table with your partner.

How to make them better? Why?

Genres	
Graphics	
Sound	
Control	
Stories	
Consoles	

3. BEST GAMES: Rank these video games with your partner. Put the best at the top.

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

4. FOOTBALL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "football". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

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

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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

Top soccer video game has women's teams – 11th September, 2015

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 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 women 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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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Who does EA Sports want to attract to the game?
2. When will people be able to buy the new game?
3. How many of the top international women's teams will be in the game?
4. When was the demo version made available?
5. What was faster about the women's games?
6. How old is the FIFA video game?
7. What kind of event did EA Sports' vice president say it was?
8. Who spoke of her excitement about being part of FIFA 16?
9. What did Alex Morgan say it was to be part of FIFA 16?
10. How did Alex Morgan describe the reality of being in FIFA 16?

VIDEO GAMES DISCUSSION

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
 - 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'video game'?
 - 3) What do you think about what you read?
 - 4) Would it make a difference to you if the players were men or women?
 - 5) What's your favourite video game, and why?
 - 6) Is football (soccer) the best sport for a video game?
 - 7) How different is women's football to men's?
 - 8) Why do you think the game does not let you play women against men?
 - 9) Why are the women's games played at a faster pace?
 - 10) Which word is best, 'soccer' or 'football'? Why?
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VIDEO GAMES DISCUSSION

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What do you think of video games?
- 13) What do you think of football video games?
- 14) What kinds of games do you like?
- 15) Why has it taken so long to include women's teams?
- 16) What more does the company need to do to attract women?
- 17) Why is the introduction of women's teams "a new way to play"?
- 18) How much of an 'honour' is it to be in the game?
- 19) What do you think the game will do for women's football?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the video game boss?