

Pokémon Go was released in the UK recently and people are going crazy to try and catch them all! It can be good fun but it's not without its dangers, as you'll find out in this short news report.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercise. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–j next to the numbers 1–10.

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| 1..... | to lure | a. | to walk slowly without a clear direction |
| 2..... | to unleash | b. | to prepare yourself (usually for something unpleasant) |
| 3..... | the general gist | c. | to release |
| 4..... | a virtual world | d. | to pass a previous achievement or number |
| 5..... | to brace yourself | e. | something that gives you an advantage over your competitors |
| 6..... | a craze | f. | an environment produced by a computer |
| 7..... | to spawn | g. | an activity or object that is very popular for a short time |
| 8..... | to wander around | h. | to cause something to develop or start |
| 9..... | a secret weapon | i. | to attract |
| 10..... | to break records | j. | the main idea |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | You play Pokémon Go in your house. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | You need a smartphone and the app to play Pokémon Go. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | The game has broken records for the number of downloads in the US. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Pokémon Go mixes the real world with a virtual world. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | The first guy who is interviewed thinks it's a very sociable game. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Pokémon Go can only be played by children. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | The expert in the video was almost hit by a bus. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

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| 8. | Pokémon Go doesn't have the right child safety features included. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 9. | The representative from the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) is worried about adults using the game to direct children to particular places. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 10. | The London police warn Pokémon Go players to take extra care near rivers and roads. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

Discussion

What do you think about Pokémon Go? Are you trying to catch them all?!

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learned in this lesson.