Half-Life 2 Turns 20: Now with Steam Workshop & Developer Insights!

Description

Half-Life 2 is now 20 years old! To celebrate, Valve has released an update for this popular game. This update adds some cool new features. There is developer commentary, Steam Workshop support, and Episodes One and Two are now included. There are also bug fixes and new graphics options.

You can get this game for free on Steam until November 18th at 6 PM GMT. Make sure to grab it before time runs out!

The update has three and a half hours of commentary from the Half-Life 2 team. They share stories about making the game and what happened during the process.

If you want to know more about the game's development, Valve made a two-hour documentary. You can watch it on YouTube.

Watch Half-Life 2's 20th anniversary documentary on YouTube.Click here

The update also improves support for ultrawide monitors and changes some things for modders. Valve did a similar update for Half-Life's 25th anniversary last year.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Documentary** /ˌdɒk.jʊˈmen.tər.i/ (noun): A film or television program that provides a factual report on a particular subject.
2. **Commentary** /ˈkɒm.ən.tər.i/ (noun): A spoken description or explanation of something often accompanying visual media.
3. **Features** /ˈfiː.tʃərz/ (noun): Distinctive attributes or aspects of something.
4. **Support** /səˈpɔːrt/ (noun/verb): To assist or back up; also refers to the resources and services provided.
5. **Improve** /ɪmˈpruːv/ (verb): To make or become better.
6. **Graphics** /ˈɡræf.ɪks/ (noun): Visual images or designs used in media.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. How old is Half-Life 2 now?

   Option: 10 years old
   Option: 15 years old
   Option: 20 years old
   Option: 25 years old

2. What are some of the new features added in the update for Half-Life 2?

   Option: New characters
   Option: New maps
   Option: Developer commentary, Steam Workshop support, and included Episodes One and Two
   Option: New soundtrack

3. Until when can you get the game for free on Steam?

   Option: November 18th at 6 PM GMT
   Option: November 19th at 6 PM GMT
   Option: November 20th at 6 PM GMT
   Option: November 21st at 6 PM GMT

4. How many hours of commentary does the Half-Life 2 team provide in the update?

   Option: Two hours
   Option: Three and a half hours
   Option: Five hours
   Option: One hour

5. Where can you watch the documentary about Half-Life 2's development?

   Option: On Netflix
   Option: On Hulu
   Option: On YouTube
   Option: On Amazon Prime Video

6. What did Valve do for Half-Life's 25th anniversary last year?

   Option: Released a new game
   Option: Updated Half-Life 2
   Option: Made a documentary
   Option: Hosted a virtual event

True-False

7. Valve released an update for Half-Life 2 to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

8. Episodes One and Two were included in the update for Half-Life 2.

9. The update for Half-Life 2 adds new characters to the game.

10. Valve made a two-hour documentary about Half-Life 2's development.

11. The update for Half-Life 2 does not include improvements for ultrawide monitors.

12. Valve has not done any updates for Half-Life's anniversaries in the past.

Gap-Fill

13. Valve did a similar update for Half-Life's _____ anniversary last year.

14. The Half-Life 2 update provides three and a half hours of _____ from the team.

15. The update for Half-Life 2 improves support for _____ monitors.

16. Valve made a two-hour _____ about Half-Life 2's development.

17. You can watch the Half-Life 2's 20th anniversary documentary on _____ .

18. The Half-Life 2 update includes developer commentary, Steam Workshop support, and

_____ One and Two.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 20 years old 2. Developer commentary, Steam Workshop support, and included Episodes One and Two 3. November 18th at 6 PM GMT 4. Three and a half hours 5. On YouTube 6. Updated Half-Life 2
True-False: 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False
Gap-Fill: 13. 25th 14. commentary 15. ultrawide 16. documentary 17. YouTube 18. Episodes

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the regular path followed by a satellite around a celestial body called?

   Option: Trajectory
   Option: Orbit
   Option: Rotation
   Option: Thrust

2. What is the process of creating instructions for computers to execute?

   Option: Coding
   Option: Programming
   Option: Debugging
   Option: Algorithms

3. Which term describes something that is firmly established and not likely to change?

   Option: Volatile
   Option: Static
   Option: Dynamic
   Option: Stable

4. What is the rivalry between individuals or groups for a common goal known as?

   Option: Collaboration
   Option: Teamwork
   Option: Competition
   Option: Cooperation

5. What are the substances that provide nourishment essential for the maintenance of life?

   Option: Toxins
   Option: Antigens
   Option: Nutrients
   Option: Pathogens

6. A temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product service or result is called a _____.

   Option: Task
   Option: Project
   Option: Goal
   Option: Mission

7. An artificial object placed in orbit around the Earth or another planet is called a _____.

   Option: Meteoroid
   Option: Asteroid
   Option: Comet

Option: Satellite

8. The action or process of investing money for profit or material result is known as _____.

Option: Divestment
Option: Investment
Option: Expenditure
Option: Revenue

9. Distinctive qualities or characteristics of something are referred to as _____.

Option: Facets
Option: Elements
Option: Features
Option: Aspects

10. Medical treatment practices aimed at improving health are known as _____.

Option: Procedures
Option: Therapies
Option: Interventions
Option: Solutions

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Investing in stocks involves a certain level of _____ due to market fluctuations.

12. Effective teams thrive on mutual _____ and collaboration to achieve common goals.

13. In a dynamic environment new _____ arise for those willing to embrace change.

14. Employees may be entitled to a _____ package when laid off from their jobs.

15. The _____ sector plays a significant role in the economy through business activities

and job creation.

16. High-quality _____ enhance the visual appeal of websites and digital content.

17. _____ push the boundaries of innovation and create solutions to existing problems.

18. Maintaining good _____ is crucial for overall well-being and quality of life.

19. Expert _____ provides valuable insights and analysis on various topics and events.

20. Space missions must consider the risks posed by orbital _____ to spacecraft.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The young artist was hailed as a for her exceptional talent and creativity.
22. Following established safety is essential in preventing accidents and injuries.
23. Artificial intelligence systems can mimic the human brain's functions through .
24. The provided a detailed account of the historical events leading to independence.
25. The school's music program attracted students from across the country.
26. Continuous feedback helps individuals their skills and performance over time.
27. exploit vulnerabilities in computer systems for various purposes including data theft.
28. Investors can buy and sell shares of a company through the market.
29. Tracing one's can provide insights into family history and genetic heritage.
30. Learning to code is a fundamental skill in the field of computer .

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Orbit 2. Programming 3. Stable 4. Competition 5. Nutrients 6. Project 7. Satellite 8. Investment 9. Features 10. Therapies

Gap-Fill: 11. Risk 12. Support 13. Opportunities 14. Severance 15. Corporate 16. Graphics 17. Inventors 18. Health 19. Commentary 20. Debris

Matching sentence: 1. Prodigy 2. Guidelines 3. Neural Networks 4. Documentary 5. Talented 6. Improve 7. Hackers 8. Stock 9. Ancestry 10. Programming

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