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# Nintendo cancels Switch 2 pre-orders in US due to Trump tariffs

## Description

Nintendo has announced that they will not be opening pre-orders for the highly anticipated Switch 2 in the United States next week. This decision comes in response to the introduction of high tariffs on exports from Japan. Despite initially planning to start pre-orders in the US in a few days, the company has now decided to delay this to assess the impact of the tariffs and changing market conditions. The launch of the console is still set for June 5 as originally planned.

The tariffs, which are taxes charged on imported goods, have hit Japan with a 24% tariff. This means that Nintendo may have to absorb the extra cost or pass it on to consumers. President Trump believes these tariffs will benefit the US economy and protect jobs, while Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba has called it a "national crisis" and vowed to respond effectively.

Fans may worry that the prices of Nintendo products in the US could change due to the tariffs. The cost of games for the Switch 2, like Mario Kart World, has already raised concerns. Despite the uncertainty, Nintendo has not confirmed whether they factored potential tariffs into their pricing. The unexpected 24% tariff imposed by Trump has created uncertainty in the gaming industry.

This situation highlights the impact of international trade decisions on businesses and consumers around the world.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Tariffs** /'tær.ifs/ (noun): Taxes charged on imported goods.
2. **Anticipated** /æn'tɪs.ɪ.peɪ.tɪd/ (adjective): Expected or predicted often with excitement.
3. **Absorb** /əb'zɔ:rb/ (verb): To take in or soak up often used in a financial context.
4. **Impact** /'ɪm.pækt/ (noun): The strong effect or influence that something has.
5. **Concern** /kən'sɜ:rn/ (noun): A feeling of worry or anxiety about something.
6. **Uncertainty** /ʌn'sɜ:r.tən.ti/ (noun): The state of being unsure or having doubts.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice



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1. What is the reason for Nintendo delaying the pre-orders for Switch 2 in the US?
    - Option: Introduction of high tariffs on exports from Japan
    - Option: Manufacturing issues
    - Option: Competitor pressure
    - Option: Internal software bugs
  
  2. What is the percentage of tariffs imposed on exports from Japan?
    - Option: 12%
    - Option: 18%
    - Option: 24%
    - Option: 30%
  
  3. Who believes that tariffs will benefit the US economy and protect jobs?
    - Option: President Trump
    - Option: Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba
    - Option: Nintendo CEO
    - Option: United Nations Secretary-General
  
  4. What is the launch date set for the console Switch 2?
    - Option: May 15
    - Option: June 5
    - Option: July 10
    - Option: August 20
  
  5. Which game for Switch 2 has raised concerns regarding its cost due to tariffs?
    - Option: Legend of Zelda
    - Option: Splatoon 3
    - Option: Mario Kart World
    - Option: Animal Crossing: New Horizons
  
  6. What uncertainty has the unexpected tariff imposed by Trump created in the gaming industry?
    - Option: Price increase for gaming accessories
    - Option: Supply chain disruption
    - Option: Market saturation
    - Option: International partnerships

### **True-False**



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7. Nintendo will be opening pre-orders for Switch 2 in the US next week.
  8. Shigeru Ishiba has called the high tariffs on exports from Japan a
  9. Nintendo has confirmed that they have factored potential tariffs into their pricing for Switch 2.
  10. President Trump believes that the tariffs will negatively impact the US economy.
  11. The unexpected tariff imposed by Trump has not affected the gaming industry.
  12. The introduction of high tariffs on exports from Japan has led to price decreases for Nintendo products in the US.

### Gap-Fill

13. Nintendo may have to absorb the extra cost of tariffs or pass it on to \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The unexpected 24% tariff imposed by President Trump has created uncertainty in the \_\_\_\_\_ industry.
16. The cost of games for Switch 2, like Mario Kart World, has already raised \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The impact of international trade decisions on businesses and consumers around the world highlights the \_\_\_\_\_ of such actions.
18. The delay in pre-orders for Switch 2 in the US is to assess the impact of tariffs and changing \_\_\_\_\_ conditions.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Introduction of high tariffs on exports from Japan 2. 24% 3. President Trump 4. June 5  
5. Mario Kart World 6. Supply chain disruption

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. consumers 14. gaming 16. concerns 17. impact 18. market



## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which concept refers to the ability to understand or know something without needing explicit reasoning?  
Option: Intuition  
Option: Anti-intellectualism  
Option: Enacted  
Option: Discourse
2. What are taxes on imported or exported goods called?  
Option: Disruption  
Option: Tariffs  
Option: Cramming  
Option: Moderate-intensity
3. What is the possibility of harm or loss in a situation called?  
Option: Integrated  
Option: Criticized  
Option: Risk  
Option: Enforcement
4. What term refers to the effect or influence of one thing on another?  
Option: Anticipated  
Option: Impact  
Option: Concern  
Option: Takeaway
5. Which term describes a hostility or distrust towards intellectuals and intellectual pursuits?  
Option: Deadline  
Option: Concerns  
Option: Emphasized  
Option: Anti-intellectualism
6. What term means combining or coordinating separate elements into a unified whole?  
Option: Integrated  
Option: Elected  
Option: Disruption  
Option: Enacted
7. What is the latest time or date by which something should be completed?



- Option: Polarization
- Option: Deadline
- Option: Explore
- Option: Absorb

8. Which term means to search or investigate thoroughly?

- Option: Enforcement
- Option: Explore
- Option: Potential
- Option: Inaccessible

9. What level of activity is higher in intensity than light activity but lower than vigorous activity?

- Option: Beneficial
- Option: Uncertainty
- Option: Moderate-intensity
- Option: Concern

10. What is the act of compelling observance of or compliance with a law rule or obligation?

- Option: Remarks
- Option: Enforcement
- Option: Potential
- Option: Polarization

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

11. The potential consequences of the decision raised serious \_\_\_\_\_ among the stakeholders.

12. The new mayor was \_\_\_\_\_ by a large majority of the voters in the city.

13. Living cells need to \_\_\_\_\_ nutrients from their environment to function properly.

14. The new law was successfully \_\_\_\_\_ by the legislative body.

15. The company strives for the seamless \_\_\_\_\_ of new technologies into their existing products.

16. The unexpected power outage caused a major \_\_\_\_\_ in the production schedule.



17. The safety report highlighted several significant \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the building design.
18. The investment has great \_\_\_\_\_ for substantial returns in the future.
19. The ongoing negotiations have created an atmosphere of \_\_\_\_\_ about the future business relationship.
20. Many students resort to \_\_\_\_\_ before exams which can lead to short-term retention but hinder long-term learning.

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

21. The company a surge in demand for their new product after the successful marketing campaign.
22. During the presentation the speaker the importance of maintaining good communication with customers.
23. The CEO's about the company's future plans sparked a lively discussion among the board members.
24. The political debate highlighted the growing between the two major parties.
25. Regular exercise is for both physical and mental health.
26. The new legislation was to address the environmental concerns in the region.
27. The government imposed additional on imported goods to protect domestic industries.
28. Strict of traffic laws is necessary to ensure road safety for all drivers.
29. The new software was seamlessly into the existing IT infrastructure.
30. The critical data was stored in a secure location that was to unauthorized personnel.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Intuition 2. Tariffs 3. Risk 4. Impact 5. Anti-intellectualism 6. Integrated 7. Deadline 8. Explore 9. Moderate-intensity 10. Enforcement

**Gap-Fill:** 11. concerns 12. elected 13. absorb 14. enacted 15. integration 16. disruption 17. concerns 18. potential 19. uncertainty 20. cramming

**Matching sentence:** 1. Anticipated



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2. Emphasized 3. Remarks 4. Polarization 5. Beneficial 6. Enacted 7. Tariffs 8. Enforcement 9. Integrated  
10. Inaccessible

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