



PlayStation 5 Update Introduces New Dashboard, Fans React

Description

A new update for the PlayStation 5 (PS5) is testing a new dashboard design. Many PS5 owners are seeing this updated look after joining the PlayStation 5 beta program.

The new dashboard groups system icons in a cleaner way, making it look less busy. A user on Reddit first mentioned seeing the new design, and many others confirmed it on social media. This change seems to excite fans because it might lead to the return of themes, which were popular on the PS4.

Some users expressed their hopes for themes. One wrote, "I see standardized icons all in a row," while another asked if this meant themes would come back. Fans feel that offering themes would improve the gaming experience.

Last month, Sony raised the PS5 price for the second time in a year due to economic pressures. This price increase started on April 2, 2026, affecting the PS5, PS5 Pro, and PlayStation Portal. Sony said that the rise was necessary to continue providing high-quality gaming. Fans wonder if this money will go towards the return of themes.

Sony usually tests updates with a small group of users before a wider release. The company has not commented on this recent update, but more information may come soon.

Vocabulary List:

1. **dashboard** //ˈdæʃbɔːrd// (noun): screen showing important information and controls
2. **beta** //ˈbeɪtə// (noun): early test version of a product
3. **standardized** //ˈstændəraɪzd// (adjective): made the same for many people or uses
4. **themes** //θiːmz// (noun): background designs or styles for a system
5. **economic** //ˌekəˈnɒmɪk// (adjective): related to money, business, and jobs
6. **affecting** //əˈfektɪŋ// (verb): changing or having an effect on something

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



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1. What is being tested in the new update for the PlayStation 5?
 - Option: New game titles
 - Option: New dashboard design
 - Option: New hardware
 - Option: New online features
 2. What was a common hope among PS5 users regarding the new dashboard design?
 - Option: Improved graphics
 - Option: Return of themes
 - Option: More storage options
 - Option: Lower prices
 3. When did the price increase for the PS5 take effect?
 - Option: January 1, 2025
 - Option: April 2, 2026
 - Option: October 1, 2026
 - Option: July 15, 2025
 4. What impact did the PS5 price increase have?
 - Option: It reduced sales
 - Option: It increased game availability
 - Option: It affected PS5 models
 - Option: It improved user satisfaction
 5. How did users confirm the new dashboard design?
 - Option: Through emails
 - Option: On social media
 - Option: In gaming forums
 - Option: By official announcements
 6. What is the purpose of Sony testing updates with a small group of users?
 - Option: To gather financial data
 - Option: To ensure game quality
 - Option: To prepare for wider release
 - Option: To create hype

True-False



7. The new dashboard design for PS5 is making it look busier.
8. Many PS5 owners joined the beta program to see the new dashboard.
9. Sony has officially commented on the recent dashboard update.
10. The new dashboard design might lead to the return of themes like on the PS4.
11. The PS5 price has been increased three times in the past year.
12. Sony believes the price increase is necessary for high-quality gaming.

Gap-Fill

13. The new dashboard groups system icons in a cleaner way, making it look less _____.
14. Many users hope for the return of _____ with the new dashboard.
15. Sony raised the PS5 price for the second time in a year due to _____ pressures.
16. The price increase started on April 2, _____.
17. The new dashboard design was first mentioned by a user on _____.
18. Sony tests updates with a small group of users before a _____ release.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. New dashboard design 2. Return of themes 3. April 2, 2026 4. It affected PS5 models 5. On social media 6. To prepare for wider release

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

Gap-Fill: 13. busy 14. themes 15. economic 16. 2026 17. Reddit 18. wider

Vocabulary quizzes

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



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1. What term describes the process of increasing the size or scope of something?
Option: Contraction
Option: Expansion
Option: Reduction
Option: Stability
 2. What is the term for a spacecraft that is operated without a crew on board?
Option: Manned
Option: Piloted
Option: Uncrewed
Option: Controlled
 3. Which word means to discover or identify the presence of something?
Option: Ignore
Option: Miss
Option: Detect
Option: Overlook
 4. What word describes something that is complex and difficult to analyze or understand?
Option: Simple
Option: Obvious
Option: Complicated
Option: Straightforward
 5. Which term pertains to the methods and principles of science?
Option: Artistic
Option: Literary
Option: Scientific
Option: Philosophical
 6. What word refers to the level of light emitted by an object?
Option: Dimness
Option: Brightness
Option: Shadiness
Option: Dullness
 7. Which term refers to the process of designing and producing the container for a product?
Option: Labeling
Option: Packaging
Option: Shipping
Option: Marketing



8. What term describes a sudden attack or incursion into a place, often to steal or cause damage?

- Option: Defense
- Option: Invasion
- Option: Raid
- Option: Withdrawal

9. What term is used to describe the main antagonist in a story or movie?

- Option: Hero
- Option: Antagonist
- Option: Villain
- Option: Protagonist

10. What is an instrument used to observe distant objects by collecting light?

- Option: Microscope
- Option: Binoculars
- Option: Telescope
- Option: Camera

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

11. The software requires a new _____ to improve its performance.

12. The spacecraft was designed to _____ on the lunar surface.

13. Scientists aim to _____ the effects of climate change.

14. The astronauts are on a special _____ to Mars.

15. The files may become _____ if not saved properly.

16. The _____ provides a summary of the system's performance.

17. The software is currently in _____ testing phase.

18. The spacecraft has traveled _____ than any previous mission.

19. The novel explores several recurring _____ such as love and betrayal.

20. The new policy aims to address _____ challenges facing the region.



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

21. The movie's soundtrack added emotional depth to the story.
22. The brightness of the stars can be measured by their magnitude.
23. Her scientific research contributed to significant advancements in medicine.
24. The villain's motives were revealed in the final act of the play.
25. The police conducted a raid on the suspected drug hideout.
26. The team was tasked to investigate the unusual readings from the sensor.
27. An uncrewed mission to Mars is planned for the next decade.
28. The expansion of the universe is a topic of much debate in astronomy.
29. Proper packaging is essential to ensure the safety of products during shipping.
30. The new dashboard design offers a more user-friendly interface.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Expansion 2. Uncrewed 3. Detect 4. Complicated 5. Scientific 6. Brightness 7. Packaging 8. Raid 9. Villain 10. Telescope

Gap-Fill: 11. update 12. land 13. investigate 14. mission 15. corrupt 16. dashboard 17. beta 18. farther 19. themes 20. economic

Matching sentence: 1. soundtrack 2. brightness 3. scientific 4. villain 5. raid 6. investigate 7. uncrewed 8. expansion 9. packaging 10. dashboard

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