

Skipping Pokémon in 2024 is Beneficial

Description

The Pokémon community breathed a collective sigh of relief this week when it was confirmed the next game in the series, Pokémon Legends: Z-A, will not be released until 2025. This announcement followed an eight-year streak of back-to-back Pokémon releases.

Since 2016, Pokémon's game releases were as follows: Sun & Moon (2016), Ultra Sun & Ultra Moon (2017), Let's Go, Pikachu! & Let's Go, Eevee! (2018), Sword & Shield (2019), Sword & Shield DLC (2020), Brilliant Diamond & Shining Pearl (2021), Legends: Arceus and Scarlet & Violet (2022), and Scarlet & Violet DLC (2023).

This relentless pace led to concerns about the series' sustainability, with 2022 alone seeing two ambitious Pokémon games from Game Freak. The games' technical glitches and substandard graphics, particularly in the case of Scarlet & Violet, were widely criticized.

As a long-standing Pokémon fan, I'm relieved to see the series is taking a hiatus, hopefully allowing the developers ample time to address these issues. The fact that Pokémon Legends: Z-A is described as "an ambitious new entry" suggests that Game Freak may be focusing on improving the quality of future games over quantity.

Pokémon Legends: Z-A's 2025 release date keeps me hopeful that the game developers are listening to fan critique and taking the necessary time to ensure a better gaming experience.

Interestingly, Pokémon Legends: Z-A seems to divert from the tradition of remaking older games in numerical order by focusing on Generation 6's Kalos region. This leaves us wondering if plans are underway for Generation 5's Unova.

Lastly, amid speculation about the release of a Nintendo Switch 2, the Legends: Z-A trailer mentioned that it will be available on "Nintendo Switch systems." However, to read this as a hint about the Switch 2 might be a leap too far. Nintendo is known for its tight control over its messaging, making it unlikely that this could be a premature confirmation of such a significant announcement.

There's undoubtedly much anticipation for what Pokémon Legends: Z-A will bring. Hopefully, the break in 2024 will allow the developers to deliver a game that rejuvenates the series and delights Pokémon fans worldwide.

What are your thoughts on Pokémon Legends: Z-A? We'd love to hear from you.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Relief** // (noun): A feeling of reassurance and relaxation.

2. **Sustainability** // (noun): The ability to be maintained over the long term.
3. **Hiatus** // (noun): A pause or break in continuity.
4. **Ambitious** // (adjective): Having a strong desire and determination to succeed.
5. **Anticipation** // (noun): A feeling of excitement about something that is going to happen.
6. **Speculation** // (noun): Contemplation or consideration of a subject.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What does the word "imminent" mean?

- Option: A. Acclaimed
- Option: B. Lamenting
- Option: C. Ambitious
- Option: D. About to happen

2. Which of the following words is a synonym for "enclave"?

- Option: A. Relief
- Option: B. Ambitious
- Option: C. Upgrade
- Option: D. Localisation

3. What does it mean to "resolve" something?

- Option: A. Progression
- Option: B. Amelioration
- Option: C. Conveyed
- Option: D. Make a decision

4. What term describes something that is at the forefront of innovation?

- Option: A. Logical
- Option: B. Vindicated
- Option: C. Cutting Edge
- Option: D. Peculiar

5. What does it mean if something has "accumulated"?

- Option: A. Absence
- Option: B. Cosmetic
- Option: C. Sustainability
- Option: D. Gathered over time

6. Which word is closely related to being "ambitious"?

Option: A. Revelation

Option: B. Anticipation

Option: C. Enclave

Option: D. Hiatus

7. What does the word "upgrade" imply?

Option: A. Speculation

Option: B. Localisation

Option: C. Progression

Option: D. Absence

8. Which term refers to a strong desire or craving?

Option: A. Resolve

Option: B. Premium

Option: C. Appetite

Option: D. Logical

9. Which word describes a conclusion based on reason and evidence?

Option: A. Speculation

Option: B. Logical

Option: C. Vindicated

Option: D. Amelioration

10. What does "speculation" involve?

Option: A. Relief

Option: B. Intuited

Option: C. Ambitious

Option: D. Speculating or guessing

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

11. In order to succeed in his _____ goals he worked tirelessly day and night.

12. After taking a one-year _____ to travel the world she returned to her job refreshed and inspired.

13. The company offers a _____ service that guarantees quick delivery and personalized care.

14. Her tireless efforts were finally _____ when she received the award for Best

Employee of the Year.

15. The new policy on employee benefits led to a significant _____ of working conditions and satisfaction.

16. The stock market was full of _____ as investors tried to predict the next big trend.

17. His career showed steady _____ as he moved up the ranks within the company.

18. The changes made to the website were mostly _____; they did not affect its functionality.

19. The _____ of evidence led to the case being dismissed for lack of proof.

20. The company's commitment to environmental _____ is evident in its use of recycled materials.

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

21. The newly built neighborhood felt like a secluded away from the hustle and bustle of the city.
22. The sudden of a long-lost letter shed light on the family's hidden history.
23. She sat by the window the loss of her beloved pet tears streaming down her face.
24. His arguments were so that even his opponents had to agree with his reasoning.
25. The surrounding the new product launch created a buzz among consumers eager for innovation.
26. The recent software improved the system's performance and added new features.
27. Her plan to climb Mount Everest required months of preparation and training.
28. The artist's work showed a clear from her early sketches to her latest masterpiece.
29. The sudden of the CEO at the important meeting raised concerns among the board members.
30. Customers were willing to pay a for the designer handbag due to its high quality and exclusivity.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. D. About to happen 2. D. Localisation 3. D. Make a decision 4. C. Cutting Edge 5. D. Gathered over time 6. B. Anticipation 7. C. Progression 8. C. Appetite 9. B. Logical 10. D. Speculating or guessing

Gap-Fill: 11. ambitious 12. hiatus 13. premium 14. vindicated 15. amelioration 16. speculation 17. progression 18. cosmetic 19. absence 20. sustainability

Matching sentence: 1. enclave 2. revelation 3. lamenting 4. logical 5. speculation 6. upgrade 7. ambitious 8. progression 9. absence 10. premium

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