Suddenly, 861 Roguelike Deckbuilders Appear on Steam: Here's Why

Description

The popularity of roguelike deckbuilder games has been soaring. In these games, you begin with a set of cards which you enhance over time to create strategies and synergies for unstoppable momentum. They involve a lot of deaths, however, each new randomized run unlocks more options for the future.

Currently, there are 2,599 games tagged as "deckbuilding" and 861 labeled "roguelike deckbuilder" on the gaming platform, Steam. A recent Deckbuilders Fest was well-fed by this abundance of games, leading to laments that every new indie game seems to be either a cozy farming simulator or a roguelike deckbuilder.

However, the question arises, why are single-player card games created for screens so appealing to developers and players? The answer may lie in staying lean, refining strategies, and every card and upgrade working towards unstoppable momentum.

Arguably, it was Slay the Spire that ushered in the era of modern, single-player roguelike deckbuilder video games. The 2019 game was the first to create a big audience by blending combat-oriented deckbuilding with procedural generation and die/improve/repeat nature of roguelikes. It also revived enthusiasm for single-player card games on computers, pushing it beyond the realm of Solitaire.

Multiple developers cite Slay the Spire as their inspiration. Despite its humble beginnings, with dwindling sales initially, its story is a telling example of a well-tuned game's ability to attract and retain the genre's fans.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Popularity** // (noun): The state or condition of being likedadmiredor supported by many people.
2. **Synergies** // (noun): The interaction or cooperation of two or more organizationssubstancesor other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects.
3. **Unstoppable** // (adjective): Impossible to stop or prevent.
4. **Abundance** // (noun): A very large quantity of something.
5. **Laments** // (verb): To express sorrowregretor unhappiness about something.
6. **Enthusiasm** // (noun): Intense and eager enjoymentinterestor approval.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What term refers to the state of being well-liked or widely supported?

   Option: Synergies
   Option: Abundance
   Option: Popularity
   Option: Enthusiasm

2. Which device is used to connect a computer to the internet?

   Option: Provision
   Option: Modem
   Option: Connectivity
   Option: Enhancements

3. Difficulties or problems that need to be addressed are known as?

   Option: Abundance
   Option: Upscaling
   Option: Stepping up
   Option: Issues

4. Opposite of being unseen or imperceptible is?

   Option: Visible
   Option: Invisible
   Option: Villainous
   Option: Sparse

5. Improving or making something better is called?

   Option: Utilize
   Option: Enhancing
   Option: Amicable
   Option: Tease

6. What term describes something that brings about significant change?

   Option: Revolutionary
   Option: Optical
   Option: Provision
   Option: Abundance

7. The ability to connect to other devices or networks is known as?

   Option: Connectivity
   Option: Unstoppable
   Option: Modding
   Option: Laments

8. In a video game what are short animated clips that advance the story called?

   Option: Cutscenes
   Option: Platform
   Option: Enhancements
   Option: Issues

9. Which term refers to the underlying technology or system on which software runs?

   Option: Stepping up
   Option: Provision
   Option: Platform
   Option: Codenamed

10. What describes something that cannot be seen by the naked eye?

   Option: Invisible
   Option: Sparse
   Option: Upscaling
   Option: Enhancements

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

11. When different parts work together to create a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate

effects _____ are achieved.

12. John knew he had to _____ his efforts if he wanted to succeed in the project.

13. The story's antagonist had a _____ character always plotting evil schemes.

14. The invention of the smartphone was considered _____ in the world of technology.

15. Some gamers enjoy customizing their gaming experience through _____ .

16. In physics a _____ is a measurable extent of a particular kind such as length breadth

depth or height.

17. The company decided to _____ its marketing strategy to better target younger

audiences.

18. The garden was filled with an _____ of colorful flowers.

19. The forest was unusually _____ with few trees and little undergrowth.

20. The software update included several performance _____ to improve user

experience.

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

21. The determined athlete was like a force of nature relentless in pursuit of victory.
22. The passionate teacher's for the subject inspired her students to excel.
23. The charity made sure to include a of food and supplies for the refugees.
24. The secret project was given a to maintain confidentiality until its official launch.
25. The tech-savvy customer wanted to know the exact of the new smartphone before purchasing.
26. The company focused on its production to meet the increasing demand for its products.
27. It is important to available resources efficiently to achieve optimal results.
28. After the negotiation both parties reached an agreement that satisfied everyone.
29. The playful child would often his siblings by hiding their toys.
30. The technician installed a new to improve the office's internet connectivity.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Popularity 2. Modem 3. Issues 4. Visible 5. Enhancing 6. Revolutionary 7. Connectivity
8. Cutscenes 9. Platform 10. Invisible
Gap-Fill: 11. Synergies 12. Stepping up 13. Villainous 14. Revolutionary 15. Modding 16. Dimension 17.
Reshape 18. Abundance 19. Sparse 20. Enhancements
Matching sentence: 1. Unstoppable 2. Enthusiasm 3. Provision 4. Codenamed 5. Specs 6. Upscaling 7. Utilize
8. Amicable 9. Tease 10. Modem

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