

# MINECRAFT IS STILL MASSIVE!

**NOW** over 11 years old, you'd think that *Minecraft* might not be quite as popular as it once was, but in fact it's still growing!

Microsoft has revealed that *Minecraft* sales have officially reached 200 million, and that 126 million people play the game monthly.

The near-infinite block-based survival game became the best-selling game of all time last year, beating the next best-selling game by 70m copies.

Microsoft bought *Minecraft* for £1.5 billion back in 2014, when 50 million copies of the game had been sold. While it seemed like a lot back then, it's now clear that Microsoft made a smart purchase!



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAC-MAN!

**PERHAPS** the most famous videogame character out there turned 40 last week!

*Pac-Man* was designed by Toru Iwatani, who came up with the idea for the dot-munching character after eating a slice of pizza.



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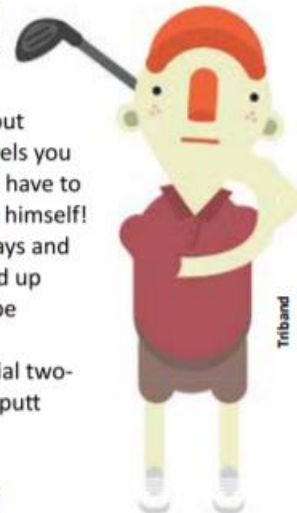
**DON'T** tell our sports editor, but over here in the First News Game Zone, we think that golf is pretty boring. If you feel the same, then you might want to check out *What The Golf?*

Yes, *What The Golf?* is technically a golf game, but it's a very, very silly one! For example, in some levels you have to putt the ball into a hole, but in others you have to swing the club into the hole instead. Or the golfer himself!

Every single level mixes things up in hilarious ways and has two challenges for you to try out. You may end up sending a sofa through the air into a flag. Or maybe a cat. It'll constantly surprise you!

We played the Switch version, which has a special two-player party mode, where you race each other to putt random stuff as quickly as you can!

If normal games of golf were a little more like *What The Golf?* we'd definitely enjoy them more!



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- 1) According to the text, approximately how many people play Minecraft each month?
- 2) Using information from the text, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
'What the Golf?' does not actually feature the game of golf.		
Pac-Man was released 40 years ago.		
Apple bought Pac-Man for a huge £1.5 billion in 2014.		
According to the text, at least 200 million copies of Minecraft have been bought.		

- 3) Look at the Minecraft article.  
**Find and copy two different** words / phrases that show **Minecraft** is still successful.
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Write down **three** things that you are told about '**What the Golf?**'
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

- 5) These sentences are taken from one of the articles above. Fill in the missing word.

You may end up sending a \_\_\_\_\_ through the air into a flag.

Perhaps the most famous \_\_\_\_\_ character out there turned 40 last week.

While it seemed a lot back then, it's now clear that Microsoft \_\_\_\_\_ a smart purchase.

Or maybe a \_\_\_\_\_.

Now, create the silliest sentence you can using the missing words.

### Fancy a challenge?

Use the link to the whole Firstnews paper and have a read. Then, choose an article and create your own retrieval questions for someone else to answer.