

## A2+/B1 Reading comprehension true or false

### New EU law requires replaceable batteries in devices

Future generations of battery-powered gaming systems will be more user-friendly thanks to a new European Union law. Starting from 2027, batteries in systems like the Nintendo Switch and Valve's Steam Deck must not be impossible to be swapped by the player. The batteries currently in such devices are unable to be taken out without inconvenient professional help.

The new rule is designed to reduce the environmental waste of non-recycled batteries. In a statement given by the European Council, they said that "batteries contain many valuable resources and we must be able to reuse those critical raw materials". The definition they give is not unclear. They say that a battery should be easily "removeable and replaceable" with the use of "commercially available tools".

While this rule does not apply worldwide, it is unlikely that game companies would develop a non-standard model of their popular systems just for Europe. It is unknown at what stage the next Nintendo system is in development and how it might be affected. In addition, Sony also recently provided details on their new Project Q, a device not too dissimilar to the Switch. As a result, Sony might be forced to rethink their new system for release in the European market too.

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| 1. Gaming systems in 2027 must come with two batteries.         | True / False |
| 2. Only a qualified person can swap the Switch battery.         | True / False |
| 3. The EU plans to buy back all used batteries after 2027.      | True / False |
| 4. Batteries contain important natural resources.               | True / False |
| 5. The law gives clear instructions about changeable batteries. | True / False |
| 6. Future products will have to come with a screwdriver.        | True / False |
| 7. The EU policy will likely affect the rest of the world.      | True / False |
| 8. The next Nintendo system is code-named Project Q.            | True / False |
| 9. Not just Nintendo and Valve have been affected.              | True / False |
| 10. Sony hope the new law will be delayed.                      | True / False |

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Answers

1F, 2T, 3F, 4T, 5T, 6F, 7T, 8F, 9T, 10F

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