

## CUPHEAD (VIDEO GAME)



Cuphead is a video game in the style of a 1930s cartoon but was released in 2017. It took 7 years to make and was the first game to be made by studio MDHR - a Canadian development team - and has the two Cup brothers: Cup Head and Mug Man. It is rated 7+.

### THE GAME

It features two Cup brothers who have wandered far away despite the Elder Ketal's many warnings. They end up at the Devil's Casino where they end up gambling their souls away but to keep their souls, they need to hunt down the Devil's run-away detours. There are 3 isles or worlds. It's a boss rush game with each world having only two real levels. The first two worlds feature 5 engaging bosses. The third world and fourth has 7 and 2 making 19 bosses. Across the game you find coins, shots and charms. The shots are shot, chaser shot, lobber, roundabout, spread shot and peashooter. The charms are twin heart, heart, wheat stone, smoke bomb, sugar and coffee.

### DEVELOPMENT

The two lead developers are actually brothers Chad and Jerit Moldenhauer. They are big fans of 1930s cartoons and drew inspiration from lots of different short films. The development team are also into retro type games, so the studio decided to merge these two things and create a game. The entire game was hand drawn and suffered lots of delays due to it not being a high enough standard.



### RELEASE

The first showing of Cuphead was in 2015. People loved the concept of old games and cartoons coming to life at your fingertips. Cuphead was originally planned to launch 2016 but suffered a bumpy ride; the studio just wasn't ready and release was delayed until further notice. When Cuphead was finally released back in 2017, it exploded in popularity with youtubers such as *Jacksepticeye* and *captiansause* helping to get many copies sold. One million copies have been sold to this day, with the game even getting ratings as high as 8/10!

### WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

Due to the popularity of Cuphead, studio MDHR are currently making extra downloadable content (DLC) for the game. This will feature a whole new world (The Delicious Last Course) and a new playable character



called Ms. Chalice who follows you around in the first bit of the game. So far we know of two new bosses, new weapons, charms and new non-playable characters (NPCs).

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<https://www.nintendo.com/games/detail/cuphead-switch/>

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. In which year was the first showing of Cuphead?
2. How many bosses are in world one?
3. What are the names of two lead developers?
4. What does DLC stand for?
5. What was the highest rating the game received?