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Level 1 – 11th December, 2018

Japan prepares for many foreign workers

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Japan needs many workers. It is an aging society and does not have enough workers. The government has decided to find workers from other countries to fill jobs. Japan's Prime Minister said his government will meet to agree on a plan. A new law would let up to 345,000 foreign workers to help to fill jobs. They will work in construction, fishing, healthcare and farming. Most will be low-skilled workers. They must pass a Japanese language test.

Japan's government said it had to change and use foreign workers to help the economy. It said: "If Japan simply continued along the same path, we would find ourselves in a very difficult situation." The government will make sure workers can adjust to life in Japan, "and have the right environment in which to live and work." Japanese people are having fewer children. Japan's population is falling every year.

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181211-foreign-workers-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Japan | a. farming |
| 2. It is an aging | b. decided |
| 3. The government has | c. language test |
| 4. 345,000 foreign workers | d. needs many workers |
| 5. They will work | e. skilled workers |
| 6. fishing, healthcare and | f. society |
| 7. Most will be low- | g. in construction |
| 8. They must pass a Japanese | h. to help to fill jobs |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Japan's government said it | a. to live |
| 2. continued along the | b. situation |
| 3. find ourselves in a very difficult | c. children |
| 4. The government will | d. same path |
| 5. workers can adjust to life | e. every year |
| 6. right environment in which | f. had to change |
| 7. having fewer | g. in Japan |
| 8. Japan's population is falling | h. make sure |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181211-foreign-workers-1.html>

Japan needs many workers. It (1) _____ society and does not have enough workers. The government has decided to find (2) _____ countries to fill jobs. Japan's Prime Minister said his government will meet (3) _____ a plan. A new law (4) _____ to 345,000 foreign workers to help to fill jobs. They (5) _____ construction, fishing, healthcare and farming. Most will be low-skilled workers. They (6) _____ Japanese language test.

Japan's government said it had to (7) _____ foreign workers to (8) _____. It said: "If Japan simply continued along the same path, we (9) _____ in a very difficult situation." The government will make sure workers can (10) _____ in Japan, "and have the right environment (11) _____ live and work." Japanese people are having fewer children. Japan's population (12) _____ year.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FOREIGN WORKERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181211-foreign-workers-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about foreign workers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

