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Japan prepares for many foreign workers

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Japan is changing because it needs workers. It is an aging society. This means it does not have enough workers. Japan's government has decided to employ workers from other countries to fill jobs. Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said his government will meet to approve a plan, which could become law on April 1. The new law would allow up to 345,000 foreign workers to help with its shortage of labor. Many of these will work in construction, fishing, healthcare and agriculture. They will be mainly low-skilled workers and need to pass a Japanese language test.

Japan's government said on Saturday that it had to change and let more foreign workers in 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 foreign workers can quickly adjust to life in cities and towns. It said: "We want to ensure they have the right environment in which to live and work." Japanese people are having fewer children - only 1.4 children per woman. This should be 2.1 for Japan to have enough workers. Japan's population is already dropping every year.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. It is an aging | a. on April 1 |
| 2. it does not | b. skilled workers |
| 3. fill | c. have enough workers |
| 4. become law | d. language test |
| 5. help with its shortage | e. society |
| 6. Many of these will work in | f. of labor |
| 7. They will be mainly low- | g. jobs |
| 8. pass a Japanese | h. construction |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. let more | a. and towns |
| 2. continued along the same | b. fewer children |
| 3. The government will make | c. foreign workers in |
| 4. workers can quickly | d. already dropping |
| 5. life in cities | e. which to live |
| 6. the right environment in | f. sure |
| 7. Japanese people are having | g. adjust |
| 8. Japan's population is | h. path |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan is changing (1) _____ workers. It is an aging society. This means it does (2) _____ workers. Japan's government has decided to employ workers from other countries (3) _____. Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said his government will meet to approve a plan, which could (4) _____ April 1. The new law would allow up to 345,000 foreign workers to help with its shortage of labor. Many of these (5) _____ construction, fishing, healthcare and agriculture. They will be mainly low-skilled workers and need (6) _____ Japanese language test.

Japan's government said on Saturday (7) _____ to change and let more foreign workers (8) _____ the economy. It said: "If Japan simply continued along (9) _____, we would find ourselves in a very difficult situation." The government will make sure foreign workers can quickly (10) _____ in cities and towns. It said: "We want to ensure they have the right environment in which to live and work." Japanese people are (11) _____ - only 1.4 children per woman. This should be 2.1 for Japan to have enough workers. Japan's population (12) _____ every 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) _____

