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**Level 6 – 28th June, 2019**

## **Kim Kardashian West angers Japan over 'kimono'**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation.html>

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# WARM-UPS

**1. KIMONOS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about kimonos. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

anger / lingerie / Japan / kimono / cultural appropriation / silk / marriages / health / backlash / social media / socialite / trademark / disrespect / culture / choice / ignorant

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. CULTURAL APPROPRIATION:** Students A **strongly** believe the word "kimono" belongs to Japan and should not be used to sell lingerie; Students B **strongly** believe anyone can use the word "kimono". Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. JAPAN:** What do you know about these Japanese things? How unique are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What You Know	Uniqueness
Kimono		
Manga		
Sushi		
Mount Fuji		
Pokemon		
Bullet train		

**5. ANGER:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "anger". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. JAPAN:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best Japanese things at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- kimono
- samurai
- cherry blossom
- sake
- anime
- geisha
- kabuki
- karate

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1. launching              | a. Responded or behaved in a particular way in response to something.   |
| 2. generation             | b. In an extremely beautiful and delicate manner.   |
| 3. reacted                | c. An act of introducing a new product or publication to the public.  |
| 4. cultural appropriation | d. A set of members of a family regarded as a single step or stage in descent, from children to parents to grandparents to great-grandparents, etc. |
| 5. iconic                 | e. The action of taking something from a culture other than one's own and exploiting it for personal pleasure or financial gain.                    |
| 6. exquisitely            | f. Relating to a person or thing being regarded as a representative symbol of something.  |
| 7. ornate                 | g. Made in an intricate shape or decorated with complex patterns.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 8. backlash    | h. A symbol, word, or words legally registered or established by use as representing a company or product.     |
| 9. resemblance | i. A strong and adverse reaction by a large number of people, especially to a social or political development. |
| 10. socialite  | j. Submitted a legal document or application to be placed on record by the appropriate authority.              |
| 11. filed      | k. Arousing hate or strong dislike and annoyance.  |
| 12. trademark  | l. The state of looking alike or being alike.  |
| 13. disgusting | m. Lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated.                                   |
| 14. ignorant   | n. A person who is well known in fashionable society and is fond of social activities and entertainment.       |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Japanese people are angry at a lingerie brand called "Kimono Lingerie". **T / F**
- b. Kardashian West accused Japanese people of cultural appropriation. **T / F**
- c. The kimono is tied using an ornate sash. **T / F**
- d. Kimonos are used to celebrate the growth of children. **T / F**
- e. There has been little backlash against Kardashian West. **T / F**
- f. Kardashian West is trying to trademark brands with the word "kimono". **T / F**
- g. A person said she was sad about how the word "kimono" is being used. **T / F**
- h. Someone said the use of the word "kimono" was not ignorance. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <b>angered</b>     | a. handed           |
| 2. <b>reacted</b>     | b. beautifully      |
| 3. <b>symbol</b>      | c. totally          |
| 4. <b>exquisitely</b> | d. revolting        |
| 5. <b>passed</b>      | e. responded        |
| 6. <b>backlash</b>    | f. uneducated       |
| 7. <b>resemblance</b> | g. adverse reaction |
| 8. <b>disgusting</b>  | h. infuriated       |
| 9. <b>completely</b>  | i. likeness         |
| 10. <b>ignorant</b>   | j. emblem           |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Kim Kardashian West has angered        | a. disrespects Japanese culture |
| 2. launching a new                        | b. Japanese know about          |
| 3. They say the lingerie greatly          | c. on special occasions         |
| 4. It is an exquisitely decorated, long-  | d. against Kardashian           |
| 5. It is usually made of silk and is worn | e. line of lingerie             |
| 6. There has been a lot of backlash       | f. trademarks                   |
| 7. having no resemblance                  | g. simply ignorant              |
| 8. She has filed                          | h. people in Japan              |
| 9. completely different from what we      | i. sleeved robe                 |
| 10. I feel this name choice is            | j. to real kimono               |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation.html>

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*greatly*  
*exquisitely*  
*graduations*  
*launching*  
*generations*  
*reacted*  
*symbol*  
*silk*

There has been a lot of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ against Kardashian West on social media. Apart from the lingerie having no (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to real kimono or anything Japanese, the American (11) \_\_\_\_\_ is also trying to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ kimono-worded brands. She has (13) \_\_\_\_\_ trademarks for "Kimono Body", "Kimono Intimates" and "Kimono World". One Twitter user wrote: "What a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ thing to use the word 'kimono'. It's disrespectful to Japanese culture. True cultural appropriation." Another person tweeted: "I feel very sad that the name 'Kimono' is being used for something (15) \_\_\_\_\_ different from what we Japanese know about it. I feel this name choice is (16) \_\_\_\_\_ ignorant." She ended her tweet with #KimOhNo.

*trademark*  
*resemblance*  
*completely*  
*disgusting*  
*backlash*  
*simply*  
*socialite*  
*filed*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation.html>

- 1) People in Japan have reacted with anger and have accused Kardashian \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. off cultural appropriation
  - b. on cultural appropriation
  - c. of cultural appropriation
  - d. at cultural appropriation
- 2) The kimono is an iconic symbol in Japan and is considered the country's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. nationally dressy
  - b. national dress
  - c. national dressed
  - d. nationals dressed
- 3) It is an exquisitely decorated, long-sleeved robe tied with \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. an ornament slash
  - b. an or natal slash
  - c. an urn ate sash
  - d. an ornate sash
- 4) growth of children, engagements, marriages, graduations, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. at funereal
  - b. at few neural
  - c. after unreal
  - d. at funerals
- 5) It's celebratory wear and passed on in families \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. through the generations
  - b. threw the generations
  - c. though the generations
  - d. trough the generations
- 6) There has been a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ Kardashian
  - a. backlash against
  - b. whiplash against
  - c. eyelash against
  - d. goulash against
- 7) Apart from the lingerie having no \_\_\_\_\_ real kimono
  - a. rhythm balance to
  - b. resend balance to
  - c. resemblance to
  - d. resemble ants to
- 8) the American socialite is also trying to trademark \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. kimono-wordy brands
  - b. kimono-worded brands
  - c. kimono-word it brands
  - d. kimono-whirr did brands
- 9) a disgusting thing to use the word 'kimono'. It's \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese culture
  - a. disrespectfully to
  - b. disrespect full to
  - c. disrespectful to
  - d. this respectfully to
- 10) I feel this name choice is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. simply ignorantly
  - b. sim plea ignorant
  - c. thimble ignorant
  - d. simply ignorant

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation.html>

Kim Kardashian West (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan after launching a new line of lingerie called 'Kimono Intimates'. People in Japan have reacted with anger (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Kardashian of cultural appropriation. They say the lingerie greatly disrespects Japanese culture. The kimono is an (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan and is considered the country's national dress. It is (4) \_\_\_\_\_, long-sleeved robe tied with an ornate sash. It is usually made of silk and is worn (5) \_\_\_\_\_. A Japanese woman explained to the BBC: "We wear kimonos to celebrate health, growth of children, engagements, marriages, graduations, at funerals. It's celebratory wear and passed on in families (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

There has been a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ against Kardashian West on social media. Apart from the lingerie having (8) \_\_\_\_\_ real kimono or anything Japanese, the American socialite is also trying to trademark kimono-worded brands. She (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for "Kimono Body", "Kimono Intimates" and "Kimono World". One Twitter user wrote: "What a disgusting thing to use the word 'kimono'. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese culture. True cultural appropriation." Another person tweeted: "I feel very sad that the name 'Kimono' is being used (11) \_\_\_\_\_ different from what we Japanese know about it. I feel this name choice (12) \_\_\_\_\_. She ended her tweet with #KimOhNo.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation.html>

1. What did Kim Kardashian West's call her lingerie brand?
2. What kind of symbol did the article call the kimono?
3. What did the article say a kimono is tied with?
4. What are kimonos worn to celebrate the growth of?
5. Who did someone say kimonos were passed on through?
6. Where has there been a lot of backlash against Kim Kardashian West?
7. What did the article say the lingerie had no resemblance to?
8. What has Kim Kardashian West filed for?
9. How did a Twitter user say they felt about the use of the word "kimono"?
10. What hashtag did a Twitter user use to describe this situation?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation.html>

- 1) What did Kim Kardashian West's call her lingerie brand?
  - a) 'Kimono Wear
  - b) 'Under Kimono'
  - c) 'Kimono Intimates'
  - d) 'Kim Kimono'
- 2) What kind of symbol did the article call the kimono?
  - a) an iconic symbol
  - b) a good symbol
  - c) a famous symbol
  - d) a global symbol
- 3) What did the article say a kimono is tied with?
  - a) a sash
  - b) a silk rope
  - c) a soft bamboo belt
  - d) cotton cloth
- 4) What are kimonos worn to celebrate the growth of?
  - a) society
  - b) children
  - c) fashion
  - d) silk
- 5) Who did someone say kimonos were passed on through?
  - a) village halls
  - b) museums
  - c) charity stores
  - d) the generations
- 6) Where has there been a lot of backlash against Kim Kardashian West?
  - a) in the USA
  - b) on social media
  - c) in Kyoto
  - d) in the newspapers
- 7) What did the article say the lingerie had no resemblance to?
  - a) real kimonos
  - b) real life
  - c) real lingerie
  - d) reality
- 8) What has Kim Kardashian West filed for?
  - a) a petition
  - b) a logo
  - c) trademarks
  - d) a folder
- 9) How did a Twitter user say they felt about the use of the word "kimono"?
  - a) proud
  - b) hopeful
  - c) excited
  - d) sad
- 10) What hashtag did a Twitter user use to describe this situation?
  - a) #KimOhNo
  - b) #OhNoKim
  - c) #KimoNo
  - d) #KimKimono

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation.html>

## **Role A – Kimonos**

You think kimonos are the best thing about Japan. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): samurai, cherry blossoms or sake.

## **Role B – Samurai**

You think samurai are the best thing about Japan. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): kimono, cherry blossoms or sake.

## **Role C – Cherry Blossom**

You think cherry blossoms are the best things about Japan. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): samurai, kimono or sake.

## **Role D – Sake**

You think sake is the best thing about Japan. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as interesting. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): samurai, cherry blossoms or kimono.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'culture' and 'kimono'.

<b>culture</b>	<b>kimono</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• after</li><li>• greatly</li><li>• national</li><li>• special</li><li>• growth</li><li>• passed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lot</li><li>• apart</li><li>• filed</li><li>• word</li><li>• completely</li><li>• tweet</li></ul>
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# CULTURAL APPROPRIATION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cultural appropriation 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.

# CULTURAL APPROPRIATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'culture'?
3. What do you know about Kim Kardashian West?
4. What do you know about kimonos?
5. Should a lingerie manufacturer use the word 'kimono' as its name?
6. What do you think of kimonos?
7. Does the word 'kimono' belong only to Japanese culture?
8. Will search engines put the kimono lingerie at number one in searches?
9. Why do you think Kim Kardashian West chose the word 'kimono'?
10. What advice do you have for Kim Kardashian West?

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# CULTURAL APPROPRIATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'kimono'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Do you understand the backlash from Japanese people?
15. Is this definite cultural appropriation?
16. What can we do about cultural appropriation?
17. How do you think Kim Kardashian West would defend this?
18. Should Kim Kardashian West apologize to Japan?
19. What do you think of the hashtag KimOhNo?
20. What questions would you like to ask Kim Kardashian West?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                 |                |                 |                  |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) angrily     | (b) anger      | (c) angers      | (d) angered      |
| 2.  | (a) reaction    | (b) react      | (c) reactive    | (d) reacted      |
| 3.  | (a) grated      | (b) greatly    | (c) grating     | (d) grateen      |
| 4.  | (a) acquisition | (b) executive  | (c) exquisitely | (d) acquaintance |
| 5.  | (a) worn        | (b) wears      | (c) wearing     | (d) wear         |
| 6.  | (a) celebratory | (b) cerebral   | (c) celestial   | (d) celibacy     |
| 7.  | (a) remonstrate | (b) recompense | (c) remembrance | (d) resemblance  |
| 8.  | (a) filed       | (b) flied      | (c) fled        | (d) flooded      |
| 9.  | (a) disguising  | (b) disgusting | (c) disgruntled | (d) disgorging   |
| 10. | (a) at          | (b) in         | (c) to          | (d) by           |
| 11. | (a) been        | (b) be         | (c) being       | (d) bee          |
| 12. | (a) ally        | (b) simply     | (c) ply         | (d) amply        |



# SPELLING

## Paragraph 1

1. launching a new line of eginerli
2. stlxuiieeqy decorated
3. tied with an oenrat sash
4. worn on special ocissnoac
5. engagements, marriages, adraniostgu
6. through the ieeongsnatr

## Paragraph 2

7. a lot of shclkaab against Kardashian
8. no lnecebeemars to real kimono
9. the American olitacsie
10. a tdgsgsuiin thing
11. It's ideetcpsrsluf to Japanese culture
12. this name choice is simply otnrigan

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) of lingerie called 'Kimono Intimates'. People in Japan have reacted with anger and have accused
- ( ) to Japanese culture. True cultural appropriation." Another person tweeted: "I feel very
- ( ) and "Kimono World". One Twitter user wrote: "What a disgusting thing to use the word 'kimono'. It's disrespectful
- ( ) culture. The kimono is an iconic symbol in Japan and is considered the country's national dress. It is an exquisitely
- ( ) to real kimono or anything Japanese, the American socialite is also trying to trademark
- ( ) decorated, long-sleeved robe tied with an ornate sash. It is usually made of silk and is worn on special
- ( ) There has been a lot of backlash against Kardashian West on social media. Apart from the lingerie having no resemblance
- ( ) from what we Japanese know about it. I feel this name choice is simply ignorant." She ended her tweet with #KimOhNo.
- ( **1** ) Kim Kardashian West has angered people in Japan after launching a new line
- ( ) of children, engagements, marriages, graduations, at funerals. It's celebratory wear and passed on in families through the generations."
- ( ) sad that the name 'Kimono' is being used for something completely different
- ( ) kimono-worded brands. She has filed trademarks for "Kimono Body", "Kimono Intimates"
- ( ) occasions. A Japanese woman explained to the BBC: "We wear kimonos to celebrate health, growth
- ( ) Kardashian of cultural appropriation. They say the lingerie greatly disrespects Japanese

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation.html>

1. 'Kimono new lingerie A called Intimates' . line of
2. the culture . disrespects Japanese greatly say lingerie They
3. Japan . symbol iconic an in kimono is The
4. with A sash . long-sleeved tied an ornate robe
5. the passed in It's generations . through families on
6. backlash lot of been Kardashian against a There's
7. real has no lingerie The resemblance to kimono .
8. 'kimono' . the use disgusting word to thing A
9. from different know what about Completely it . we
10. is choice name this feel simply I ignorant .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Kim Kardashian West has *angrily* / *angered* people in Japan after launching a new line of lingerie called 'Kimono Intimates'. People in Japan have *reacted* / *reaction* with anger and have accused Kardashian of cultural appropriation. They say the lingerie *gratingly* / *greatly* disrespects Japanese culture. The kimono is an iconic *symbol* / *symbolic* in Japan and is *considered* / *considerate* the country's national dress. It is an *exquisite* / *exquisitely* decorated, long-sleeved robe tied with an *ornate* / *emanate* sash. It is usually made of silk and is worn on *specially* / *special* occasions. A Japanese woman explained to the BBC: "We wear kimonos to celebrate health, *grown* / *growth* of children, engagements, marriages, graduations, at funerals. It's celebratory wear and passed on in families through the *generation* / *generations*."

There has been a lot of *whiplash* / *backlash* against Kardashian West on social media. Apart *for* / *from* the lingerie having no *remembrance* / *resemblance* to real kimono or anything Japanese, the American *social* / *socialite* is also trying to trademark kimono-worded brands. She has *flied* / *filed* trademarks for "Kimono Body", "Kimono Intimates" and "Kimono World". One Twitter user wrote: "What a *disguising* / *disgusting* thing to use the word 'kimono'. It's disrespectful to Japanese *culture* / *cultural*. True cultural appropriation." Another person tweeted: "I feel very *sadly* / *sad* that the name 'Kimono' is being used for something *complete* / *completely* different from what we Japanese know about it. I feel this name choice is *simply* / *simple* ignorant." She ended her tweet with #KimOhNo.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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kim kardashian west has angered people in japan after launching a new line of lingerie called kimono intimates people in japan have reacted with anger and have accused kardashian of cultural appropriation they say the lingerie greatly disrespects japanese culture the kimono is an iconic symbol in japan and is considered the countrys national dress it is an exquisitely decorated longsleeved robe tied with an ornate sash it is usually made of silk and is worn on special occasions a japanese woman explained to the bbc we wear kimonos to celebrate health growth of children engagements marriages graduations at funerals its celebratory wear and passed on in families through the generations

there has been a lot of backlash against kardashian west on social media apart from the lingerie having no resemblance to real kimono or anything japanese the american socialite is also trying to trademark kimonoworded brands she has filed trademarks for kimono body kimono intimates and kimono world one twitter user wrote what a disgusting thing to use the word kimono its disrespectful to japanese culture true cultural appropriation another person tweeted i feel very sad that the name kimono is being used for something completely different from what we japanese know about it i feel this name choice is simply ignorant she ended her tweet with kimohno

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CULTURAL APPROPRIATION:** Make a poster about cultural appropriation. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. KIM KARDASHIAN WEST:** Write a magazine article about Kim Kardashian West using the word 'kimono' for her lingerie brand. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on cultural appropriation. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on Kim Kardashian West's actions. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. d    3. a    4. e    5. f    6. b    7. g  
8. i    9. l    10. n    11. j    12. h    13. k    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c T    d T    e F    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <b>angered</b>     | a. infuriated       |
| 2. <b>reacted</b>     | b. responded        |
| 3. <b>symbol</b>      | c. emblem           |
| 4. <b>exquisitely</b> | d. beautifully      |
| 5. <b>passed</b>      | e. handed           |
| 6. <b>backlash</b>    | f. adverse reaction |
| 7. <b>resemblance</b> | g. likeness         |
| 8. <b>disgusting</b>  | h. revolting        |
| 9. <b>completely</b>  | i. totally          |
| 10. <b>ignorant</b>   | j. uneducated       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. 'Kimono Intimates'
2. An iconic symbol
3. A sash
4. Children
5. The generations
6. On social media
7. Real kimonos or anything Japanese
8. Trademarks
9. Sad
10. #KimOhNo

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A new line of lingerie called 'Kimono Intimates'.
2. They say the lingerie greatly disrespects Japanese culture.
3. The kimono is an iconic symbol in Japan.
4. A long-sleeved robe tied with an ornate sash.
5. It's passed on in families through the generations.
6. There's been a lot of backlash against Kardashian
7. The lingerie has no resemblance to real kimono.
8. A disgusting thing to use the word 'kimono'.
9. Completely different from what we know about it.
10. I feel this name choice is simply ignorant.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. a    4. b    5. d    6. b    7. a    8. c    9. d    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)