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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

People are travelling internationally again after the hiatus that was caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns. Many people are using the money they saved while borders were closed to embark on their bucket list trips. However, others are showing a reluctance to dust off their passports. A travel report from the Morning Consult website analyzed 16,000 surveys from people in 15 countries. The site found that 15 per cent of South Koreans and 14 per cent of Chinese and Americans, "never want to travel again". Those most unwilling to travel were the Japanese. The report stated that almost 35 per cent of Japanese respondents claimed they never wanted to leave Japan.

There are many reasons for Japanese travellers being disinclined to venture overseas. One is a new-found desire to explore the culinary and cultural delights Japan has to offer. Many people travelled domestically during the pandemic and re-discovered their love of Japan's stunning nature and heritage. A Kyoto tour guide said: "I've been constantly amazed at my clients' reactions at seeing the sights of this city. I've never known Japanese people to be so engrossed in their history and tradition." Other reasons are cost and a desire to be green. Tokyo resident Kai Ueno said: "Flying isn't sustainable in this climate crisis. I'd much rather travel locally and spend the air fare on nicer hotels, restaurants and experiences in Japan."

Sources: <https://www.cnbc.com/2023/12/19/dont-want-to-travel-many-in-japan-say-theyll-never-travel-again.html>  
<https://www.euronews.com/travel/2023/12/19/more-than-a-third-of-people-in-this-asian-country-dont-ever-plan-to-travel-again-heres-why>  
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# WARM-UPS

**1. TRAVEL PLANS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about travel plans. 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?

travelling / pandemic / lockdown / bucket list / dust / passport / survey / website / overseas / culinary delights / nature / heritage / sights / climate crisis / air fare / hotel

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

**3. OVERSEAS TRAVEL:** Students A **strongly** believe overseas travel is the best education in the world; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. MY COUNTRY'S DELIGHTS:** What are your country's delights? What makes them so good? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|               | Delights | Why? |
|---------------|----------|------|
| Nature        |          |      |
| Festivals     |          |      |
| Sights        |          |      |
| Food          |          |      |
| Museums       |          |      |
| Entertainment |          |      |

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

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

- Kyoto
- London
- Rome
- Rio de Janeiro
- Nairobi
- Shanghai
- Delhi
- Sydney

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. hiatus      | a. A number of experiences or achievements that a person hopes to have or do during their lifetime.                     |
| 2. subsequent  | b. A person who replies to something, like supplying information for a questionnaire or responding to an advertisement. |
| 3. embark      | c. A pause or break in continuity in a sequence or activity.  |
| 4. bucket list | d. Begin a course of action or a journey.   |
| 5. reluctance  | e. Coming after something in time; following.   |
| 6. dust off    | f. Unwillingness to do something.   |
| 7. respondent  | g. Bring something out for use again after a long period of non-use.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. disinclined  | h. Start a (risky or daring) journey or course of action.  |
| 9. venture      | i. Of or for cooking.  |
| 10. culinary    | j. Put all of one's attention or interest on something.  |
| 11. stunning    | k. Being unwilling or reluctant.   |
| 12. heritage    | l. Conserving or keeping an environmental balance by avoiding using up natural resources.  |
| 13. engrossed   | m. Valued objects and qualities such as historic buildings and cultural traditions that have been passed down from previous generations. |
| 14. sustainable | n. Extremely impressive or attractive.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

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

1. The article says a hiatus caused coronavirus lockdowns. **T / F**
2. Many people tripped over buckets during the coronavirus pandemic. **T / F**
3. A website conducted a survey on people from 15 countries. **T / F**
4. Chinese people were less reluctant to travel than South Koreans. **T / F**
5. Many Japanese people wanted to explore Japan more. **T / F**
6. A tour guide in Kyoto was amazed by the city's sights. **T / F**
7. The tour guide said her clients were really interested in Japan's history. **T / F**
8. Some Japanese people wanted to spend money on hotels in Japan. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>hiatus</b>     | a. pleasures  |
| 2. <b>subsequent</b> | b. reluctant  |
| 3. <b>embark</b>     | c. examined   |
| 4. <b>analyzed</b>   | d. following  |
| 5. <b>unwilling</b>  | e. travel     |
| 6. <b>venture</b>    | f. absorbed   |
| 7. <b>delights</b>   | g. break      |
| 8. <b>stunning</b>   | h. lay out    |
| 9. <b>engrossed</b>  | i. start      |
| 10. <b>spend</b>     | j. remarkable |

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

- |                                     |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. after the hiatus that was        | a. sustainable                        |
| 2. the money they saved             | b. list trips                         |
| 3. embark on their bucket           | c. respondents                        |
| 4. showing a reluctance to          | d. overseas                           |
| 5. 35 per cent of Japanese          | e. and heritage                       |
| 6. being disinclined to venture     | f. caused by the coronavirus pandemic |
| 7. Japan's stunning nature          | g. to be so engrossed                 |
| 8. I've never known Japanese people | h. while borders were closed          |
| 9. Flying isn't                     | i. on nicer hotels                    |
| 10. spend the air fare              | j. dust off their passports           |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

People are travelling internationally again after the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that was caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Many people are using the money they saved while borders were closed to embark on their (3) \_\_\_\_\_ list trips. However, others are showing a reluctance to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ off their passports. A travel report from the Morning Consult website analyzed 16,000 (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from people in 15 countries. The site found that 15 per cent of South Koreans and 14 per cent of Chinese and Americans, "never want to travel again". Those most (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to travel were the Japanese. The report (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that almost 35 per cent of Japanese (8) \_\_\_\_\_ claimed they never wanted to leave Japan.

*bucket*  
*unwilling*  
*dust*  
*respondents*  
*hiatus*  
*stated*  
*lockdowns*  
*surveys*

There are many reasons for Japanese travellers being disinclined to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ overseas. One is a new-found desire to explore the culinary and cultural (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan has to offer. Many people travelled domestically during the pandemic and re-discovered their love of Japan's (11) \_\_\_\_\_ nature and heritage. A Kyoto tour guide said: "I've been (12) \_\_\_\_\_ amazed at my clients' reactions at seeing the sights of this city. I've never known Japanese people to be so (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in their history and tradition." Other reasons are cost and a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to be green. Tokyo resident Kai Ueno said: "Flying isn't (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in this climate crisis. I'd much rather travel (16) \_\_\_\_\_ and spend the air fare on nicer hotels, restaurants and experiences in Japan."

*desire*  
*stunning*  
*locally*  
*venture*  
*sustainable*  
*constantly*  
*delights*  
*engrossed*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

- 1) People are travelling internationally again \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. after the high attics
  - b. after the "hi" at us
  - c. after the hiatus
  - d. after the high eight us
- 2) that was caused by the coronavirus pandemic and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the subsequence lockdowns
  - b. the subsequent lockdowns
  - c. the subsequently lockdowns
  - d. the consequent lockdowns
- 3) the money they saved while borders were closed to embark on their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. bucket wrist trips
  - b. bucket risk trips
  - c. bucket lips trips
  - d. bucket list trips
- 4) However, others are showing a reluctance to dust \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. oft their passports
  - b. toff their passports
  - c. of their passports
  - d. off their passports
- 5) The report stated that almost 35 per cent of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Japanese responders claimed
  - b. Japanese respond ants claimed
  - c. Japanese respond ents claimed
  - d. Japanese respondents claimed
- 6) There are many reasons for Japanese travellers being disinclined \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to venture overseas
  - b. to adventure overseas
  - c. tour venture overseas
  - d. to vent chair overseas
- 7) One is a new-found desire to explore the culinary \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and cultural delights
  - b. and culturally delights
  - c. and cultural dill lights
  - d. and culturally dates
- 8) and re-discovered their love of Japan's stunning \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. nature and hermitage
  - b. nature end hermitage
  - c. natural end heritage
  - d. nature and heritage
- 9) the sights of this city. I've never known Japanese people to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be so embossed
  - b. be so win grossed
  - c. be sewing grossed
  - d. be so engrossed
- 10) isn't sustainable in this climate crisis. I'd much rather travel locally and spend \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the year fare
  - b. there fare
  - c. the air fare
  - d. thee air fair

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

People are travelling internationally again after (1) \_\_\_\_\_ was caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns. Many people are using the money they (2) \_\_\_\_\_ were closed to embark on their bucket list trips. However, others are showing a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ off their passports. A travel report from the Morning Consult website analyzed 16,000 (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in 15 countries. The site found that 15 per cent of South Koreans and 14 per cent of Chinese and Americans, "never want to travel again". Those most (5) \_\_\_\_\_ were the Japanese. The report stated that almost 35 per cent of Japanese (6) \_\_\_\_\_ never wanted to leave Japan.

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

1. What was a hiatus in international travel caused by?
2. What were closed that allowed people to save money?
3. What kind of list was mentioned in paragraph one?
4. How many people participated in the travel survey?
5. Which nationality were the least willing to travel overseas?
6. Where were Japanese people disinclined to venture?
7. What did many Japanese people fall in love with again?
8. What did a tour guide say Japanese people were engrossed in?
9. What did a resident of Kyoto say was not sustainable?
10. What would many Japanese prefer to spend their money on?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

- 1) What was a hiatus in international travel caused by?
  - a) fuel shortages
  - b) coronavirus lockdowns
  - c) terrorism
  - d) ash from a volcano
- 2) What were closed that allowed people to save money?
  - a) wallets
  - b) banks
  - c) shops
  - d) borders
- 3) What kind of list was mentioned in paragraph one?
  - a) a reading list
  - b) a to-do list
  - c) a bucket list
  - d) a top-ten list
- 4) How many people participated in the travel survey?
  - a) 16,000
  - b) 17,000
  - c) 18,000
  - d) 19,000
- 5) Which nationality were the least willing to travel overseas?
  - a) South Koreans
  - b) the Japanese
  - c) Americans
  - d) Chinese
- 6) Where were Japanese people disinclined to venture?
  - a) overseas
  - b) into mountains
  - c) into business partnerships
  - d) into relationships
- 7) What did many Japanese people fall in love with again?
  - a) themselves
  - b) their partners
  - c) Japan's nature and heritage
  - d) flying
- 8) What did a tour guide say Japanese people were engrossed in?
  - a) history and tradition
  - b) food
  - c) maps
  - d) travel books
- 9) What did a resident of Kyoto say was not sustainable?
  - a) population growth
  - b) cars
  - c) tourism
  - d) flying
- 10) What would many Japanese prefer to spend their money on?
  - a) themselves
  - b) their children
  - c) hotels, restaurants and experiences
  - d) games

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

## **Role A – Kyoto**

You think the best travel destination is Kyoto. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): Rio de Janeiro, Nairobi or Sydney.

## **Role B – Rio de Janeiro**

You think Rio de Janeiro is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): Kyoto, Nairobi or Sydney.

## **Role C – Nairobi**

You think Nairobi is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): Rio de Janeiro, Kyoto or Sydney.

## **Role D – Sydney**

You think Sydney is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): Rio de Janeiro, Nairobi or Kyoto.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

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

| travel | plan |
|--------|------|
|        |      |

- 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>• caused</li><li>• bucket</li><li>• dust</li><li>• 16,000</li><li>• unwilling</li><li>• claimed</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• venture</li><li>• delights</li><li>• love</li><li>• amazed</li><li>• cost</li><li>• rather</li></ul> |
|---|--|

# TRAVEL PLANS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

Write five GOOD questions about travel plans 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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.

# TRAVEL PLANS 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 'travel'?
3. What are your travel plans for this year?
4. How important is it to travel?
5. Did the coronavirus pandemic affect your travel plans?
6. What do you think of your passport?
7. How often do you dust off your passport?
8. Why might people not want to travel overseas?
9. What countries or places are on your bucket list?
10. Should we avoid international travel to protect the environment?

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# TRAVEL PLANS 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 'plan'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of international travel?
15. What culinary and cultural delights are there in your country?
16. How stunning is your country's nature?
17. Do you think flying is unsustainable?
18. Is it better to spend money on an air fare or a gorgeous hotel?
19. Why do many people get the travel bug?
20. What questions would you like to ask a frequent traveller?

# 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

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

- |     |               |                |               |                 |
|-----|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) ratios    | (b) hiatus     | (c) cactus    | (d) herbivorous |
| 2.  | (a) of        | (b) by         | (c) at        | (d) on          |
| 3.  | (a) lust      | (b) dust       | (c) bust      | (d) must        |
| 4.  | (a) paralyzed | (b) catalyzed  | (c) analyzed  | (d) hydrolyzed  |
| 5.  | (a) unwilling | (b) unwitting  | (c) unfailing | (d) unfettering |
| 6.  | (a) claimed   | (b) clammed    | (c) calmed    | (d) clamped     |
| 7.  | (a) vulture   | (b) couture    | (c) future    | (d) venture     |
| 8.  | (a) culinary  | (b) veterinary | (c) luminary  | (d) pulmonary   |
| 9.  | (a) tuning    | (b) stunning   | (c) turning   | (d) attuning    |
| 10. | (a) embossed  | (b) en masse   | (c) engrossed | (d) enmeshed    |
| 11. | (a) at        | (b) on         | (c) in        | (d) of          |
| 12. | (a) elect     | (b) rather     | (c) choice    | (d) prefer      |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. after the iasuth that was caused
2. and the qeenbussu lockdowns
3. akberm on their bucket list trips
4. showing a urecnetecla to dust off their passports
5. Those most liwunlnig to travel
6. 35 per cent of Japanese enosedtnpr

## Paragraph 2

7. travellers being lneiindcsd to venture overseas
8. explore the unlircay and cultural delights
9. Japan's stunning nature and gretaehi
10. eedsognrs in their history and tradition
11. Tokyo idnerset Kai Ueno
12. Flying isn't ablInseasiut

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

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

- ( ) crisis. I'd much rather travel locally and spend the air fare on nicer hotels, restaurants and experiences in Japan."
- ( ) of this city. I've never known Japanese people to be so engrossed in their history and tradition." Other
- ( ) heritage. A Kyoto tour guide said: "I've been constantly amazed at my clients' reactions at seeing the sights
- ( ) desire to explore the culinary and cultural delights Japan has to offer. Many people travelled
- ( **1** ) People are travelling internationally again after the hiatus that was caused by the coronavirus pandemic
- ( ) and the subsequent lockdowns. Many people are using the money they saved while borders
- ( ) domestically during the pandemic and re-discovered their love of Japan's stunning nature and
- ( ) from people in 15 countries. The site found that 15 per cent of South Koreans and 14 per cent of Chinese and Americans, "never
- ( ) were closed to embark on their bucket list trips. However, others are showing a reluctance to dust
- ( ) off their passports. A travel report from the Morning Consult website analyzed 16,000 surveys
- ( ) There are many reasons for Japanese travellers being disinclined to venture overseas. One is a new-found
- ( ) 35 per cent of Japanese respondents claimed they never wanted to leave Japan.
- ( ) want to travel again". Those most unwilling to travel were the Japanese. The report stated that almost
- ( ) reasons are cost and a desire to be green. Tokyo resident Kai Ueno said: "Flying isn't sustainable in this climate

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

1. caused that was coronavirus . hiatus After the by
2. closed . The they money borders while were saved
3. dust off Showing to a passports . their reluctance
4. most Japanese . the travel Those to unwilling were
5. wanted claimed they Respondents to Japan . never leave
6. One to reason desire explore . a is new-found
7. people Many during the domestically travelled pandemic .
8. been clients' my reactions . at amazed I've constantly
9. be known I've people engrossed . so never to
10. spend rather fare on hotels . the air I'd

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2301/230102-travel-plans.html>

People are travelling internationally again after the *cactus / hiatus* that was caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the *subsequently / subsequent* lockdowns. Many people are using the money they *spent / saved* while borders were closed to *embark / disembark* on their bucket list trips. However, others are showing *the / a* reluctance to *dust off / on* their passports. A travel report from the Morning Consult website *analysis / analyzed* 16,000 surveys from people in 15 countries. The site found that 15 per cent of South Koreans and 14 per cent of Chinese and Americans, "never *went / want* to travel again". Those *most / much* unwilling to travel were the Japanese. The report stated that almost 35 per cent of Japanese respondents *claimed / calmed* they never wanted to leave Japan.

There are many reasons for Japanese travellers being *declined / disinclined* to venture overseas. One is a new-found *desire / desires* to explore the culinary and cultural *delightful / delights* Japan has to offer. Many people travelled domestically *during / within* the pandemic and re-discovered their love of Japan's stunning *natural / nature* and heritage. A Kyoto tour guide said: "I've been constantly amazed *at / on* my clients' reactions at seeing the sights of this city. I've never known Japanese people to be *so / such* engrossed *in / on* their history and tradition." Other reasons are cost and a desire to *be / see* green. Tokyo resident Kai Ueno said: "Flying isn't sustainable in this climate crisis. I'd much rather travel locally and spend the air *fair / fare* on nicer hotels, restaurants and experiences in Japan."

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

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

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# 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. TRAVEL PLANS:** Make a poster about travel plans. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. DOMESTIC TRAVEL:** Write a magazine article about governments encouraging domestic over international travel. 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 travel plans. Ask him/her three questions about travelling. Give him/her three of your ideas on the best places to visit. 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. e    3. d    4. a    5. f    6. g    7. b  
8. k    9. h    10. i    11. n    12. m    13. j    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 T    5 T    6 F    7 T    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

|      |      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. g | 2. d | 3. i | 4. c | 5. b  |
| 6. e | 7. a | 8. j | 9. f | 10. h |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Coronavirus lockdowns
2. Borders
3. A bucket list
4. 16,000
5. The Japanese
6. Overseas
7. Japan's nature and heritage
8. History and tradition
9. Flying
10. Hotels, restaurants and experiences

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. After the hiatus that was caused by coronavirus.
2. The money they saved while borders were closed.
3. Showing a reluctance to dust off their passports.
4. Those most unwilling to travel were the Japanese.
5. Respondents claimed they never wanted to leave Japan.
6. One reason is a new-found desire to explore.
7. Many people travelled domestically during the pandemic.
8. I've been constantly amazed at my clients' reactions.
9. I've never known people to be so engrossed.
10. I'd rather spend the air fare on hotels.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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