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Smiling lessons in Japan after years of mask-wearing

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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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In Japan, many people still wear masks. Some people who no longer wear them are having smiling lessons. They have "forgotten" how to smile naturally. This is because they wore a mask for three years. They want to relearn how to smile with confidence. A "smile coach" from a "smile education" company spoke about her work. She said masks made people smile less, so they developed a complex. She wants people to smile for their health.

Smile coaches in Japan are busy. A survey found that 28% of workers in their 20s to 50s still wear masks. Just over 67% said they sometimes wear a mask. Only 5.5% have stopped wearing a mask. The smile coach has coached 4,000 people how to smile. She said smiling makes a good impression and helps communication. It makes people feel positive. The smile coach said relaxing is the key to a good smile.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. many people still | a. a mask |
| 2. people who no | b. how |
| 3. having smiling | c. people smile less |
| 4. They have "forgotten" | d. longer wear them |
| 5. smile | e. confidence |
| 6. This is because they wore | f. naturally |
| 7. how to smile with | g. wear masks |
| 8. masks made | h. lessons |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Smile coaches in Japan | a. impression |
| 2. A survey found | b. 20s to 50s |
| 3. workers in their | c. to a good smile |
| 4. Only 5.5% have stopped | d. 4,000 people |
| 5. The smile coach has coached | e. are busy |
| 6. smiling makes a good | f. wearing a mask |
| 7. It makes people | g. that |
| 8. relaxing is the key | h. feel positive |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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In Japan, many people (1) _____. Some people who (2) _____ them are having smiling lessons. They have "forgotten" how (3) _____. This is because they wore a mask for three years. They want to relearn how to (4) _____. A "smile coach" from a "smile education" company spoke about her work. She said masks made people smile less, so they (5) _____. She wants people to smile (6) _____.

Smile coaches in Japan are busy. A (7) _____ 28% of workers in (8) _____ 50s still wear masks. (9) _____ said they sometimes wear a mask. Only 5.5% have stopped wearing a mask. The smile (10) _____ 4,000 people how to smile. She said smiling makes (11) _____ and helps communication. It makes people feel positive. The smile coach said relaxing (12) _____ to a good smile.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SMILING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230608-smiling-classes-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about smiling 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) _____

