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Japan begins commercial whaling after 30 years

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

Japan has resumed commercial whaling after a hiatus of over three decades. Commercial whaling was banned in 1986 by an International Whaling Commission (IWC) moratorium. However, Japan withdrew from the IWC in December. Japan's government has promised all whalers will stay within 320 kilometers from its coast. The Japanese fisheries agency set a quota for killing 227 whales every six months. In the first days of resumed whaling, whalers caught two minke whales, which were taken to the northern port of Kushiro. The whale meat was auctioned in Tokyo and sold for record prices. Eager restaurant owners snapped up the meat at prices of up to \$140 per kilo.

Japan has engaged in the practice of whaling for centuries. Whale restaurant chef Mitsuo Tani summed up why he thought the return of commercial whaling was important. He said: "A country that does not preserve its food culture has no future." He also promoted the health benefits of whale meat. He said: "It is five times lower in calories than beef, 10 times lower in cholesterol, two times less fat than chicken and it's packed with iron. But abroad, people do not know this." However, Japan's return to whaling has brought international outcry. The Humane Society accused Japan of starting a "new and shocking era of pirate whaling". It added: "This is a sad day for whale protection globally."

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WARM-UPS

1. WHALING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about whaling. 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?

commercial / whaling / three decades / whalers / coast / fisheries / port / restaurant / practice / important / food culture / health benefits / calories / cholesterol / protection

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

3. BANNED: Students A **strongly** believe whaling should be banned; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ANIMALS: Should these things be stopped? Why do they continue? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Should this be stopped?	Why does it continue?
Whaling		
Hunting		
The fur trade		
Cosmetics testing on animals		
Keeping a pet		
Eating meat		

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

6. CONTROVERSIAL FOOD: Rank these with your partner. Put the most controversial food at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- whale
- foie gras
- shark fin
- dog
- monkey meat
- beluga caviar
- monkey meat
- rat

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. resumed | a. Begin to do something again after a pause or interruption. |
| 2. hiatus | b. Sold or offered for sale at an auction. |
| 3. decade | c. A pause or gap in a sequence, series, or process. |
| 4. moratorium | d. A limited quantity of a particular product which under official controls can be produced, exported, or imported. |
| 5. quota | e. A period of ten years. |
| 6. auctioned | f. A temporary prohibition of an activity. |
| 7. snapped up | g. Quickly and eagerly bought or secured something that is in short supply or being sold cheaply. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 8. engaged | h. A strong expression of public disapproval or anger. |
| 9. summed up | i. Totally filled with or full of. |
| 10. preserve | j. Participated or become involved in. |
| 11. packed | k. Having or showing compassion or benevolence. |
| 12. outcry | l. Gave a brief summary. |
| 13. humane | m. A long and distinct period of history with a particular feature or characteristic. |
| 14. era | n. Maintain or keep something in its original or existing state. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

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

- a. Japan had stopped commercial whaling for more than 30 years. **T / F**
- b. Japan is a member of the International Whaling Commission. **T / F**
- c. Whalers promised to stay within 320 kilometers of the Japanese coast. **T / F**
- d. A kilo of whale meat cost \$140 at an auction in Tokyo. **T / F**
- e. The article said Japan has been whaling for millennia. **T / F**
- f. A chef said eating whale is important to preserve Japanese culture. **T / F**
- g. Chicken contains less fat than whale. **T / F**
- h. The Humane Society suggested private whaling would increase. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. resumed | a. advocated |
| 2. banned | b. pulled out of |
| 3. withdrew | c. participated |
| 4. quota | d. age |
| 5. snapped up | e. prohibited |
| 6. engaged | f. protests |
| 7. preserve | g. recommenced |
| 8. promoted | h. bought |
| 9. outcry | i. conserve |
| 10. era | j. limit |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. resumed commercial whaling after a | a. was auctioned in Tokyo |
| 2. Commercial whaling was | b. with iron |
| 3. The Japanese fisheries agency set | c. up the meat |
| 4. The whale meat | d. food culture |
| 5. restaurant owners snapped | e. banned in 1986 |
| 6. Japan has engaged in the practice | f. benefits of whale meat |
| 7. preserve its | g. hiatus of over three decades |
| 8. He also promoted the health | h. international outcry |
| 9. it's packed | i. of whaling for centuries |
| 10. Japan's return to whaling has brought | j. a quota |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

Japan has (1) _____ commercial whaling after a hiatus of over three decades. Commercial whaling was banned in 1986 by an International Whaling Commission (IWC) (2) _____. However, Japan withdrew from the IWC in December. Japan's government has promised all (3) _____ will stay within 320 kilometers from its coast. The Japanese fisheries agency set a (4) _____ for killing 227 whales every six months. In the (5) _____ days of resumed whaling, whalers caught two minke whales, which were taken to the northern (6) _____ of Kushiro. The whale meat was (7) _____ in Tokyo and sold for record prices. Eager restaurant owners (8) _____ up the meat at prices of up to \$140 per kilo.

first
resumed
moratorium
auctioned
port
quota
snapped
whalers

Japan has (9) _____ in the practice of whaling for centuries. Whale restaurant chef Mitsuo Tani (10) _____ up why he thought the return of commercial whaling was important. He said: "A country that does not (11) _____ its food culture has no future." He also promoted the health benefits of whale meat. He said: "It is five times lower in (12) _____ than beef, 10 times lower in cholesterol, two times less fat than chicken and it's (13) _____ with iron. But abroad, people do not know this." However, Japan's return to whaling has brought international (14) _____. The Humane Society (15) _____ Japan of starting a "new and shocking (16) _____ of pirate whaling". It added: "This is a sad day for whale protection globally."

outcry
engaged
preserve
accused
packed
era
calories
summed

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

- 1) Japan has resumed commercial whaling after a hiatus of _____
 - a. over three decadence
 - b. overly three decades
 - c. over three decades
 - d. overly three decants
- 2) whalers will stay within 320 kilometers _____
 - a. from its coats
 - b. from its cost
 - c. from its crust
 - d. from its coast
- 3) whalers caught two minke whales, which were taken to the _____ Kushiro
 - a. northern port of
 - b. northern part of
 - c. northern pert of
 - d. northern pot of
- 4) The whale meat was auctioned in Tokyo and sold _____
 - a. four recorded prices
 - b. fore record prices
 - c. for recorded prices
 - d. for record prices
- 5) Eager restaurant owners snapped up the meat at prices of up to _____
 - a. \$140 per kilo
 - b. \$140 par kilo
 - c. \$140 pre kilo
 - d. \$140 perk kilo
- 6) Japan has engaged in the practice of _____
 - a. whaling for centuries
 - b. whale in for century is
 - c. whaling form centuries
 - d. whale for centuries
- 7) He said it is five times lower in _____
 - a. calories that beef
 - b. calories than beef
 - c. calories then beef
 - d. calories them beef
- 8) 10 times lower in cholesterol, two times less fat than chicken and it's _____
 - a. pact with iron
 - b. parked with iron
 - c. poked with iron
 - d. packed with iron
- 9) However, Japan's return to whaling has brought _____
 - a. international outer cry
 - b. international at cried
 - c. international out cry
 - d. international out cried
- 10) The Humane Society accused Japan of starting a "new and shocking _____ whaling"
 - a. area of pirate
 - b. arena of pirate
 - c. aura of pirate
 - d. era of pirate

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Japan has resumed commercial whaling after (1) _____ over three decades. Commercial whaling was banned in 1986 by an International Whaling Commission (IWC) moratorium. However, Japan (2) _____ IWC in December. Japan's government has promised all whalers (3) _____ 320 kilometers from its coast. The Japanese fisheries agency (4) _____ for killing 227 whales every six months. In the first (5) _____ whaling, whalers caught two minke whales, which were taken to the northern port of Kushiro. The whale meat was auctioned in Tokyo and sold for record prices. Eager restaurant (6) _____ the meat at prices of up to \$140 per kilo.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

1. For how long has Japan stopped commercial whaling?
2. When did Japan withdraw from the International Whaling Commission?
3. Who set a quota for the number of whales Japan can catch?
4. How many minke whales were caught in the first week?
5. How much did a kilo of whale meat sell for at a Tokyo auction?
6. Who is Mitsuo Tani?
7. What did someone say a country had to protect?
8. How many more calories does beef have than whale meat?
9. What did the article say whale meat is packed with?
10. What is the name of the group that called this news a "sad day"?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

- 1) For how long has Japan stopped commercial whaling?
 - a) exactly thirty years
 - b) over thirty years
 - c) just under thirty years
 - d) about thirty years
- 2) When did Japan withdraw from the International Whaling Commission?
 - a) in March
 - b) in February
 - c) in January
 - d) in December
- 3) Who set a quota for the number of whales Japan can catch?
 - a) the Japanese fisheries agency
 - b) the International Whaling Commission
 - c) Greenpeace
 - d) local villagers
- 4) How many minke whales were caught in the first week?
 - a) one
 - b) three
 - c) two
 - d) 27
- 5) How much did a kilo of whale meat sell for at a Tokyo auction?
 - a) \$150 per kilo
 - b) \$140 per kilo
 - c) \$130 per kilo
 - d) \$160 per kilo
- 6) Who is Mitsuo Tani?
 - a) a chef
 - b) a whaler
 - c) the International Whaling Commission boss
 - d) a Greenpeace activist
- 7) What did someone say a country had to protect?
 - a) its coastal waters
 - b) its fish
 - c) its food culture
 - d) whales
- 8) How many more calories does beef have than whale meat?
 - a) five times more
 - b) seven times more
 - c) two times more
 - d) ten times more
- 9) What did the article say whale meat is packed with?
 - a) iron
 - b) fat
 - c) protein
 - d) goodness
- 10) What is the name of the group that called this news a "sad day"?
 - a) World Wildlife Fund
 - b) Friends of the Earth
 - c) Greenpeace
 - d) The Humane Society

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

Role A – Whaler

You are a whaler living in a very remote coastal village. Your community has whaled for centuries. Without whaling the whole community would die an economic death. You hate Greenpeace. They don't respect tradition.

Role B – Activist

You are a Greenpeace activist. You believe it is ethically and morally wrong to kill whales. They are endangered and very intelligent. There is no reason to kill whales and that whales are too intelligent to eat. You think whaling is terrible.

Role C – President

You are president of a whale meat processing company. You believe whales are a sustainable source of food. You believe that when deforestation makes it uneconomical to raise cows on land, whales will become an important source of food.

Role D – Whale

You are a whale with a family.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

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

whaling	commercial
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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">• three• 1986• 320• 227• two• 140	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• practice• return• future• 10• return• sad
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WHALING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

Write five GOOD questions about whaling 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.

WHALING 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 'whale'?
3. What do you know about whales?
4. Why did Japan stop whaling for three decades?
5. What do you think of the quota of 227 whales every year?
6. What do you think of whaling?
7. What is the difference between eating whale meat and beef?
8. What do you think of the price of the auctioned whale meat?
9. What arguments do whaling nations give in support of whaling?
10. What advice do you have for the International Whaling Commission?

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WHALING 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 'commercial'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Japanese whaling?
15. Would you eat whale meat?
16. How would you describe your country's food culture?
17. Is there a problem with a country whaling if it is part of its tradition?
18. Do you understand the international outcry at Japan's actions?
19. Should all whales be protected?
20. What questions would you like to ask the whalers?

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/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. | (a) presumed | (b) resumed | (c) assumed | (d) subsumed |
| 2. | (a) crematorium | (b) moratorium | (c) emporium | (d) auditorium |
| 3. | (a) withal | (b) without | (c) wither | (d) within |
| 4. | (a) ratio | (b) quota | (c) pro rata | (d) errata |
| 5. | (a) reacted | (b) acted | (c) actioned | (d) auctioned |
| 6. | (a) slapped | (b) swapped | (c) snapped | (d) sapped |
| 7. | (a) summed | (b) gummed | (c) hummed | (d) mumbled |
| 8. | (a) cook | (b) acculturate | (c) preserve | (d) flavor |
| 9. | (a) tracked | (b) specked | (c) flacked | (d) packed |
| 10. | (a) outcry | (b) decry | (c) acrid | (d) mimicry |
| 11. | (a) era | (b) aura | (c) aurora | (d) aural |
| 12. | (a) globally | (b) oceanic | (c) mammalian | (d) atmospherically |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Japan has deruems commercial whaling
2. after a sihuta of over three decades
3. The Japanese fisheries agency set a utqao
4. taken to the notrhnr port of Kushiro
5. The whale meat was aucidonte in Tokyo
6. Japan has eeagdnng in the practice of whaling

Paragraph 2

7. A country that does not eveerrsp its food culture
8. five times lower in liasoeer
9. 10 times lower in tloerhcsloe
10. whaling has brought international utroyc
11. The Humane Society caucesd Japan
12. a sad day for whale nooircptet

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 320 kilometers from its coast. The Japanese fisheries agency set a quota for killing 227 whales every six months. In the first
- () days of resumed whaling, whalers caught two minke whales, which were taken to the northern
- () international outcry. The Humane Society accused Japan of starting a "new and shocking era
- () owners snapped up the meat at prices of up to \$140 per kilo.
- () of pirate whaling". It added: "This is a sad day for whale protection globally."
- () lower in calories than beef, 10 times lower in cholesterol, two times less fat than chicken and it's packed with
- (**1**) Japan has resumed commercial whaling after a hiatus of over three decades. Commercial whaling was
- () banned in 1986 by an International Whaling Commission (IWC) moratorium. However, Japan withdrew
- () up why he thought the return of commercial whaling was important. He said: "A country that does not
- () from the IWC in December. Japan's government has promised all whalers will stay within
- () Japan has engaged in the practice of whaling for centuries. Whale restaurant chef Mitsuo Tani summed
- () iron. But abroad, people do not know this." However, Japan's return to whaling has brought
- () preserve its food culture has no future." He also promoted the health benefits of whale meat. He said: "It is five times
- () port of Kushiro. The whale meat was auctioned in Tokyo and sold for record prices. Eager restaurant

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

1. commercial has resumed hiatus . Japan a whaling after
2. from within will Whalers the 320km stay coast .
3. fisheries set a Japanese quota . agency The
4. The auctioned in was whale Tokyo . meat
5. the snapped restaurant Eager up owners meat .
6. engaged has whaling . practice Japan in of the
7. the was return of thought important . He whaling
8. five than lower It's in calories times beef .
9. has brought whaling outcry . Japan's to international return
10. whale protection . a is day This for sad

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

Japan has *resumed* / *presumed* commercial whaling after a hiatus of over three decades. Commercial whaling was *binned* / *banned* in 1986 by an International Whaling Commission (IWC) moratorium. However, Japan *withdrew* / *withered* from the IWC in December. Japan's government has promised all whalers will stay *without* / *within* 320 kilometers from its *coastal* / *coast*. The Japanese fisheries agency set a *quote* / *quota* for killing 227 whales every six months. In the *first* / *fast* days of resumed whaling, whalers caught two minke whales, *what* / *which* were taken to the northern port of Kushiro. The whale meat was auctioned in Tokyo and sold for record *prices* / *price*. Eager restaurant owners snapped *up* / *down* the meat at prices of up to \$140 per kilo.

Japan has *engaged* / *divorced* in the practice of whaling for *centuries* / *century*. Whale restaurant chef Mitsuo Tani summed *up* / *down* why he thought the return of commercial whaling was *importantly* / *important*. He said: "A country that does not preserve its food *cultured* / *culture* has no future." He also promoted the health *beneficial* / *benefits* of whale meat. He said: "It is five times lower *on* / *in* calories than beef, 10 times lower in cholesterol, two times less fat than chicken and it's packed *by* / *with* iron. But abroad, people do not know this." However, Japan's return to whaling has brought international *outcry* / *crying*. The Humane Society accused Japan of starting a "new and shocking era of pirate whaling". It added: "This is a sad day for whale protection *globe* / *globally*."

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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_w n_r s s_n_p_p_d _p t h_ m__ t _t p_r_c_s _f _p
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling.html>

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japan has engaged in the practice of whaling for centuries whale restaurant chef mitsuo tani summed up why he thought the return of commercial whaling was important he said a country that does not preserve its food culture has no future he also promoted the health benefits of whale meat he said it is five times lower in calories than beef 10 times lower in cholesterol two times less fat than chicken and its packed with iron but abroad people do not know this however japans return to whaling has brought international outcry the humane society accused japan of starting a new and shocking era of pirate whaling it added this is a sad day for whale protection globally

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. WHALING: Make a poster about whaling. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. MORATORIUM: Write a magazine article about a global moratorium on whaling lasting forever. 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 whaling. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on whaling. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. resumed | a. recommenced |
| 2. banned | b. prohibited |
| 3. withdrew | c. pulled out of |
| 4. quota | d. limit |
| 5. snapped up | e. bought |
| 6. engaged | f. participated |
| 7. preserve | g. conserve |
| 8. promoted | h. advocated |
| 9. outcry | i. protests |
| 10. era | j. age |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Over thirty years
- In December
- The Japanese fisheries agency
- Two
- \$140 per kilo
- A whale restaurant chef
- Its food culture
- Five times more
- Iron
- The Humane Society

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Japan has resumed commercial whaling after a hiatus.
- Whalers will stay within 320km from the coast.
- The Japanese fisheries agency set a quota.
- The whale meat was auctioned in Tokyo.
- Eager restaurant owners snapped up the meat.
- Japan has engaged in the practice of whaling.
- He thought the return of whaling was important.
- It's five times lower in calories than beef.
- Japan's return to whaling has brought international outcry.
- This is a sad day for whale protection.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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