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## Level 6 – 22nd October, 2020

### 'Demon Slayer' movie breaks Japan's box office records

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

While movie theatres around the world are struggling to survive, cinemagoers in Japan are helping to smash box office records. Despite COVID-19 social distancing rules, an animated film has just seen (by far) the biggest box office weekend in the history of Japan's cinemas. The movie 'Demon Slayer: Mugen Train' not only broke records in Japan, it also had the biggest opening weekend for any movie anywhere in the world. The movie only debuted domestically in Japan but it more than doubled the previous record. Ticket sales last weekend were greater than those of all other countries combined. Japanese cinemas saw over 3.4 million patrons forking out a whopping \$44 million on tickets.

The movie Demon Slayer is based on a smash-hit Japanese manga - a Japanese-style comic book. The story is set in early 20th-century Japan. The main protagonist is a young man who joins a group of warriors to get revenge on a group of ghouls and demons that killed his family and cursed his sister. It is the latest in a long line of anime and manga to become a phenomenon in Japanese popular culture. The 22-volume manga has sold over 100 million copies, making it one of the most successful manga of all time. Japanologist Roland Kelts from Tokyo's Waseda University said: "This particular title cuts across generations. Even people over 40, over 50, really like Demon Slayer."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. ANIME:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about anime. 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?

movie theatre / smash / box office / social distancing / history / debut / ticket / manga / anime / warriors / ghouls / demons / popular culture / Japan / generations

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

**3. JAPAN:** Students A **strongly** believe Japan has the best popular culture; Students B **strongly** believe it doesn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. JAPANESE POPULAR CULTURE:** What do you know about popular culture in Japan? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want To Know
Manga		
Anime		
Music		
Movies		
Fashion		
Games		

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

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

- Anime
- Action
- Horror
- Pandemic
- Romance
- Fantasy
- Thriller
- Biopic

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. struggling  | a. Paying money for something.                          |
| 2. cinemagoer  | b. A person who goes to the movie theatre.              |
| 3. animated    | c. Was shown to the public for the first time.          |
| 4. debuted     | d. Having difficulty handling or coping with something. |
| 5. combined    | e. Really huge.   |
| 6. forking out | f. A movie or image made using animation techniques.    |
| 7. whopping    | g. All put together.                                    |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 8. set         | h. The desire to do something bad to someone because they did something bad to you.                        |
| 9. protagonist | i. A brave or experienced soldier or fighter.  |
| 10. warrior    | j. A remarkable person, thing, or event in society.  |
| 11. revenge    | k. Represented a story, play, movie, or scene as happening at a specified time or in a specified place.    |
| 12. demon      | l. The leading character or one of the major characters in a drama, movie, novel, or other fictional text. |
| 13. phenomenon | m. All of the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively.                        |
| 14. generation | n. An evil spirit or devil, especially one thought to possess a person or act as a tormentor in hell.      |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

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

- a. The article said movie theatres in Japan are struggling to survive. **T / F**
- b. Ticket sales doubled those of the previous Japanese record. **T / F**
- c. The movie sold more tickets than all other movies around the world. **T / F**
- d. Japanese cinemas sold \$440 million of tickets for the movie. **T / F**
- e. The movie Demon Slayer is set in Japan in the late 19th century. **T / F**
- f. The movie is about a man who wants revenge for his sister's killing. **T / F**
- g. There are 22 volumes of the manga the movie is based on. **T / F**
- h. An expert on Japan said people over 50 like the movie. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. <b>struggling</b>  | a. specific          |
| 2. <b>broke</b>       | b. mixed             |
| 3. <b>debuted</b>     | c. huge              |
| 4. <b>combined</b>    | d. located           |
| 5. <b>whopping</b>    | e. fighting          |
| 6. <b>set</b>         | f. retribution       |
| 7. <b>protagonist</b> | g. sensation         |
| 8. <b>revenge</b>     | h. smashed           |
| 9. <b>phenomenon</b>  | i. central character |
| 10. <b>particular</b> | j. came out          |

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

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. movie theatres around the world are | a. across generations    |
| 2. helping to smash                    | b. previous record       |
| 3. it also had the biggest             | c. countries combined    |
| 4. it more than doubled the            | d. box office records    |
| 5. greater than those of all other     | e. on a group of ghouls  |
| 6. based on a smash-                   | f. line of anime         |
| 7. The main protagonist is             | g. struggling to survive |
| 8. get revenge                         | h. a young man           |
| 9. It is the latest in a long          | i. opening weekend       |
| 10. This particular title cuts         | j. hit Japanese manga    |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

While movie theatres around the world are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to survive, cinemagoers in Japan are helping to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ box office records. Despite COVID-19 social distancing rules, an (3) \_\_\_\_\_ film has just seen (by far) the biggest box office (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the history of Japan's cinemas. The movie 'Demon Slayer: Mugen Train' not only broke records in Japan, it also had the biggest opening weekend for any movie (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. The movie only debuted domestically in Japan but it more than (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the previous record. Ticket sales last weekend were greater than those of all other countries (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Japanese cinemas saw over 3.4 million patrons (8) \_\_\_\_\_ out a whopping \$44 million on tickets.

*anywhere*  
*smash*  
*weekend*  
*forking*  
*animated*  
*combined*  
*struggling*  
*doubled*

The movie Demon Slayer is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ on a smash-hit Japanese manga - a Japanese-style comic book. The story is set in early 20th-(10) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan. The main protagonist is a young man who joins a group of warriors to get (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on a group of ghouls and demons that killed his family and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ his sister. It is the latest in a long line of anime and manga to become a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in Japanese popular culture. The 22-(14) \_\_\_\_\_ manga has sold over 100 million copies, making it one of the most successful manga of (15) \_\_\_\_\_ time. Japanologist Roland Kelts from Tokyo's Waseda University said: "This (16) \_\_\_\_\_ title cuts across generations. Even people over 40, over 50, really like Demon Slayer."

*century*  
*cursed*  
*volume*  
*based*  
*particular*  
*revenge*  
*all*  
*phenomenon*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

- 1) While movie theatres around the world are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. struggling for survive
  - b. struggling to survive
  - c. struggling that survive
  - d. struggling true survive
- 2) cinemagoers in Japan are helping to \_\_\_\_\_ records
  - a. as much box office
  - b. mash box office
  - c. stash box office
  - d. smash box office
- 3) any movie anywhere in the world. The movie only \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. debut domestically
  - b. debuted domestically
  - c. debut it domestically
  - d. debuted domestic ally
- 4) Ticket sales last weekend were greater than those of all \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. other countries combined
  - b. other countries combine
  - c. other country combined
  - d. other country combine
- 5) Japanese cinemas saw over 3.4 million patrons forking out a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. whopping \$44 million
  - b. whooping \$44 million
  - c. warping \$44 million
  - d. wore pin \$44 million
- 6) The movie Demon Slayer is based on a smash-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. hit Japanese manger
  - b. hit Japanese man jar
  - c. hit Japanese manga
  - d. hit Japanese manager
- 7) a young man who joins a group of warriors to get revenge on a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. group of goals
  - b. group of gales
  - c. group of ghouls
  - d. group of gruel
- 8) the latest in a long line of anime and manga to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. become a phenomena
  - b. become a phantom anon
  - c. become a fee nominal
  - d. become a phenomenon
- 9) over 100 million copies, making it one of the most successful manga \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of fall time
  - b. of all time
  - c. overall time
  - d. off all time
- 10) Roland Kelts from Tokyo's Waseda University said: "This particular title \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. cuts cross generation
  - b. cuts across generation
  - c. cuts cross generations
  - d. cuts across generations

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

While movie theatres around the world are (1) \_\_\_\_\_, cinemagoers in Japan are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ box office records. Despite COVID-19 social distancing rules, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ has just seen (by far) the biggest box office weekend in the history of Japan's cinemas. The movie 'Demon Slayer: Mugen Train' (4) \_\_\_\_\_ records in Japan, it also had the biggest opening weekend for any movie anywhere in the world. The movie only debuted domestically in Japan but it more than (5) \_\_\_\_\_ record. Ticket sales last weekend were greater than those of all other countries combined. Japanese cinemas saw over 3.4 million patrons (6) \_\_\_\_\_ whopping \$44 million on tickets.

The movie Demon Slayer is based on a smash-hit Japanese manga - a Japanese-style comic book. The story is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 20th-century Japan. The main (8) \_\_\_\_\_ young man who joins a group of warriors to get revenge on a group of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that killed his family and cursed his sister. It is the latest in a long line of anime and manga to become (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese popular culture. The 22-volume manga has sold over 100 million copies, making it one of the most successful manga (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Japanologist Roland Kelts from Tokyo's Waseda University said: "This particular title (12) \_\_\_\_\_. Even people over 40, over 50, really like Demon Slayer."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

1. Where did the article say movie theatres were struggling to survive?
2. What was the most viewed movie worldwide last weekend?
3. In which countries did the movie Demon Slayer debut at the weekend?
4. By how many times was the record greater than the previous one?
5. How much did Japanese movie theatres make in ticket sales?
6. When is the movie set?
7. What does the protagonist in the movie join?
8. What did a group of demons put on the protagonist's sister?
9. How many volumes of Demon Slayer have been published?
10. Who did a Japan expert say really liked Demon Slayer?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

- 1) Where did the article say movie theatres were struggling to survive?
  - a) Hollywood
  - b) around the world
  - c) Bollywood
  - d) the UK
- 2) What was the most viewed movie worldwide last weekend?
  - a) 100% Wolf
  - b) The Lie
  - c) Demon Slayer
  - d) Trump Card
- 3) In which countries did the movie Demon Slayer debut at the weekend?
  - a) worldwide
  - b) Japan, Korea and the USA
  - c) Japan and Korea
  - d) only Japan
- 4) By how many times was the record greater than the previous one?
  - a) 3
  - b) 2
  - c) 1
  - d) 4
- 5) How much did Japanese movie theatres make in ticket sales?
  - a) \$44 million
  - b) \$46 million
  - c) \$48 million
  - d) \$42 million
- 6) When is the movie set?
  - a) in early 20th-century Japan
  - b) in mid 20th-century Japan
  - c) in early-to-mid 20th-century Japan
  - d) in late 20th-century Japan
- 7) What does the protagonist in the movie join?
  - a) a wizard's group
  - b) an army
  - c) a secret society
  - d) a group of warriors
- 8) What did a group of demons put on the protagonist's sister?
  - a) a tattoo
  - b) an invisible cloak
  - c) a curse
  - d) a magic spell
- 9) How many volumes of Demon Slayer have been published?
  - a) 21
  - b) 19
  - c) 18
  - d) 22
- 10) Who did a Japan expert say really liked Demon Slayer?
  - a) the elderly
  - b) people over 40 and 50
  - c) people in their thirties
  - d) teenagers

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

## **Role A – Anime**

You think anime is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): biopic, pandemic or comedy.

## **Role B – Biopic**

You think a biopic is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): anime, pandemic or comedy.

## **Role C – Pandemic**

You think pandemic is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): biopic, anime or comedy.

## **Role D – Comedy**

You think comedy is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): biopic, pandemic or anime.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

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

demon	movie

- 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>• survive</li><li>• far</li><li>• opening</li><li>• doubled</li><li>• greater</li><li>• forking</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•comic</li><li>•main</li><li>•group</li><li>•long</li><li>•culture</li><li>•40</li></ul>
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# ANIME SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

Write five GOOD questions about anime 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.

# DEMON SLAYER 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 'demon'?
3. What do you think of movie theatres?
4. What do you know about anime?
5. What do you think of this news?
6. Would you feel safe to sit in a movie theatre during COVID-19?
7. Would you like to see the movie Demon Slayer?
8. What is the best movie you have seen at the cinema?
9. What do you think of Japanese movies?
10. What is the best animated movie you've seen?

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# DEMON SLAYER 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 'movie'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about manga?
15. What are the good and bad things about anime?
16. What do you think of ghouls and demons?
17. What do you think of Japanese popular culture?
18. Why is anime so popular?
19. In what ways are manga better than novels?
20. What questions would you like to ask a manga fan?

## 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/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

While movie theatres around the world are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to survive, cinemagoers in Japan are helping to smash box office records. Despite COVID-19 social distancing rules, an animated film has just seen (by (2) \_\_\_\_\_) the biggest box office weekend (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the history of Japan's cinemas. The movie 'Demon Slayer: Mugen Train' not only broke records in Japan, it also had the biggest (4) \_\_\_\_\_ weekend for any movie anywhere in the world. The movie only debuted domestically in Japan but it more than (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the previous record. Ticket sales last weekend were greater than those of all other countries combined. Japanese cinemas saw over 3.4 million patrons (6) \_\_\_\_\_ out a whopping \$44 million on tickets.

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

- |     |                |               |               |               |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) struggling | (b) struggled | (c) struggles | (d) struggle  |
| 2.  | (a) farther    | (b) further   | (c) far       | (d) farthest  |
| 3.  | (a) on         | (b) at        | (c) in        | (d) of        |
| 4.  | (a) opens      | (b) opened    | (c) opener    | (d) opening   |
| 5.  | (a) doubled    | (b) twofold   | (c) coupled   | (d) twinned   |
| 6.  | (a) knifing    | (b) forking   | (c) spooning  | (d) skewering |
| 7.  | (a) blasted    | (b) basted    | (c) biased    | (d) based     |
| 8.  | (a) let        | (b) set       | (c) get       | (d) bet       |
| 9.  | (a) do         | (b) make      | (c) get       | (d) fight     |
| 10. | (a) cased      | (b) cussed    | (c) caused    | (d) cursed    |
| 11. | (a) every      | (b) each      | (c) whole     | (d) all       |
| 12. | (a) kneads     | (b) cuts      | (c) chops     | (d) dices     |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. ggsugtirnl to survive
2. rscageomine in Japan are helping
3. social iadsngtcin rules
4. an aiteandm film
5. etebddu domestically in Japan
6. forking out a owppnihg \$44 million

## Paragraph 2

7. The main otstipornga is a young man
8. get ervege on a group of ghouls
9. esmdno that killed his family
10. a ennhoemnpo in Japanese popular culture
11. This paiacutrrl title
12. cuts across eirntasgeo

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

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

- ( **1** ) While movie theatres around the world are struggling to survive, cinemagoers in Japan are
- ( ) only broke records in Japan, it also had the biggest opening weekend for any movie
- ( ) combined. Japanese cinemas saw over 3.4 million patrons forking out a whopping \$44 million on tickets.
- ( ) The movie Demon Slayer is based on a smash-hit Japanese manga - a Japanese-style comic book. The story is set
- ( ) culture. The 22-volume manga has sold over 100 million copies, making it one of the most successful manga of
- ( ) helping to smash box office records. Despite COVID-19 social distancing rules, an animated film has just
- ( ) across generations. Even people over 40, over 50, really like Demon Slayer."
- ( ) latest in a long line of anime and manga to become a phenomenon in Japanese popular
- ( ) seen (by far) the biggest box office weekend in the history of Japan's cinemas. The movie 'Demon Slayer: Mugen Train' not
- ( ) all time. Japanologist Roland Kelts from Tokyo's Waseda University said: "This particular title cuts
- ( ) revenge on a group of ghouls and demons that killed his family and cursed his sister. It is the
- ( ) doubled the previous record. Ticket sales last weekend were greater than those of all other countries
- ( ) anywhere in the world. The movie only debuted domestically in Japan but it more than
- ( ) in early 20th-century Japan. The main protagonist is a young man who joins a group of warriors to get

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

1. office to records . smash helping are Cinemagoers box
2. weekend box office biggest history . The its in
3. movie in Japan . domestically only The debuted
4. than countries Greater combined . all other those of
5. on out whopping tickets . \$44 forked million a Patrons
6. Japan . is The 20th-century set early in story
7. in of anime . long a line latest The
8. 22-volume manga has million copies . The sold over 100
9. one manga . the successful most it Making of
10. like over over people Even it . 50, really 40,

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer.html>

While movie theatres around the world are *struggled* / *struggling* to survive, cinemagoers in Japan are *helping* / *aiding* to smash box office records. Despite COVID-19 social distancing rules, an animated film has just seen (by *far* / *farther*) the biggest box office weekend *on* / *in* the history of Japan's cinemas. The movie 'Demon Slayer: Mugen Train' not only *broke* / *broken* records in Japan, it also had the biggest *open* / *opening* weekend for any movie anywhere in the world. The movie only *debuted* / *debacle* domestically in Japan but it more than doubled the *previous* / *impervious* record. Ticket sales last weekend were greater than *them* / *those* of all other countries combined. Japanese cinemas saw over 3.4 million patrons *forking* / *knifing* out a whopping \$44 million on tickets.

The movie Demon Slayer is based *in* / *on* a smash-hit Japanese manga - a Japanese-style comic book. The story is *get* / *set* in early 20th-century Japan. The main *antagonist* / *protagonist* is a young man who joins a group of warriors to get revenge on a group of *ghastly* / *ghouls* and demons that killed his family and *cursed* / *cussed* his sister. It is the latest in a long line of anime and manga to become a *phenomena* / *phenomenon* in Japanese popular culture. The 22-volume manga has sold over 100 million copies, *making* / *made* it one of the most successful manga of *all* / *every* time. *Japanologist* / *Japanology* Roland Kelts from Tokyo's Waseda University said: "This particular title *cuts* / *snips* across generations. Even people over 40, over 50, really like Demon Slayer."

**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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Wh\_l\_ m\_v\_\_ th\_atr\_s \_r\_\_nd th\_ w\_rld \_r\_ str\_ggl\_ng  
t\_ s\_rv\_v\_, c\_n\_mag\_\_rs \_n Japan \_r\_ h\_lp\_ng t\_  
smash b\_x \_ff\_c\_ r\_c\_rds. D\_sp\_t\_ C\_V\_D-19 s\_c\_al  
d\_stanc\_ng r\_l\_s, \_n \_n\_mat\_d f\_lm has j\_st s\_\_n (by  
far) th\_ b\_gg\_st b\_x \_ff\_c\_ w\_\_k\_nd \_n th\_ h\_st\_ry \_f  
Japan's c\_n\_mas. Th\_ m\_v\_\_ 'D\_m\_n Slay\_r: M\_g\_n  
Tra\_n' n\_t \_nly br\_k\_ r\_c\_rds \_n Japan, \_t\_l\_s\_ had  
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\_n th\_ w\_rld. Th\_ m\_v\_\_ \_nly d\_b\_t\_d d\_m\_st\_cally \_n  
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m\_ll\_\_n \_n t\_ck\_ts.

Th\_ m\_v\_\_ D\_m\_n Slay\_r \_s bas\_d \_n \_ smash\_h\_t  
Japan\_s\_ manga - \_ Japan\_s\_\_styl\_ c\_m\_c b\_\_k. Th\_  
st\_ry \_s s\_t \_n \_arly 20th\_c\_nt\_ry Japan. Th\_ ma\_n  
pr\_tag\_n\_st \_s \_ y\_\_ng man wh\_ j\_\_ns \_ gr\_\_p \_f  
warr\_\_rs t\_ g\_t r\_v\_ng\_ \_n \_ gr\_\_p \_f gh\_\_ls \_nd  
d\_m\_ns that k\_ll\_d h\_s fam\_ly \_nd c\_rs\_d h\_s s\_st\_r.  
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b\_c\_m\_ \_ ph\_n\_m\_n\_n \_n Japan\_s\_ p\_p\_lar c\_lt\_r\_. Th\_  
22\_v\_l\_m\_ manga has s\_ld \_v\_r 100 m\_ll\_\_n c\_p\_\_s,  
mak\_ng \_t \_n\_ \_f th\_ m\_st s\_cc\_ssf\_l manga \_f \_ll  
t\_m\_. Japan\_l\_g\_st R\_land K\_lts fr\_m T\_ky\_'s Was\_da  
\_n\_v\_rs\_ty sa\_d: "Th\_s part\_c\_lar t\_tl\_ c\_ts \_cr\_ss  
g\_n\_rat\_\_ns. \_v\_n p\_\_pl\_ \_v\_r 40, \_v\_r 50, r\_ally l\_k\_  
D\_m\_n Slay\_r." "

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

**4. ANIME STUDIES:** Write a magazine article about governments promoting anime studies in schools. 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 anime. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on anime. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Around the world
2. Demon Slayer
3. Only Japan
4. Two
5. \$44 million
6. In early 20th-century Japan
7. A group of ghouls
8. A curse
9. 22
10. People over 40 and 50

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

1. Cinemagoers are helping to smash box office records.
2. The biggest box office weekend in its history.
3. The movie only debuted domestically in Japan.
4. Greater than those of all other countries combined.
5. Patrons forked out a whopping \$44 million on tickets.
6. The story is set in early 20th-century Japan.
7. The latest in a long line of anime.
8. The 22-volume manga has sold over 100 million copies.
9. Making it one of the most successful manga.
10. Even people over 40, over 50, really like it.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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