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Level 4 – 17th June, 2018

Japan lowers age of adulthood to 18

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THE READING

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Japan has lowered the age of adulthood for the first time since 1876. From 2022, teenagers will become adults at 18 - two years earlier than the current age. There are still things that will not change. The legal age for drinking alcohol, smoking and gambling will stay at 20. From 2022, 18-year-olds can marry without parental consent. They can also apply for loans. Transgender people over 18 will be able to apply to have their gender officially recognized.

The new law should help Japan's economy. More people will get married and start families. This will help the falling birth rate and ageing population. More financial freedom could provide more taxes to help the government pay for pensions and healthcare. Many of Japan's young people are more worried about how the traditional Coming of Age Day will change. This is a national holiday in which 20-year-olds wear traditional kimonos to celebrate adulthood.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. for the first time | a. will be able to apply |
| 2. two years earlier than | b. alcohol |
| 3. There are still things that | c. the current age |
| 4. The legal age for drinking | d. recognized |
| 5. marry without parental | e. loans |
| 6. apply for | f. will not change |
| 7. Transgender people over 18 | g. since 1876 |
| 8. have their gender officially | h. consent |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The new law should help | a. holiday |
| 2. get married and | b. population |
| 3. help the falling | c. worried |
| 4. ageing | d. start families |
| 5. pay for pensions | e. kimonos |
| 6. young people are more | f. Japan's economy |
| 7. This is a national | g. and healthcare |
| 8. wear traditional | h. birth rate |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan has lowered (1) _____ adulthood for the first time since 1876. From 2022, teenagers will (2) _____ 18 - two years earlier than (3) _____. There are still things that will not change. The (4) _____ drinking alcohol, smoking and gambling will stay at 20. From 2022, 18-year-olds can marry without parental consent. They can also (5) _____. Transgender people over 18 will be able to apply to (6) _____ officially recognized.

The new law should help Japan's economy. More (7) _____ married and start families. This (8) _____ falling birth rate and ageing population. More financial freedom could provide more taxes to help the government (9) _____ and healthcare. Many of Japan's young people are more worried about (10) _____. Coming of Age Day will change. This (11) _____ holiday in which 20-year-olds wear traditional kimonos (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ADULTHOOD SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about adulthood 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) _____

