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Rugby players to hide tattoos in Japan

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THE ARTICLE

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Rugby players with tattoos are being asked to cover them up during next year's World Cup in Japan. The request by the sport's governing body World Rugby is to avoid offending people in Japan. It is somewhat of a taboo in Japan to be seen in public with a tattoo. Tattoos are usually associated with the notorious yakuza crime gangs, for whom tattoos are a source of great pride. Many swimming pools, gyms, bath houses and onsen in Japan ban people with tattoos from using their facilities. However, in 2016, Japan's tourism agency asked onsen to relax their rules. It said tourists had tattoos for very different reasons. The agency suggested giving tourists stickers to cover their tattoos.

The Rugby World Cup director Alan Gilpin said all the competing teams understood the cultural sensitivity in Japan regarding tattoos. He said: "When we raised it with the teams a year or so ago, we were probably expecting a frustrated reaction from them, but there hasn't been at all." He added that the players want to respect Japanese culture. He said the wearing of a vest used for watersports would be a form of "self-policing" among the players. The famous All Blacks rugby team from New Zealand has confirmed that its players will comply with the request. It said: "We endeavor to be respectful of the local customs and culture, and this will be no different when we visit Japan."

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WARM-UPS

1. TATTOOS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tattoos. 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?

rugby / tattoos / request / offending / crime gangs / pride / facilities / onsen / rules / director / sensitivity / teams / reaction / culture / self-policing / famous / request

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

3. OFFENSIVE: Students A **strongly** believe tattoos are offensive; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TATTOO PLACES: What is good or bad about having a tattoo on these places? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good	Bad
Arm		
Lower back		
Knuckles		
Forehead		
Stomach		
Ankle		

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

6. IMAGE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best tattoo image at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- heart
- dragon
- tear drop
- smiley
- rose
- lover's name
- sports team emblem
- yin and yang

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 1. request | a. A group of people who make the policy and direct the affairs of an institution, especially on a voluntary or part-time basis. |
| 2. governing body | b. Causing to feel upset, annoyed, or resentful. |
| 3. avoid | c. Make a rule or restriction less strict. |
| 4. offending | d. Keep away from or stop oneself from doing something. |
| 5. somewhat | e. Famous or well known, usually for some bad quality or act. |
| 6. notorious | f. An act of asking politely or formally for something. |
| 7. relax | g. To a moderate extent or by a moderate amount. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. sensitivity | h. Feeling or expressing distress and annoyance, especially because of an inability to change or achieve something. |
| 9. frustrated | i. An action performed or a feeling experienced in response to a situation or event. |
| 10. reaction | j. Try hard to do or achieve something. |
| 11. form | k. State that a report or fact is true. |
| 12. confirmed | l. A kind or type of something. |
| 13. comply | m. How a person's feelings might be easily offended or hurt; a culture's correct way of behaving, especially regarding things that could upset people. |
| 14. endeavor | n. Act in a way that follows a wish or command. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos.html>

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

- a. All sports players must now cover tattoos in Japan. **T / F**
- b. Tattoos in Japan are associated with crime syndicates. **T / F**
- c. Japan's tourism agency requested spas relax rules regarding tattoos. **T / F**
- d. The tourism agency suggested spas give out stickers to cover tattoos. **T / F**
- e. Only half of rugby teams understood the reason for covering tattoos. **T / F**
- f. The rugby players said they wanted to respect Japanese culture. **T / F**
- g. World Rugby said the police would make sure tattoos were covered. **T / F**
- h. New Zealand's rugby team said it would endeavor to get smaller tattoos. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. asked | a. quite |
| 2. avoid | b. feelings |
| 3. somewhat | c. honor |
| 4. pride | d. try |
| 5. relax | e. refrain from |
| 6. sensitivity | f. about |
| 7. regarding | g. type |
| 8. reaction | h. requested |
| 9. form | i. response |
| 10. endeavor | j. loosen |

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

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. The request by the sport's governing | a. so ago |
| 2. notorious | b. to cover their tattoos |
| 3. relax their | c. sensitivity |
| 4. tourists had tattoos for very | d. body |
| 5. The agency suggested giving tourists stickers | e. with the request |
| 6. cultural | f. yakuza crime gangs |
| 7. a year or | g. different reasons |
| 8. a form of self- | h. the local customs |
| 9. players will comply | i. rules |
| 10. respectful of | j. policing |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos.html>

Rugby players with tattoos are being asked to (1) _____ them up during next year's World Cup in Japan. The (2) _____ by the sport's governing body World Rugby is to (3) _____ offending people in Japan. It is somewhat of a taboo in Japan to be seen in public with a tattoo. Tattoos are usually associated with the (4) _____ yakuza crime gangs, for whom tattoos are a source of great (5) _____. Many swimming pools, gyms, bath houses and onsen in Japan ban people with tattoos from using their (6) _____. However, in 2016, Japan's (7) _____ agency asked onsen to relax their rules. It said tourists had tattoos for very different reasons. The agency suggested giving tourists (8) _____ to cover their tattoos.

notorious
facilities
cover
stickers
pride
tourism
avoid
request

The Rugby World Cup director Alan Gilpin said all the competing teams understood the (9) _____ sensitivity in Japan regarding tattoos. He said: "When we (10) _____ it with the teams a year or so ago, we were probably expecting a frustrated (11) _____ from them, but there hasn't been at all." He added that the players want to (12) _____ Japanese culture. He said the wearing of a vest used for watersports would be a (13) _____ of "self-policing" among the players. The (14) _____ All Blacks rugby team from New Zealand has confirmed that its players will comply with the (15) _____. It said: "We endeavor to be respectful of the local (16) _____ and culture, and this will be no different when we visit Japan."

reaction
form
cultural
request
respect
customs
raised
famous

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos.html>

- 1) The request by the sport's governing body World Rugby is to _____ people
 - a. avoids offending
 - b. evade offending
 - c. avoid offending
 - d. avoidance offending
- 2) Tattoos are usually associated with the notorious yakuza _____
 - a. grime gangs
 - b. crime gangs
 - c. climb gangs
 - d. claim gangs
- 3) ban people with tattoos from using _____
 - a. them facilities
 - b. their faculties
 - c. there facile ties
 - d. their facilities
- 4) It said tourists had tattoos for very _____
 - a. difference reasons
 - b. different reason
 - c. difference treason
 - d. different reasons
- 5) The agency suggested giving tourists _____ their tattoos
 - a. stick errs to cover
 - b. stickers too covert
 - c. stickers two covers
 - d. stickers to cover
- 6) Alan Gilpin said all the competing teams understood the _____
 - a. cultural sensitive a tea
 - b. culturally sense activity
 - c. cultural sensitivity
 - d. culture all sense avidly
- 7) we were probably expecting a frustrated _____ them
 - a. reactions from
 - b. react shun for
 - c. reaction from
 - d. reacted frame
- 8) the wearing of a vest used for watersports would be _____ "self-policing"
 - a. a form of
 - b. a from of
 - c. a form off
 - d. the form of
- 9) team from New Zealand has confirmed that its players will _____ request
 - a. comply with the
 - b. comply within the
 - c. comply wither the
 - d. comply without the
- 10) We endeavor to be respectful of the local _____
 - a. custom sand culture
 - b. customs and culture
 - c. customs and cultured
 - d. customs and cultural

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos.html>

1. Where will the next Rugby World Cup take place?
2. What are tattoos usually regarded as in Japan?
3. What are tattoos usually associated with in Japan?
4. When did Japan's tourism agency suggest tattoo rules be relaxed?
5. What did Japan's tourism agency suggest giving to tourists?
6. Who is Alan Gilpin?
7. What was World Rugby expecting from the rugby players?
8. What did the players say they wanted to do to Japanese culture?
9. What famous rugby team was mentioned in the article?
10. What will a famous rugby team endeavor to be respectful of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos.html>

- 1) Where will the next Rugby World Cup take place?
 - a) New Zealand
 - b) Japan
 - c) South Africa
 - d) Samoa
- 2) What are tattoos usually regarded as in Japan?
 - a) ugly
 - b) beautiful
 - c) artistic
 - d) a taboo
- 3) What are tattoos usually associated with in Japan?
 - a) yakuza crime gangs
 - b) anime
 - c) geisha
 - d) karaoke
- 4) When did Japan's tourism agency suggest tattoo rules be relaxed?
 - a) 2017
 - b) 2015
 - c) 2016
 - d) 2018
- 5) What did Japan's tourism agency suggest giving to tourists?
 - a) maps
 - b) stickers
 - c) advice
 - d) ink
- 6) Who is Alan Gilpin?
 - a) a rugby player
 - b) a tattoo artist
 - c) the Rugby World Cup director
 - d) a yakuza
- 7) What was World Rugby expecting from the rugby players?
 - a) great rugby
 - b) smaller tattoos
 - c) good behaviour
 - d) frustration
- 8) What did the players say they wanted to do to Japanese culture?
 - a) respect it
 - b) experience it
 - c) savour it
 - d) change it
- 9) What famous rugby team was mentioned in the article?
 - a) the All Blacks
 - b) the Wallabies
 - c) the Springboks
 - d) the British Lions
- 10) What will a famous rugby team endeavor to be respectful of?
 - a) the rules
 - b) local customs
 - c) the yakuza
 - d) the rugby ball

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos.html>

Role A – Heart

You think a heart is the best image for a tattoo. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their images. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): dragon, rose or yin and yang.

Role B – Dragon

You think a dragon is the best image for a tattoo. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their images. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): heart, rose or yin and yang.

Role C – Rose

You think a rose is the best image for a tattoo. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their images. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): dragon, heart or yin and yang.

Role D – Yin and Yang

You think yin and yang is the best image for a tattoo. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their images. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): dragon, rose or heart.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos.html>

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

rugby	tattoo

- 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">• asked• avoid• crime• bath• tourism• stickers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• director• raised• reaction• form• comply• different
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TATTOOS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tattoos 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.

TATTOOS 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 'tattoo'?
3. What do you think of rugby?
4. Why do people get tattoos?
5. What kind of tattoo would you think is best?
6. Should people have to cover up their tattoos?
7. Do tattoos make people more attractive?
8. What three adjectives best describe tattoos?
9. At what age should people be able to have a tattoo?
10. What do you know about how to behave in Japan?

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TATTOOS 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 'rugby'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of tattoos?
15. What should tourists do to respect culture in your country?
16. Why are tattoos so in fashion nowadays?
17. Is it a good idea to have a tattoo of your lover's name?
18. What do you think of face tattoos?
19. How important is it to respect local customs?
20. What questions would you like to ask a tattoo artist?

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

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The Rugby World Cup director Alan Gilpin said all the competing teams understood the cultural (7) _____ in Japan regarding tattoos. He said: "When we raised it with the teams a year or so ago, we were (8) _____ expecting a frustrated reaction from them, but there hasn't been at (9) _____." He added that the players want to respect Japanese culture. He said the wearing of a vest used for watersports would be a form (10) _____ "self-policing" among the players. The famous All Blacks rugby team from New Zealand has confirmed that its players will (11) _____ with the request. It said: "We endeavor to be respectful of the local customs and culture, and this will be (12) _____ different when we visit Japan."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) down | (d) up |
| 2. | (a) as | (b) on | (c) at | (d) by |
| 3. | (a) offence | (b) offending | (c) offender | (d) offensive |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) with | (d) on |
| 5. | (a) However | (b) Moreover | (c) Furthermore | (d) Yet |
| 6. | (a) very | (b) true | (c) real | (d) much |
| 7. | (a) sentences | (b) sentience | (c) sensibly | (d) sensitivity |
| 8. | (a) probably | (b) probable | (c) probing | (d) probes |
| 9. | (a) full | (b) all | (c) over | (d) much |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) of | (d) as |
| 11. | (a) comfy | (b) clumsy | (c) comply | (d) creepy |
| 12. | (a) non | (b) no | (c) none | (d) not |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the sport's goirnengv body
2. avoid oniefndgf people
3. roonuotis yakuza crime gangs
4. a recsou of great pride
5. using their aeliitfics
6. kstrisec to cover their tattoos

Paragraph 2

7. understood the cultural tiyienstsv
8. we raesdi it with the teams
9. eesrpct Japanese culture
10. a form of "self-gpicion"
11. omcply with the request
12. We ovdenrae to be respectful

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in Japan ban people with tattoos from using their facilities. However, in 2016, Japan's tourism
- () by the sport's governing body World Rugby is to avoid offending people in Japan. It is somewhat
- () of the local customs and culture, and this will be no different when we visit Japan."
- (**1**) Rugby players with tattoos are being asked to cover them up during next year's World Cup in Japan. The request
- () of a taboo in Japan to be seen in public with a tattoo. Tattoos are usually associated with the notorious yakuza crime
- () The Rugby World Cup director Alan Gilpin said all the competing teams understood the cultural
- () reasons. The agency suggested giving tourists stickers to cover their tattoos.
- () agency asked onsen to relax their rules. It said tourists had tattoos for very different
- () sensitivity in Japan regarding tattoos. He said: "When we raised it with the teams a year or
- () gangs, for whom tattoos are a source of great pride. Many swimming pools, gyms, bath houses and onsen
- () so ago, we were probably expecting a frustrated reaction from them, but there hasn't been at
- () of "self-policing" among the players. The famous All Blacks rugby team from New Zealand
- () has confirmed that its players will comply with the request. It said: "We endeavor to be respectful
- () all." He added that the players want to respect Japanese culture. He said the wearing of a vest used for watersports would be a form

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos.html>

1. with Rugby are players being tattoos asked .
2. body . The by the request governing sport's
3. taboo in Japan . a It of somewhat is
4. people using with tattoos their Ban from facilities .
5. reasons . had very Tourists different tattoos for
6. Japan cultural The in sensitivity tattoos . regarding
7. frustrated probably expecting a We were reaction .
8. players . of form the "self-policing" A among
9. to Endeavor customs . be of the respectful local
10. will different no when we This visit . be

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos.html>

Rugby players with tattoos are *being / been* asked to cover them up during next year's World Cup in Japan. The *bequest / request* by the sport's governing body World Rugby is to avoid *offence / offending* people in Japan. It is *somewhat / somewhere* of a taboo in Japan to be seen *in / on* public with a tattoo. Tattoos are usually associated with the *notoriety / notorious* yakuza crime gangs, for whom tattoos are a *source / sauce* of great pride. Many swimming pools, gyms, bath houses and onsen in Japan *band / ban* people with tattoos from using their facilities. However, in 2016, Japan's tourism agency asked onsen to *relax / chillax* their rules. It said tourists had tattoos for very different reasons. The agency suggested *given / giving* tourists stickers to cover their tattoos.

The Rugby World Cup *director / direction* Alan Gilpin said all the competing teams understood the *culturally / cultural* sensitivity in Japan regarding tattoos. He said: "When we *arisen / raised* it with the teams a year or so ago, we were *probable / probably* expecting a frustrated *reaction / react* from them, but there hasn't been at all." He added that the players want to *respect / retract* Japanese culture. He said the *worn / wearing* of a vest used for watersports would be a *form / frame* of "self-policing" among the players. The famous All Blacks rugby team from New Zealand has confirmed that its players will *comply / reply* with the request. It said: "We endeavor to be respectful of the local customs and culture, and this will be *no / not* different when we visit Japan."

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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R_g b y p l_y_r s w_t h t_t t__ s _r_ b__ n g _s k_d
t_ c_v_r t h_m _p d_r_n g n_x t y__ r 's W_r l d
C_p _n J_p_n . T h_ r_q__ s t b y t h_ s p_r t 's
g_v_r n_n g b_d y W_r l d R_g b y _s t_ _v__ d _f
f_n d_n g p__ p l_ _n J_p_n . I t _s s_m_w h_t _f _
t_b__ _n J_p_n t_ b_ s__ n _n p_b l_c w_t h _ t_t
t__ . T_t t__ s _r_ s__ lly _s s_c__ t_d w_t h t h_
n_t_r__s y_k_z_ c_r_m_ g_n g s , f_r w h_m t_t t__
s _r_ _ s__ r_c_ _f g_r__ t p_r_d_ . M_n y s w_m m_n
g p__ l s , g y m s , b_t h h__ s_s _n d _n s_n _n
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d_f f_r_n t r__ s_n s . T h_ _g_n c y s_g g_s t_d g_v_n
g t__ r_s t_s s_t c_k_r s t_ c_v_r t h__ r t_t t__ s .

T h_ R_g b y W_r l d C_p d_r_c t_r A l_n G_l p_n
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r_g b y t__ m f_r_m N_w Z__ l_n d h_s c_n f_r_m_d
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w_l l b_ _n_ d_f f_r_n t w h_n w_ v_s_t J_p_n . "

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180924-tattoos.html>

rugby players with tattoos are being asked to cover them up during next years world cup in japan the request by the sports governing body world rugby is to avoid offending people in japan it is somewhat of a taboo in japan to be seen in public with a tattoo tattoos are usually associated with the notorious yakuza crime gangs for whom tattoos are a source of great pride many swimming pools gyms bath houses and onsen in japan ban people with tattoos from using their facilities however in 2016 japans tourism agency asked onsen to relax their rules it said tourists had tattoos for very different reasons the agency suggested giving tourists stickers to cover their tattoos

the rugby world cup director alan gilpin said all the competing teams understood the cultural sensitivity in japan regarding tattoos he said when we raised it with the teams a year or so ago we were probably expecting a frustrated reaction from them but there hasnt been at all he added that the players want to respect japanese culture he said the wearing of a vest used for watersports would be a form of selfpolicing among the players the famous all blacks rugby team from new zealand has confirmed that its players will comply with the request it said we endeavor to be respectful of the local customs and culture and this will be no different when we visit japan

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Rugby players with tattoos are being asked to cover them up during next year's World Cup in Japan. The request by the sport's governing body World Rugby is to avoid offending people in Japan. It is somewhat of a taboo in Japan to be seen in public with a tattoo. Tattoos are usually associated with the notorious yakuza crime gangs, for whom tattoos are a source of great pride. Many swimming pools, gyms, bathhouses and onsen in Japan ban people with tattoos from using their facilities. However, in 2016, Japan's tourism agency asked onsen to relax their rules. It said tourists had tattoos for very different reasons. The agency suggested giving tourists stickers to cover their tattoos. The Rugby World Cup director Alan Gilpin said all the competing teams understood the cultural sensitivity in Japan regarding tattoos. He said: "When we raised it with the teams a year or so ago, we were probably expecting a frustrated reaction from them, but there hasn't been a tall." He added that the players want to respect Japanese culture. He said the wearing of a vest used for watersports would be a form of "self-policing" among the players. The famous All Blacks rugby team from New Zealand has confirmed that its players will comply with the request. It said: "We endeavor to be respectful of the local customs and culture, and this will be no different when we visit Japan."

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

4. PUBLIC: Write a magazine article about banning the showing of tattoos in public. 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 tattoos. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on tattoos. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. asked | a. requested |
| 2. avoid | b. refrain from |
| 3. somewhat | c. quite |
| 4. pride | d. honor |
| 5. relax | e. loosen |
| 6. sensitivity | f. feelings |
| 7. regarding | g. about |
| 8. reaction | h. response |
| 9. form | i. type |
| 10. endeavor | j. try |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Japan
2. A taboo
3. Yakuza crime gangs
4. 2016
5. Stickers
6. The Rugby World Cup director
7. Frustration
8. Respect it
9. The All Blacks
10. Local customs and culture

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Rugby players with tattoos are being asked.
2. The request by the sport's governing body.
3. It is somewhat of a taboo in Japan.
4. Ban people with tattoos from using their facilities.
5. Tourists had tattoos for very different reasons.
6. The cultural sensitivity in Japan regarding tattoos.
7. We were probably expecting a frustrated reaction.
8. A form of "self-policing" among the players.
9. Endeavor to be respectful of the local customs.
10. This will be no different when we visit.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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