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**Level 1** – 8th October, 2018

## World-famous Tsukiji fish market closes

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181008-tsukiji-fish-market-1.html>

Tokyo's famous Tsukiji fish market closed on Saturday after 83 years. It is moving to a new area of Tokyo. The new market will open on Thursday. Tokyo city planners closed Tsukiji market for parking for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. Market workers at Tsukiji were sad on Saturday as they closed for the last time. One fish worker said: "I'm almost crying. Today is a sad day of goodbyes."

Tsukiji was called the "kitchen of Japan". A newspaper described why it was important. It wrote: "Tsukiji is a symbol of the global food trade, the home of Japanese cuisine, and is one of Tokyo's most popular tourist attractions." It added: "Tsukiji showed "an older Tokyo that is...disappearing". Tsukiji's most famous product was tuna. One tuna sold for \$1.7million in 2013. The chairman of Tsukiji said everyone worked hard at the market, "until the very end".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-45755348>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181008-tsukiji-fish-market-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Tokyo's famous Tsukiji | a. of goodbyes           |
| 2. closed on Saturday     | b. open on Thursday      |
| 3. It is moving to        | c. last time             |
| 4. The new market will    | d. after 83 years        |
| 5. Tokyo city planners    | e. crying                |
| 6. they closed for the    | f. fish market           |
| 7. I'm almost             | g. closed Tsukiji market |
| 8. Today is a sad day     | h. a new area            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Tsukiji was called the kitchen | a. attractions      |
| 2. A newspaper described why      | b. food trade       |
| 3. a symbol of the global         | c. popular          |
| 4. the home of Japanese           | d. hard             |
| 5. one of Tokyo's most            | e. cuisine          |
| 6. tourist                        | f. of Japan         |
| 7. everyone worked                | g. end              |
| 8. until the very                 | h. it was important |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181008-tsukiji-fish-market-1.html>

Tokyo's famous Tsukiji fish (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday after 83 years. It is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ new area of Tokyo. The new market (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday. Tokyo city planners closed Tsukiji market for (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. Market workers at Tsukiji were sad on Saturday (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for the last time. One fish worker said: "I'm almost crying. Today is a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ goodbyes."

Tsukiji (7) \_\_\_\_\_ "kitchen of Japan". A newspaper described (8) \_\_\_\_\_ important. It wrote: "Tsukiji is a symbol of the global food trade, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese cuisine, and is one of Tokyo's most popular tourist attractions." It added: "Tsukiji (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Tokyo that is...disappearing". Tsukiji's most famous product was tuna. One (11) \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.7million in 2013. The chairman of Tsukiji said everyone worked hard at the market, "(12) \_\_\_\_\_ end".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FISH MARKETS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181008-tsukiji-fish-market-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about fish markets 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) \_\_\_\_\_

