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Ninja to help promote tourism in Japan

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181215-ninja-tourism.html>

Japan will use ninja to help boost tourism over the next few years. Ninja will promote Japan and ninja culture in the run-up to the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Ninja are a famous symbol of Japan and many people around the world know about these dark-clothed figures who are great at fighting and can run across rooftops at great speed. Several ninja gave an example of their skills on Wednesday when a group of them "sneaked" into the office of Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. This was the start of the ninja tourism campaign. Mr Abe joked with the ninja. He said: "Even though you're all wearing such bright colors, you were still able to slip through the tight security of my office."

A ninja was a kind of secret agent, spy and fighter in Japan. He or she was a specialist who was skilled in many areas. The main functions of a ninja included assassination, fighting, infiltration (getting into an enemy area or building), sabotage and spying. The first ninja appeared in the 15th century when they helped warlords win land and get more power. In the 19th century, ninja became popular figures in art, literature and early manga. Artists and writers surrounded them in mystery and gave them legendary abilities, such as invisibility, walking on water and being able to control the natural elements. Today we see them around the world in movies, cartoons, comics, games and manga.

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/12/12/national/ninja-sneak-prime-minister-abes-office-seeking-help-promote-ancient-art-tourists/>
https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/news/20181212_47/
<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20181212/p2g/00m/0dm/097000c>

WARM-UPS

1. NINJA: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ninja. 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?

ninja / tourism / culture / famous / symbol / fighting / skill / speed / bright colors / secret agent / specialist / enemy / power / 19th century / literature / cartoons

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

3. TOURISM: Students A **strongly** believe tourism is a good thing; Students B **strongly** believe tourism is a bad thing. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MY COUNTRY: What are the symbols and famous parts of your country? How much do you like this? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	Why you like it
National symbol		
Food		
Dress		
Site		
Literature		
Sport		

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

6. LEGENDARY ABILITIES: Rank these legendary abilities with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Invisibility
- Walking on water
- X-ray vision
- Controlling fire
- Hypnosis
- Flying
- Great strength
- Mind reading

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| 1. boost | a. Moved or went somewhere in a secret and quiet way. |
| 2. run-up | b. A thing that represents or stands for something else. |
| 3. symbol | c. The days, weeks, months or years before an important event. |
| 4. figure | d. Actions followed or taken to make sure people or things are safe. |
| 5. sneaked | e. Help or encourage something to increase or improve. |
| 6. tight | f. A person who is important or special in some way. |
| 7. security | g. About a rule, policy, or form of control that is very strict. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| 8. spy | h. Destroy or damage something. |
| 9. specialist | i. Not being able to be seen. |
| 10. assassination | j. Be all around someone or something. |
| 11. sabotage | k. A person who focuses mainly on a particular subject or activity; a person highly skilled in something. |
| 12. surrounded | l. Any of the four things that make up the world (earth, water, air, and fire). |
| 13. invisibility | m. A person who secretly collects and reports information on the activities, movements, and plans of an enemy, another country or a competitor. |
| 14. natural elements | n. Killing an important or famous person (often for political or religious reasons). |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181215-ninja-tourism.html>

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

- a. Japan will use ninja to help promote the Rugby World Cup. **T / F**
- b. The article says ninja run fast across rooftops. **T / F**
- c. A group of ninja secretly got into the Japanese Prime Minister's office. **T / F**
- d. The Prime Minister was angry the ninja got into his office. **T / F**
- e. The article said ninja were skilled in one area. **T / F**
- f. The article said ninja originated in the 19th century. **T / F**
- g. Writers gave ninja special powers like being invisible. **T / F**
- h. The article says ninja are no longer seen in comics. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. boost | a. well-liked |
| 2. symbol | b. crept |
| 3. figures | c. vandalism |
| 4. sneaked | d. image |
| 5. tight | e. expert |
| 6. specialist | f. films |
| 7. sabotage | g. promote |
| 8. popular | h. like |
| 9. such as | i. strict |
| 10. movies | j. people |

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

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. in the run-up to the | a. elements |
| 2. Ninja are a famous | b. security of my office |
| 3. a group of them sneaked | c. of secret agent |
| 4. Even though you're all wearing | d. them in mystery |
| 5. slip through the tight | e. symbol of Japan |
| 6. A ninja was a kind | f. in the 15th century |
| 7. a specialist who was skilled | g. such bright colors |
| 8. The first ninja appeared | h. in many areas |
| 9. Artists and writers surrounded | i. into the office |
| 10. control the natural | j. 2019 Rugby World Cup |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181215-ninja-tourism.html>

Japan will use ninja to help (1) _____ tourism over the next few years. Ninja will promote Japan and ninja culture in the (2) _____ to the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Ninja are a famous (3) _____ of Japan and many people around the world know about these dark-clothed (4) _____ who are great at fighting and can run across rooftops at great speed. Several ninja gave an example of their (5) _____ on Wednesday when a group of them "sneaked" into the (6) _____ of Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. This was the start of the ninja tourism (7) _____. Mr Abe joked with the ninja. He said: "Even though you're all wearing such bright colors, you were still able to slip through the (8) _____ security of my office."

symbol
skills
boost
campaign
figures
tight
run-up
office

A ninja was a kind of secret agent, (9) _____ and fighter in Japan. He or she was a specialist who was (10) _____ in many areas. The main functions of a ninja included assassination, fighting, infiltration (getting into an (11) _____ area or building), sabotage and spying. The first ninja appeared in the 15th (12) _____ when they helped warlords win (13) _____ and get more power. In the 19th century, ninja became popular figures in art, literature and (14) _____ manga. Artists and writers surrounded them in mystery and gave them legendary abilities, such as (15) _____, walking on water and being able to control the natural (16) _____. Today we see them around the world in movies, cartoons, comics, games and manga.

century
skilled
early
elements
enemy
land
spy
invisibility

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181215-ninja-tourism.html>

- 1) Japan will use ninja to help boost tourism over _____ years.
 - a. the next flew
 - b. the next phew
 - c. the next flue
 - d. the next few
- 2) dark-clothed figures who are great at fighting and can run across rooftops _____
 - a. at greatly speed
 - b. at great speed
 - c. that great sped
 - d. at greatly sped
- 3) an example of their skills on Wednesday when a group of them _____ the office
 - a. "snaked" onto
 - b. "sneaked" into
 - c. "sneaked" unto
 - d. "snaked" in through
- 4) He said: "Even though you're all wearing _____"
 - a. such bright colors
 - b. such brightly colors
 - c. much bright colors
 - d. ouch bright colors
- 5) you were still able to slip through _____
 - a. the tight security
 - b. the tights security
 - c. the tightly security
 - d. the tighter security
- 6) He or she was a specialist who was skilled _____
 - a. in many arenas
 - b. in many auroras
 - c. in many areas
 - d. in many airy as
- 7) In the 19th century, ninja became popular figures in art, literature _____ manga
 - a. end dearly
 - b. and early
 - c. undo early
 - d. an dearly
- 8) Artists and writers surrounded them in mystery and gave them _____
 - a. legendary ability
 - b. legendary disabilities
 - c. legendary ability is
 - d. legendary abilities
- 9) such as invisibility, walking on water and being able to control _____ elements
 - a. the natural
 - b. the naturally
 - c. the nature all
 - d. the naturalize
- 10) Today we see them around the world in movies, cartoons, comics, _____
 - a. games and manga
 - b. games and manger
 - c. games and mangle
 - d. games and man gal

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181215-ninja-tourism.html>

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A ninja (7) _____ of secret agent, spy and fighter in Japan. He or she was a specialist who was skilled in many areas. The (8) _____ a ninja included assassination, fighting, infiltration (getting into an enemy area or building), sabotage and spying. The first ninja (9) _____ 15th century when they helped warlords win land and get more power. In the 19th century, ninja became (10) _____ art, literature and early manga. Artists and writers surrounded them in mystery and gave (11) _____, such as invisibility, walking on water and being able to control the natural elements. Today we see (12) _____ world in movies, cartoons, comics, games and manga.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181215-ninja-tourism.html>

1. What will the ninja help promote in 2019?
2. What did the article say ninja can run across?
3. What did a group of ninja sneak into on Wednesday?
4. What colours did Japan's Prime Minister say the ninja were wearing?
5. What did Japan's Prime Minister say the ninja slipped through?
6. What did the article say ninja were besides secret agents and fighters?
7. When did the first ninja appear in Japan?
8. What popularized ninja in the 1800s?
9. What did a legendary power allow ninja to walk on?
10. What did a legendary power enable ninja to control?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181215-ninja-tourism.html>

- 1) What will the ninja help promote in 2019?
 - a) Japanese food
 - b) the 2019 Rugby World Cup
 - c) a Mount Fuji festival
 - d) world peace
- 2) What did the article say ninja can run across?
 - a) enemy fighters
 - b) ice
 - c) fire
 - d) rooftops
- 3) What did a group of ninja sneak into on Wednesday?
 - a) the Prime Minister's office
 - b) a samurai house
 - c) a TV studio
 - d) a bank
- 4) What colours did Japan's Prime Minister say the ninja were wearing?
 - a) dark colours
 - b) black and silver
 - c) bright colours
 - d) blue, pink, yellow and purple
- 5) What did Japan's Prime Minister say the ninja slipped through?
 - a) the cracks
 - b) tight security
 - c) ice
 - d) a narrow fence
- 6) What did the article say ninja were besides secret agents and fighters?
 - a) spies
 - b) karate black belts
 - c) artists
 - d) farmers
- 7) When did the first ninja appear in Japan?
 - a) the 19th century
 - b) the 1500s
 - c) the 15th century
 - d) the 17th century
- 8) What popularized ninja in the 1800s?
 - a) art, literature and manga
 - b) storytellers
 - c) early telephones
 - d) theatres
- 9) What did a legendary power allow ninja to walk on?
 - a) water
 - b) fire
 - c) broken glass
 - d) air
- 10) What did a legendary power enable ninja to control?
 - a) money
 - b) samurai
 - c) minds
 - d) the elements

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Invisibility

You think invisibility is the best ability to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their abilities. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): X-ray vision, hypnosis or flying.

Role B – X-ray vision

You think X-ray vision is the best ability to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their abilities. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): invisibility, hypnosis or flying.

Role C – Hypnosis

You think hypnosis is the best ability to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their abilities. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): X-ray vision, invisibility or flying.

Role D – Flying

You think flying is the best ability to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their abilities. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): X-ray vision, hypnosis or invisibility.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181215-ninja-tourism.html>

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

ninja	tourism

- 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">• few• symbol• run• group• start• office	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• kind• main• first• early• water• games
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NINJA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ninja 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.

NINJA 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 'ninja'?
3. What do you know about ninja?
4. What are the best things to see and do in Japan?
5. Which is better - the Rugby World Cup or the Olympics?
6. What are the symbols of your country?
7. What training do ninja need?
8. Have you ever sneaked into anything?
9. How successful do you think the ninja tourism campaign will be?
10. What activities might there be in the ninja tourism campaign?

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NINJA 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 'tourism'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you be a good secret agent?
15. What do you think of the ninja's functions?
16. What are your favourite ninja movies or manga?
17. What would you do if you could make yourself invisible?
18. What would you do if you could control the natural elements?
19. What is the best thing about Japanese culture?
20. What questions would you like to ask Japan's Prime Minister?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) beast | (b) boost | (c) boast | (d) baste |
| 2. | (a) runaway | (b) run-up | (c) runaround | (d) runabout |
| 3. | (a) motto | (b) logo | (c) insignia | (d) symbol |
| 4. | (a) grate | (b) great | (c) greet | (d) grade |
| 5. | (a) that | (b) them | (c) their | (d) they |
| 6. | (a) slap | (b) slop | (c) slip | (d) slope |
| 7. | (a) mean | (b) moan | (c) main | (d) mane |
| 8. | (a) staying | (b) slaying | (c) spying | (d) stopping |
| 9. | (a) painting | (b) written | (c) numeral | (d) popular |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) at | (d) in |
| 11. | (a) as | (b) is | (c) has | (d) was |
| 12. | (a) worlds | (b) worldwide | (c) worldly | (d) world beater |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. use ninja to help tobso tourism
2. Ninja are a famous mybols
3. dark-clothed igsfeur
4. run across rfstopoo at great speed
5. the start of the ninja tourism gcapmani
6. slip through the tight tursicye

Paragraph 2

7. secret agent
8. a itlcipeass who was skilled in many areas
9. getting into an nemye area
10. ninja became popular igseurf in art
11. abilities such as nbiyiislivit
12. natural emtneels

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181215-ninja-tourism.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () areas. The main functions of a ninja included assassination, fighting, infiltration (getting into an enemy
- () symbol of Japan and many people around the world know about these dark-clothed figures who are great
- () colors, you were still able to slip through the tight security of my office."
- () A ninja was a kind of secret agent, spy and fighter in Japan. He or she was a specialist who was skilled in many
- (**1**) Japan will use ninja to help boost tourism over the next few years. Ninja will promote Japan and ninja
- () at fighting and can run across rooftops at great speed. Several ninja gave an example of their skills
- () of the ninja tourism campaign. Mr Abe joked with the ninja. He said: "Even though you're all wearing such bright
- () literature and early manga. Artists and writers surrounded them in mystery and gave them legendary abilities, such
- () area or building), sabotage and spying. The first ninja appeared in the 15th century when they helped warlords win
- () on Wednesday when a group of them "sneaked" into the office of Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. This was the start
- () land and get more power. In the 19th century, ninja became popular figures in art,
- () culture in the run-up to the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Ninja are a famous
- () as invisibility, walking on water and being able to control the natural elements. Today we see them
- () around the world in movies, cartoons, comics, games and manga.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181215-ninja-tourism.html>

1. will help Japan ninja to boost tourism . use
2. are Japan . a famous Ninja symbol of
3. gave their skills . of example an ninja Several
4. wearing colors . Even though you're such bright all
5. through my of Slip tight the security office .
6. functions The assassination . ninja main a of included
7. ninja the century, In figures . popular became 19th
8. in and them mystery . Artists writers surrounded
9. as such invisibility . abilities, them Gave legendary
10. able control Being to natural the elements .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181215-ninja-tourism.html>

Japan will use ninja to help *boast / boost* tourism over the next few years. Ninja will promote Japan and ninja culture *in / on* the run-up to the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Ninja are a famous *symbol / symbolic* of Japan and many people around the world *now / know* about these dark-clothed figures who are great *that / at* fighting and can run across rooftops at great speed. Several ninja *gave / given* an example of their skills on Wednesday when a *group / grouped* of them "sneaked" into the office of Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. This was the *starts / start* of the ninja tourism campaign. Mr Abe joked with the ninja. He said: "Even though you're all *worn / wearing* such bright colors, you were still able to slip through the *light / tight* security of my office."

A ninja was a *kind / kindly* of secret agent, spy and fighter in Japan. He or she was a specialist who was skilled *on / in* many areas. The main functions of a ninja *inclusive / included* assassination, fighting, infiltration (getting into an enemy area or building), *sabotage / entourage* and spying. The first ninja appeared *on / in* the 15th century when they helped warlords win land and get more power. In the 19th century, ninja became popular *numerals / figures* in art, literature and *nearly / early* manga. Artists and writers surrounded them in mystery and gave them legendary abilities, such *was / as* invisibility, walking on water and *being / been* able to control the natural elements. Today we see them around the world in movies, cartoons, *comets / comics*, games and manga.

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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J_p_n w_ll _s_ n_nj_ t_ h_l p b__ s t t__ r_s m
_v_r th_ n_x t f_w y__ r_s . N_nj_ w_ll p_r_m_t_
J_p_n _n_d n_nj_ c_l_t_r_ _n th_ r_n -_p t_ th_ 2
0 1 9 R_g b_y W_r_l_d C_p _n_d th_ 2 0 2 0 T_k y_
O l y m p_c s . N_nj_ _r_ _ f_m__ s s y m b_l _f
J_p_n _n_d m_n y p__ p_l_r__ n_d th_ w_r_l_d k
n_w _b__ t th_s_ d_r_k - c_l_t_h_d f_g_r_s w_h_ _r_g
r__ t _t f_g h_t_n_g _n_d c_n r_n _c_r_s_s r__ f_t_p_s
_t g_r__ t s_p__ d . S_v_r_l n_nj_ g_v_ _n _x_m_p_l_
_f th__ r s_k_l_l_s _n W_d_n_s_d_y w_h_n _g_r__ p
_f th_m "s_n__ k_d" _n_t_ th_ _f_f_c_ _f J_p_n 's
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181215-ninja-tourism.html>

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **ninja** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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

4. INCREASING TOURISM: Write a magazine article about increasing tourism. 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 tourism. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to promote tourism in your country. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. boost | a. promote |
| 2. symbol | b. image |
| 3. figures | c. people |
| 4. sneaked | d. crept |
| 5. tight | e. strict |
| 6. specialist | f. expert |
| 7. sabotage | g. vandalism |
| 8. popular | h. well-liked |
| 9. such as | i. like |
| 10. movies | j. films |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The Rugby World Cup
2. Rooftops
3. The Prime Minister's office
4. Bright colours
5. Tight security
6. Spies
7. The 15th century
8. Art, literature and early manga
9. Water
10. The natural elements

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Japan will use ninja to help boost tourism.
2. Ninja are a famous symbol of Japan.
3. Several ninja gave an example of their skills.
4. Even though you're all wearing such bright colors.
5. Slip through the tight security of my office.
6. The main functions of a ninja included assassination.
7. In the 19th century, ninja became popular figures.
8. Artists and writers surrounded them in mystery.
9. Gave them legendary abilities, such as invisibility.
10. Being able to control the natural elements.

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 ;-)