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Japan has a new emperor

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Japan's Emperor Akihito, 85, has abdicated. He was emperor for 30 years. He abdicated because of his health. He thinks his son, Naruhito, can do the emperor's duties better. People will remember Akihito for his kindness. He always visited people after earthquakes, tsunami and other natural disasters.

Emperor Naruhito, 59, is the 126th emperor of the world's oldest monarchy. He studied at Oxford University. His wife, the new Empress Masako, studied at Harvard University. Naruhito received a sword and a jewel that are thousands of years old.

There was a special ceremony. Millions of Japanese watched the historic event.

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/04/29/national/japans-peaceful-heisei-era-leaves-legacy-change-growth-tragedy/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Japan's Emperor Akihito, 85, | a. can |
| 2. He was emperor | b. after earthquakes |
| 3. He abdicated because | c. has abdicated |
| 4. He thinks his son, Naruhito, | d. disasters |
| 5. do the emperor's duties | e. of his health |
| 6. People will remember Akihito for | f. better |
| 7. He always visited people | g. for 30 years |
| 8. natural | h. his kindness |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Emperor Naruhito, 59, is | a. special ceremony |
| 2. the world's oldest | b. Harvard University |
| 3. studied at | c. monarchy |
| 4. Naruhito received a sword | d. event |
| 5. thousands of | e. and a jewel |
| 6. There was a | f. watched |
| 7. Millions of Japanese | g. years old |
| 8. the historic | h. the 126th emperor |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan's Emperor Akihito, (1) _____ . He was emperor for 30 years. He abdicated (2) _____ health. He (3) _____, Naruhito, can do the emperor's duties better. (4) _____ Akihito for his kindness. He (5) _____ after earthquakes, tsunami and (6) _____ .

Emperor Naruhito, 59, (7) _____ emperor of the world's oldest monarchy. (8) _____ Oxford University. His (9) _____ Empress Masako, studied at Harvard University. Naruhito (10) _____ and a jewel that (11) _____ years old. There was a special ceremony. Millions of Japanese (12) _____ event.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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JAPAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Japan 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) _____

