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**Level 5 – 6th July, 2019**

## **Japan begins commercial whaling after 30 years**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Japan has restarted commercial whaling after a three-decade break. Commercial whaling was banned in 1986 by the International Whaling Commission (IWC). However, Japan withdrew from the IWC in December. Japan has promised its whalers will stay within 320 kilometers from its coast. It has set a quota for killing 227 whales every six months. This week, whalers caught two minke whales. These were taken to a northern Japanese port. The whale meat was sold in Tokyo for record prices. Eager restaurant owners bought the meat at prices of up to \$140 per kilo.

Japan has engaged in whaling for centuries. A whale chef summed up why he thought commercial whaling was important. He said: "A country that does not preserve its food culture has no future." He said whale meat was healthy. He said: "It is five times lower in calories than beef, 10 times lower in cholesterol, two times less fat than chicken and it's packed with iron. But abroad, people do not know this." Japan's return to whaling has brought international outcry. The Humane Society said: "This is a sad day for whale protection globally."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. after a three-decade       | a. killing 227 whales |
| 2. Japan withdrew             | b. bought the meat    |
| 3. stay within 320 kilometers | c. from the IWC       |
| 4. It has set a quota for     | d. to \$140 per kilo  |
| 5. taken to a northern        | e. for record prices  |
| 6. sold in Tokyo              | f. from its coast     |
| 7. Eager restaurant owners    | g. break              |
| 8. at prices of up            | h. Japanese port      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Japan has engaged in whaling       | a. its food culture    |
| 2. A country that does not preserve   | b. outcry              |
| 3. It is five times lower in calories | c. fat than chicken    |
| 4. 10 times lower                     | d. protection globally |
| 5. two times less                     | e. iron                |
| 6. packed with                        | f. for centuries       |
| 7. whaling has brought international  | g. than beef           |
| 8. This is a sad day for whale        | h. in cholesterol      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan has restarted commercial whaling after (1) \_\_\_\_\_.

Commercial whaling (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 1986 by the International Whaling Commission (IWC). However, Japan withdrew from the IWC in December. Japan has (3) \_\_\_\_\_ will stay within 320 kilometers from its coast. It has (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for killing 227 whales every six months. This week, whalers caught two minke whales. These were taken to a (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The whale meat was sold in Tokyo for record prices. Eager restaurant (6) \_\_\_\_\_ meat at prices of up to \$140 per kilo.

Japan has engaged in whaling for centuries. A whale (7) \_\_\_\_\_ why he thought commercial whaling was important. He said: "A country that does not (8) \_\_\_\_\_ culture has no future." He said whale meat was healthy. He said: "It is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in calories than beef, 10 times lower in cholesterol, two times less fat than chicken and it's (10) \_\_\_\_\_. But abroad, people do not know this." Japan's (11) \_\_\_\_\_ has brought international outcry. The Humane Society said: "This is a sad day for (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WHALING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190706-commercial-whaling-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about whaling 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) \_\_\_\_\_

