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South Korea wants 2020 Olympics Rising Sun flag ban

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190908-rising-sun-flag.html>

Amid escalating tensions between South Korea and Japan, the South Korean government has called on Japan to ban any displaying of the Rising Sun flag at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. This follows a statement by Japan's Olympics organising committee that it sees no problem with the flag. The committee said: "The Rising Sun flag is widely used in Japan and it is not considered to be a political statement, so it is not viewed as a prohibited item." A South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "The Japanese know full well that their neighbours regard the Rising Sun flag as a symbol of Japan's militaristic and imperial past. Japan needs to be more humble about owning up to its historical legacy."

Relations between the two east-Asian nations have taken a downturn in the past few months. They are currently embroiled in a bitter trade war that has seen people in Korea burning Japanese products. Many South Koreans are shunning Japan as a tourist destination, leading to Japanese carriers slashing the number of flights to South Korea. Last month, Japan removed South Korea from its "white list" of trusted trade partners. This led to delays in the exports of items like car parts and household electronics to South Korea. In retaliation, Koreans have been boycotting Japanese beer, clothing brands and other products. The spat poses a threat to the global supply chain of semi-conductors.

Sources: <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1084335/japan-korea-rising-sun-tokyo-2020>
http://www.hani.co.kr/arti/english_edition/e_international/908430.html
https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2019/09/120_275149.html

WARM-UPS

1. FLAGS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about flags. 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?

tensions / ban / statement / committee / political / prohibited / imperial / legacy / relations / downturn / trade war / tourist / destination / trade / electronics / spat

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

3. NATIONAL FLAGS: Students A **strongly** believe only national flags should be allowed at sporting events; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA: What do you know about Japan and South Korea? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Japan	South Korea
Food		
Music		
Sites		
History		
Industry		
Sports		

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

6. TENSIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that can cause most tensions between countries at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- trade
- religion
- disputed borders
- previous wars
- language
- water rights
- fishing rights
- drugs

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. amid | a. A thing handed down by people who came before in history. |
| 2. escalating | b. Putting something in a place where it can be easily seen. |
| 3. displaying | c. That has been forbidden; banned. |
| 4. committee | d. Surrounded by; in the middle of. |
| 5. prohibited | e. Relating to an empire. |
| 6. imperial | f. Becoming or causing to become more intense or serious. |
| 7. legacy | g. A group of people appointed for a specific function. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. downturn | h. Constantly avoiding, ignoring, or rejecting someone or something. |
| 9. embroiled | i. Reducing something greatly. |
| 10. bitter | j. Refusing to buy or handle goods as a protest. |
| 11. shunning | k. Involves deeply in an argument, conflict, or difficult situation. |
| 12. slashing | l. The action of harming or hitting back at someone because they have harmed you. |
| 13. retaliation | m. Of a conflict, argument, or opponent that is full of anger. |
| 14. boycotting | n. A decline in economic, business, or other activity. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190908-rising-sun-flag.html>

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

- a. The article said tensions between Japan and South Korea are escalating. **T / F**
- b. Japan's Olympic committee said there is no problem with the flag. **T / F**
- c. Japan's Olympic committee said the flag is rarely used in Japan. **T / F**
- d. South Korea said Japan should show more humility regarding its past. **T / F**
- e. There is little danger of a trade war between the two nations. **T / F**
- f. Japanese people are burning South Korean products. **T / F**
- g. South Korea is no longer a trusted trade partner of Japan. **T / F**
- h. The trade dispute has not affected the semi-conductor trade. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. escalating | a. entangled |
| 2. ban | b. heritage |
| 3. considered | c. representation |
| 4. symbol | d. hold ups |
| 5. legacy | e. prohibit |
| 6. embroiled | f. cutting |
| 7. shunning | g. presents |
| 8. slashing | h. increasing |
| 9. delays | i. avoiding |
| 10. poses | j. thought |

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

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Amid escalating | a. partners |
| 2. it is not considered to be a | b. well |
| 3. The Japanese know full | c. humble |
| 4. a symbol of Japan's militaristic and | d. delays in the exports |
| 5. be more | e. political statement |
| 6. Japan as a tourist | f. chain of semi-conductors |
| 7. trusted trade | g. tensions |
| 8. This led to | h. retaliation |
| 9. In | i. destination |
| 10. the global supply | j. imperial past |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190908-rising-sun-flag.html>

Amid escalating (1) _____ between South Korea and Japan, the South Korean government has called on Japan to ban any (2) _____ of the Rising Sun flag at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. This follows a (3) _____ by Japan's Olympics organising committee that it sees no problem with the flag. The committee said: "The Rising Sun flag is (4) _____ used in Japan and it is not considered to be a political statement, so it is not (5) _____ as a prohibited item." A South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "The Japanese know (6) _____ well that their neighbours regard the Rising Sun flag as a symbol of Japan's militaristic and (7) _____ past. Japan needs to be more humble about owning up to its historical (8) _____."

displaying
viewed
tensions
legacy
widely
imperial
statement
full

Relations between the two east-Asian nations have taken a (9) _____ in the past few months. They are currently embroiled in a (10) _____ trade war that has seen people in Korea burning Japanese products. Many South Koreans are (11) _____ Japan as a tourist destination, leading to Japanese (12) _____ slashing the number of (13) _____ to South Korea. Last month, Japan removed South Korea from its "white list" of trusted trade partners. This led to (14) _____ in the exports of items like car parts and household electronics to South Korea. In (15) _____, Koreans have been boycotting Japanese beer, clothing brands and other products. The spat poses a threat to the global supply (16) _____ of semi-conductors.

bitter
chain
delays
carriers
retaliation
downturn
shunning
flights

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190908-rising-sun-flag.html>

- 1) the South Korean government has called on Japan to ban any _____ Rising Sun
 - a. display in of the
 - b. displaying in the
 - c. displaying oft the
 - d. displaying of the
- 2) The Rising Sun flag is widely used in Japan and it is not considered to be _____
 - a. a politics statement
 - b. a political statement
 - c. a politic all statement
 - d. a politically statement
- 3) A South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said the Japanese _____
 - a. know full well
 - b. knows fall well
 - c. know fall well
 - d. known full well
- 4) the Rising Sun flag as a symbol of Japan's militaristic _____
 - a. and imp aerial past
 - b. and imp airy all past
 - c. and in pure real past
 - d. and imperial past
- 5) Japan needs to be more humble about owning up to its _____
 - a. historical legacy
 - b. historical leg I see
 - c. historical logistics
 - d. historical leg gassy
- 6) Relations between the two east-Asian nations have taken a _____ the past
 - a. downturn in
 - b. downturn on
 - c. down tern in
 - d. down turning
- 7) They are currently embroiled in a _____ war
 - a. bitter tirade
 - b. bit tar tirade
 - c. bitter trade
 - d. bit her trade
- 8) leading to Japanese carriers slashing the _____
 - a. number of fights
 - b. number of frights
 - c. number of freights
 - d. number of flights
- 9) In retaliation, Koreans have been boycotting Japanese beer, clothing _____ products
 - a. bland and other
 - b. brands and other
 - c. brandies and other
 - d. braids and other
- 10) The spat poses a threat to the global supply chain of _____
 - a. demi-conductors
 - b. semi-conductors
 - c. hemi-conductors
 - d. them-conductors

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Relations between the two east-Asian nations have (7) _____ in the past few months. They are currently embroiled in a (8) _____ that has seen people in Korea burning Japanese products. Many South Koreans are shunning Japan as a tourist destination, leading to Japanese (9) _____ number of flights to South Korea. Last month, Japan removed South Korea from its "white list" of trusted trade partners. This (10) _____ in the exports of items like car parts and household electronics to South Korea. In retaliation, Koreans (11) _____ Japanese beer, clothing brands and other products. The spat poses a threat to the (12) _____ of semi-conductors.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190908-rising-sun-flag.html>

1. What adjective did the article use to describe the tensions?
2. Who said there was no problem with the Rising Sun flag?
3. What did a committee say the flag is not considered to be?
4. Who said the flag was a symbol of Japan's imperial past?
5. What did a spokesman say Japan should own up to?
6. What has happened to Japan-South Korea relations in the past months?
7. What is Japan and South Korea currently embroiled in?
8. What are South Korean tourists shunning?
9. What did Japan remove South Korea from?
10. What is there a threat to the global supply chain of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190908-rising-sun-flag.html>

- 1) What adjective did the article use to describe the tensions?
 - a) festering
 - b) escalating
 - c) dangerous
 - d) volatile
- 2) Who said there was no problem with the Rising Sun flag?
 - a) South Korean athletes
 - b) Japan's flag committee
 - c) Japanese athletes
 - d) Japan's Olympics organising committee
- 3) What did a committee say the flag is not considered to be?
 - a) a national emblem
 - b) a source of friction
 - c) a political statement
 - d) modern
- 4) Who said the flag was a symbol of Japan's imperial past?
 - a) a South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman
 - b) South Korea's President
 - c) South Korean generals
 - d) Japan's Prime Minister
- 5) What did a spokesman say Japan should own up to?
 - a) the past
 - b) its historical legacy
 - c) who designed the flag
 - d) an Olympics logo
- 6) What has happened to Japan-South Korea relations in the past months?
 - a) a downturn
 - b) a swerve
 - c) a broadside
 - d) a wobble
- 7) What is Japan and South Korea currently embroiled in?
 - a) an embargo
 - b) negotiations
 - c) a bitter trade dispute
 - d) a naval dispute
- 8) What are South Korean tourists shunning?
 - a) Japan as a tourist destination
 - b) Japanese manga
 - c) Japanese anime
 - d) the Olympics
- 9) What did Japan remove South Korea from?
 - a) the Olympics opening ceremony
 - b) a map
 - c) a military practice schedule
 - d) its white list of trusted trade partners
- 10) What is there a threat to the global supply chain of?
 - a) smartphones
 - b) seaweed
 - c) semi-conductors
 - d) padlocks

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Trade

You think trade causes most tensions between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't raise as many tensions. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to increase tensions (and why): religion, water rights or disputed borders.

Role B – Religion

You think religion causes most tensions between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't raise as many tensions. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to increase tensions (and why): trade, water rights or disputed borders.

Role C – Water Rights

You think water rights causes most tensions between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't raise as many tensions. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to increase tensions (and why): religion, trade or disputed borders.

Role D – Disputed Borders

You think disputed borders causes most tensions between countries. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't raise as many tensions. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to increase tensions (and why): religion, water rights or trade.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190908-rising-sun-flag.html>

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

sun	flag

- 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">• amid• follows• problem• item• full• up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• two• bitter• tourist• number• white• chain
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FLAGS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190908-rising-sun-flag.html>

Write five GOOD questions about flags 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.

FLAGS 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 'flag'?
3. What do you think of Japan's Rising Sun flag?
4. What do you know about relations between Japan and South Korea?
5. What do you know about relations between Japan and North Korea?
6. What flags should be displayed at the Olympics?
7. Should Japan listen to South Korea?
8. Should only national flags be allowed at the Olympics?
9. What do you know about Japan's 'militaristic and imperial past'?
10. How successful do you think the 2020 Olympics will be?

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FLAGS 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 'sun'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are your country's relations with its neighbours like?
15. Why do countries get involved in trade wars?
16. Who wins trade wars?
17. What do you think of Japan as a tourist destination?
18. How do you think this story will end?
19. How important are semi-conductors to the world?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Tokyo Olympics boss?

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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Relations between the two east-Asian nations have taken a (7) _____ in the past few months. They are currently (8) _____ in a bitter trade war that has seen people in Korea burning Japanese products. Many South Koreans are shunning Japan as a tourist destination, leading to Japanese (9) _____ slashing the number of flights to South Korea. Last month, Japan removed South Korea from its "white list" of trusted trade partners. This led to delays (10) _____ the exports of items like car parts and household electronics to South Korea. In (11) _____, Koreans have been boycotting Japanese beer, clothing brands and other products. The spat poses a threat to the global supply chain of (12) _____ -conductors.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) Aimed | (b) Armed | (c) Amid | (d) And |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) at | (d) of |
| 3. | (a) sees | (b) looks | (c) watches | (d) views |
| 4. | (a) widely | (b) widen | (c) width | (d) widening |
| 5. | (a) fuel | (b) full | (c) feel | (d) fall |
| 6. | (a) out | (b) in | (c) down | (d) up |
| 7. | (a) broadside | (b) turning | (c) downturn | (d) left field |
| 8. | (a) imbibed | (b) boiled | (c) imbroglio | (d) embroiled |
| 9. | (a) carriers | (b) careers | (c) carries | (d) caries |
| 10. | (a) in | (b) by | (c) as | (d) via |
| 11. | (a) resultant | (b) retaliation | (c) rational | (d) realtor |
| 12. | (a) hemi | (b) demi | (c) semi | (d) emir |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Amid gnitesclaa tensions
2. This follows a tnaemstet
3. Japan's Olympics organising immteecto
4. it is not viewed as a diohtrepib item
5. Japan's militaristic and eipmlari past
6. owning up to its historical lageyc

Paragraph 2

7. currently eedlbirmo in a bitter trade war
8. Japan as a tourist dnsoaeniitt
9. This led to dalyes in the exports
10. In inaoitaltre
11. noctybtgoi Japanese beer
12. the global supply chain of semi-dscunocort

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190908-rising-sun-flag.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to South Korea. In retaliation, Koreans have been boycotting Japanese beer, clothing brands
- () know full well that their neighbours regard the Rising Sun flag as a symbol of Japan's militaristic and
- () ban any displaying of the Rising Sun flag at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. This follows a
- () statement by Japan's Olympics organising committee that it sees no problem with the flag. The committee
- () partners. This led to delays in the exports of items like car parts and household electronics
- () and other products. The spat poses a threat to the global supply chain of semi-conductors.
- () embroiled in a bitter trade war that has seen people in Korea burning Japanese products. Many South Koreans are
- (**1**) Amid escalating tensions between South Korea and Japan, the South Korean government has called on Japan to
- () flights to South Korea. Last month, Japan removed South Korea from its "white list" of trusted trade
- () imperial past. Japan needs to be more humble about owning up to its historical legacy."
- () shunning Japan as a tourist destination, leading to Japanese carriers slashing the number of
- () said: "The Rising Sun flag is widely used in Japan and it is not considered to be a political statement, so it is not
- () Relations between the two east-Asian nations have taken a downturn in the past few months. They are currently
- () viewed as a prohibited item." A South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "The Japanese

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. Sun Ban displaying flag . of any the Rising
2. statement . isn't be considered It a political to
3. a not prohibited is item . It as viewed
4. and symbol of imperial A militaristic Japan's past .
5. about its Humble owning historical up legacy . to
6. embroiled war . are trade currently They in a
7. shunning tourist destination . are Koreans a as Japan
8. number Korea . to flights slashing the South Carriers of
9. of Its trusted partners . trade white list
10. supply The semi-conductors . chain of global

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190908-rising-sun-flag.html>

Amid / Armed escalating tensions between South Korea and Japan, the South Korean government has called *in / on* Japan to ban any displaying of the Rising Sun flag at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. This follows a *stated / statement* by Japan's Olympics organising committee that it sees *not / no* problem *wither / with* the flag. The committee said: "The Rising Sun flag is *widen / widely* used in Japan and it is not *considerable / considered* to be a political statement, so it is not viewed as a prohibited *item / totem*." A South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "The Japanese know full well that their neighbours *disregard / regard* the Rising Sun flag as a symbol of Japan's militaristic and imperial past. Japan needs to be *more / less* humble about owning up to its historical legacy."

Relations between the two east-Asian nations have *taken / given* a downturn in the past few months. They are *currently / currency* embroiled in a bitter trade war that has seen people in Korea *burring / burning* Japanese products. Many South Koreans are *shunning / stunning* Japan as a tourist destination, leading to Japanese *carries / carriers* slashing the number of flights to South Korea. Last month, Japan *removal / removed* South Korea from its "white list" of *trusted / tryst* trade partners. This led to *relays / delays* in the exports of items like car parts and household electronics to South Korea. *In / On* retaliation, Koreans have been boycotting Japanese beer, clothing brands and other products. The spat poses a threat to the global supply *rope / chain* of semi-conductors.

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)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190908-rising-sun-flag.html>

A m_d _s c_l_t_n g t_n s__ n s b_t w__ n S__ t h
K_r__ _n d J_p_n , t h_ S__ t h K_r__ n g_v_r n m_n
t h_s c_l_l_d _n J_p_n t_ b_n _n y d_s p_l_y_n g
f t h R_s_n g S_n f_l_g _t t h_ T_k y_ 2 0 2 0 O
l_y m_p_c s . T h_s f_l_l_w s _ s t_t_m_n t b y J_p_n '
s O l_y m_p_c s _r g_n_s_n g c_m m_t t__ t h_t _t
s__ s _n_ p_r_b_l_m w_t h t h_ f_l_g . T h_ c_m m_t
t__ s__ d : " T h_ R_s_n g S_n f_l_g _s w_d_l_y
_s_d _n J_p_n _n d _t _s _n_t c_n s_d_r_d t_ b_ _
p_l_t_c_l s t_t_m_n t , s__ t _s _n_t v__ w_d _s _ p
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R_s_n g S_n f_l_g _s _ s_y m_b_l _f J_p_n 's
m_l_t_r_s t_c _n d _m p_r__ l p_s t . J_p_n _n__ d s
t_ b_ m_r_ h_m b_l_ _b__ t _w_n_n_g _p t_ _t_s h_s
t_r_c_l l_g_c_y . "

R_l_t__ n s b_t w__ n t h_ t w_ __ s t - A s__ n _n_t__
n s h_v_ t_k_n _ d_w_n t_r_n _n t h_ p_s t f_w m_n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1909/190908-rising-sun-flag.html>

amid escalating tensions between south korea and japan the south korean government has called on japan to ban any displaying of the Rising Sun flag at the tokyo 2020 olympics this follows a statement by japans olympics organising committee that it sees no problem with the flag the committee said the rising sun flag is widely used in japan and it is not considered to be a political statement so it is not viewed as a prohibited item a south korean foreign ministry spokesman said the japanese know full well that their neighbours regard the rising sun flag as a symbol of japans militaristic and imperial past japan needs to be more humble about owning up to its historical legacy

relations between the two eastasian nations have taken a downturn in the past few months they are currently embroiled in a bitter trade war that has seen people in korea burning japanese products many south koreans are shunning japan as a tourist destination leading to japanese carriers slashing the number of flights to south korea last month japan removed south korea from its white list of trusted trade partners this led to delays in the exports of items like car parts and household electronics to south korea in retaliation koreans have been boycotting japanese beer clothing brands and other products the spat poses a threat to the global supply chain of semiconductors.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AmidescalatingtensionsbetweenSouthKoreaandJapan,theSouthKoreangovernmenthascalledonJapantobananydisplayingoftheRisingSunflagattheTokyo2020Olympics.ThisfollowsastatementbyJapan'sOlympicsorganisingcommitteethatitseesnoproblemwiththeflag.Thecommitteeaid:"TheRisingSunflagiswidelyusedinJapananditisnotconsideredtobeapoliticalstatement,soitisnotviewedasaprohibiteditem."ASouthKoreanForeignMinistryspokesmansaid:"TheJapaneseknowfullwellthattheirneighboursregardtheRisingSunflagasasymbolofJapan'smilitaristicandimperialpast.Japanneedstobemorehumbleaboutowninguptoitshistoricallegacy."RelationsbetweentheTwoEast-AsianNationshavetakenadownturninthepastfewmonths.TheyarecurrentlyembroiledinabittertradewarthatthasseenpeopleinKoreaburningJapaneseproducts.ManySouthKoreansareshunningJapanasatouristdestination,leadingtoJapanesecarriersslashingthenumberofflightstoSouthKorea.Lastmonth,JapanremovedSouthKoreafromits"whitelist"oftrustedtradepartners.ThisledtodelaysintheexportsofitemsslikecarpartsandhouseholdelectronicsSouthKorea.Inretaliation,KoreanshavebeenboycottingJapanesebeer,clothingbrandsandotherproducts.Thespatesposesathreattotheglobalsupplychainofsemi-conductors.

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

4. NATIONAL FLAGS: Write a magazine article about only national flags being allowed at the Olympics. 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 flags. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on flags at the Olympics. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. escalating | a. increasing |
| 2. ban | b. prohibit |
| 3. considered | c. thought |
| 4. symbol | d. representation |
| 5. legacy | e. heritage |
| 6. embroiled | f. entangled |
| 7. shunning | g. avoiding |
| 8. slashing | h. cutting |
| 9. delays | i. hold ups |
| 10. poses | j. presents |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Escalating
- Japan's Olympics organising committee
- A political statement
- A South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman
- Its historical legacy
- A downturn
- A bitter trade dispute
- Japan as a tourist destination
- Its "white list" of trusted trade partners
- Semi-conductors

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Ban any displaying of the Rising Sun flag.
- It isn't considered to be a political statement.
- It is not viewed as a prohibited item.
- A symbol of Japan's militaristic and imperial past.
- Humble about owning up to its historical legacy.
- They are currently embroiled in a trade war.
- Koreans are shunning Japan as a tourist destination.
- Carriers slashing the number of flights to South Korea.
- Its white list of trusted trade partners.
- The global supply chain of semi-conductors.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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