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Japan to start selling sliced mayonnaise

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THE ARTICLE

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Whatever will they think of next? A food manufacturer in Japan has invented a new product that seems destined to become a huge, global bestseller. The imaginative new culinary invention is sliced mayonnaise. Japanese food company Bourbon believes their handy new comestible will catch on big time. The mayonnaise slices are called "mayo sheets" on the label of the product in Japan. The packaging describes the item as being a "sheet-like condiment" that is good for "easy cooking". The mayo slices (or sheets) come in two flavours – spicy cod roe (mentaiko in Japanese) and tuna. A spokesperson from the company hopes people will add its mayo slices to liven up sandwiches or enhance the taste of pasta dishes.

The new product will start selling soon in Japan for a price of \$1.80 for a pack of four slices. While the company is sure the mayo sheets will be very popular with consumers, especially those in Japan, the social media jury is out on whether the new item is a good idea. The cnet.com website wrote: "Both mayo fans and haters chimed in on Twitter - in equal parts excitement and disgust - about the new slices." The Gizmodo.com website wrote: "Slapping a slice of mayo on a plate of fresh pasta isn't exactly a serving suggestion Americans might embrace, but the next time you're making a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich in a hurry, you might actually be happy to reach for a quick slice."

Sources: <https://www.cnet.com/news/mayonnaise-by-the-slice-innovation-or-curse-from-the-gods/>
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<https://www.foodandwine.com/news/mayonnaise-slices-japan>

WARM-UPS

1. MAYONNAISE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about mayonnaise. 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?

food / manufacturer / invention / new product / culinary / mayonnaise / packaging / consumers / social media / disgust / pasta / bacon / sandwich / in a hurry / slice

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

3. PROCESSED FOOD: Students A **strongly** believe processed food should be banned; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SLICED: What do you think of these sliced things How convenient are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What Do You Think?	How Convenient?
Mayonnaise		
Cheese		
Bread		
Pizza		
Cake		
Life		

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

6. SANDWICH: Rank these with your partner. Put the best sandwich fillings at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- tuna
- chicken
- cheese
- egg
- ham
- vegetables
- peanut butter
- jam

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. destined | a. Convenient to have or use. |
| 2. culinary | b. A substance such as salt, pepper or ketchup that is used to add flavor to food. |
| 3. handy | c. Certain to do something in the future. |
| 4. catch on | d. Of, for or about cooking. |
| 5. big time | e. Become popular. |
| 6. condiment | f. On a large scale; to a great extent. |
| 7. enhance | g. Increase, or further improve the quality, value, or extent of. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. consumer | h. Giving or presenting food or drink to someone. |
| 9. jury | i. A person who buys goods and services for personal use. |
| 10. chimed | j. A very bad feeling because of something unpleasant or offensive. |
| 11. disgust | k. An idea or plan put forward for consideration. |
| 12. serving | l. Public opinion. |
| 13. suggestion | m. Accept or support a belief, theory, or change willingly and enthusiastically. |
| 14. embrace | n. Added an opinion. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200227-sliced-mayonnaise.html>

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

- a. The article asked about who they will think of next. **T / F**
- b. The company thinks its new product will sell in small numbers. **T / F**
- c. In Japan, the mayo slices are called "mayo sheets". **T / F**
- d. Some of the mayo slices are flavoured with spicy cod roe. **T / F**
- e. The slices will sell in packs of eight for \$1.80. **T / F**
- f. A jury on social media will decide whether to allow the sale of the slices. **T / F**
- g. A website was unsure whether American would like the mayo slices. **T / F**
- h. A website suggested the mayo slices are good for people in a hurry. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. manufacturer | a. heighten |
| 2. huge | b. convenient |
| 3. invention | c. rush |
| 4. handy | d. enormous |
| 5. enhance | e. interjected |
| 6. pack | f. revulsion |
| 7. chimed in | g. maker |
| 8. disgust | h. welcome |
| 9. embrace | i. creation |
| 10. hurry | j. carton |

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

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. A food manufacturer in Japan has invented | a. invention |
| 2. destined to become a huge, | b. in on Twitter |
| 3. The imaginative new culinary | c. pack of four slices |
| 4. their handy new comestible will catch | d. a quick slice |
| 5. its mayo slices to liven | e. global bestseller |
| 6. a price of \$1.80 for a | f. embrace |
| 7. the social media jury | g. up sandwiches |
| 8. Both mayo fans and haters chimed | h. a new product |
| 9. a serving suggestion Americans might | i. is out |
| 10. be happy to reach for | j. on big time |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200227-sliced-mayonnaise.html>

Whatever will they think of (1) _____? A food manufacturer in Japan has invented a new product that seems (2) _____ to become a huge, global bestseller. The imaginative new culinary (3) _____ is sliced mayonnaise. Japanese food company Bourbon believes their (4) _____ new comestible will catch on big (5) _____. The mayonnaise slices are called "mayo sheets" on the label of the product in Japan. The (6) _____ describes the item as being a "sheet-like condiment" that is good for "easy cooking". The mayo slices (or sheets) come in two (7) _____ - spicy cod roe (mentaiko in Japanese) and tuna. A spokesperson from the company hopes people will add its mayo slices to (8) _____ up sandwiches or enhance the taste of pasta dishes.

destined
handy
liven
packaging
next
flavours
invention
time

The new product will start (9) _____ soon in Japan for a price of \$1.80 for a pack of four slices. While the company is (10) _____ the mayo sheets will be very popular with consumers, especially those in Japan, the social media (11) _____ is out on whether the new item is a good idea. The cnet.com website wrote: "Both mayo fans and haters (12) _____ in on Twitter - in equal (13) _____ excitement and disgust - about the new slices." The Gizmodo.com website wrote: "Slapping a slice of mayo on a plate of fresh pasta isn't (14) _____ a serving suggestion Americans might (15) _____, but the next time you're making a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich in a (16) _____, you might actually be happy to reach for a quick slice."

chimed
exactly
selling
jury
hurry
sure
embrace
parts

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) a new product that seems destined to become a huge, _____
 - a. globally bestseller
 - b. global bestseller
 - c. globe all bestseller
 - d. glow ball bestseller
- 2) The imaginative new _____
 - a. cull in airy invention
 - b. cool in airy invention
 - c. culinary invention
 - d. culling airy invention
- 3) Bourbon believes their handy new comestible will catch _____
 - a. on big time
 - b. in big time
 - c. on big times
 - d. on bigger time
- 4) The mayo slices (or sheets) come _____ flavours
 - a. in two
 - b. into
 - c. in too
 - d. in to
- 5) the company hopes people will add its mayo slices _____ sandwiches
 - a. to liven up
 - b. to liven down
 - c. to liven on
 - d. to liven across
- 6) The new product will start selling soon in Japan for a price of _____
 - a. \$1.80 for a puck
 - b. \$1.80 for a pack
 - c. \$1.80 for a pick
 - d. \$1.80 for a peck
- 7) with consumers, especially those in Japan, the social media _____
 - a. jewellery is out
 - b. jury is out
 - c. dewy is out
 - d. due rise out
- 8) mayo fans and haters chimed in on Twitter - in equal parts _____
 - a. excite and disgust
 - b. excites and disgusted
 - c. excitement and disgusts
 - d. excitement and disgust
- 9) a plate of fresh pasta isn't exactly a serving suggestion Americans _____
 - a. might embarrass
 - b. might in brace
 - c. might embers
 - d. might embrace
- 10) in a hurry, you might actually be happy to reach _____ slice
 - a. four a quick
 - b. for a quickly
 - c. for a quick
 - d. for a quicken

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Whatever will they (1) _____? A food manufacturer in Japan has invented a new product that (2) _____ become a huge, global bestseller. The imaginative new culinary invention is sliced mayonnaise. Japanese food company Bourbon believes their handy new comestible will (3) _____ time. The mayonnaise slices are called "mayo sheets" on the label of the product in Japan. The packaging describes the (4) _____ a "sheet-like condiment" that is good for "easy cooking". The mayo slices (or sheets) (5) _____ flavours – spicy cod roe (mentaiko in Japanese) and tuna. A spokesperson from the company hopes people will add its mayo slices to liven up sandwiches or (6) _____ of pasta dishes.

The new product will start (7) _____ Japan for a price of \$1.80 for a pack of four slices. While the company is sure the mayo sheets will be very (8) _____, especially those in Japan, the social media (9) _____ one whether the new item is a good idea. The cnet.com website wrote: "Both mayo (10) _____ chimed in on Twitter - in equal parts excitement and disgust - about the new slices." The Gizmodo.com website wrote: "Slapping a slice of mayo on a plate of fresh pasta isn't (11) _____ suggestion Americans might embrace, but the next time you're making a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich in a hurry, you might actually be happy to reach (12) _____ slice."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200227-sliced-mayonnaise.html>

1. What did the article say the mayo slices are destined to become?
2. What are the mayo slices called in Japan?
3. How many flavours do the mayo slices come in?
4. What did the article say the mayo slices could liven up?
5. What did the article say the mayo slices could enhance the taste of?
6. How many slices will you be able to buy in Japan for \$1.80?
7. What is out on deciding whether the slices are good or not?
8. Who did cnet.com say chimed in on Twitter besides mayo fans?
9. Who did gizmodo.com say might not embrace the new mayo slices?
10. What kind of sandwich was mentioned at the end of the article?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200227-sliced-mayonnaise.html>

- 1) What did the article say the mayo slices are destined to become?
 - a) a lunchtime staple
 - b) a huge, global bestseller
 - c) the best thing since sliced bread
 - d) the future of food
- 2) What are the mayo slices called in Japan?
 - a) may do
 - b) mayoshi
 - c) mayo heaven
 - d) mayo sheets
- 3) How many flavours do the mayo slices come in?
 - a) two
 - b) three
 - c) five
 - d) 14
- 4) What did the article say the mayo slices could liven up?
 - a) breakfast
 - b) restaurants and cafes
 - c) sandwiches
 - d) our life
- 5) What did the article say the mayo slices could enhance the taste of?
 - a) everything
 - b) pasta dishes
 - c) sandwiches
 - d) sauces
- 6) How many slices will you be able to buy in Japan for \$1.80?
 - a) four
 - b) eight
 - c) 12
 - d) 20
- 7) What is out on deciding whether the slices are good or not?
 - a) cooks
 - b) a website
 - c) the social media jury
 - d) time
- 8) Who did cnet.com say chimed in on Twitter besides mayo fans?
 - a) mayo haters
 - b) bakers
 - c) pasta fans
 - d) sandwich haters
- 9) Who did gizmodo.com say might not embrace the new mayo slices?
 - a) Americans
 - b) food aficionados
 - c) vegans
 - d) sandwich shops
- 10) What kind of sandwich was mentioned at the end of the article?
 - a) a mayo sandwich
 - b) a toasted sandwich
 - c) a sandwich on brown bread
 - d) a bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Tuna

You think tuna is the best sandwich filling. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their fillings. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): jam, vegetable or egg.

Role B – Jam

You think jam is the best sandwich filling. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their fillings. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): tuna, vegetable or egg.

Role C – Vegetable

You think vegetable is the best sandwich filling. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their fillings. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): jam, tuna or egg.

Role D – Egg

You think egg is the best sandwich filling. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their fillings. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): jam, vegetable or tuna.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200227-sliced-mayonnaise.html>

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

slice	mayonnaise
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- 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">• think• huge• catch• good• two• taste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• soon• sure• jury• fans• fresh• quick
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MAYONNAISE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about mayonnaise 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.

MAYONNAISE 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 'slice'?
3. What do you think of sliced mayonnaise?
4. What do you think of sliced bread?
5. What other sliced things do you think are useful?
6. Would you like to try the sliced mayonnaise?
7. What do you think of Japanese food?
8. What flavours would you add to mayonnaise?
9. What are your favourite condiments?
10. What would you use to enhance the taste of food?

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MAYONNAISE 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 'mayonnaise'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is the best thing since sliced bread?
15. What things do you want to see sliced?
16. Is sliced mayo or mayo in a jar best?
17. What are the best things to eat mayo with?
18. What is your favourite sandwich filling?
19. Why might people react with disgust towards a mayo slice?
20. What questions would you like to ask the company?

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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The new product will start selling soon in Japan for a price of \$1.80 for a pack of four slices. (7) _____ the company is sure the mayo sheets will be very popular with consumers, especially those in Japan, the social media jury is (8) _____ on whether the new item is a good idea. The cnet.com website wrote: "Both mayo fans and haters chimed in on Twitter - in (9) _____ parts excitement and disgust - about the new slices." The Gizmodo.com website wrote: "(10) _____ a slice of mayo on a plate of fresh pasta isn't exactly a serving suggestion Americans might (11) _____, but the next time you're making a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich in a (12) _____, you might actually be happy to reach for a quick slice."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) destiny | (b) destination | (c) destined | (d) density |
| 2. | (a) culinary | (b) culminate | (c) cumin | (d) climatic |
| 3. | (a) as | (b) on | (c) up | (d) over |
| 4. | (a) taking | (b) having | (c) doing | (d) being |
| 5. | (a) cook | (b) go | (c) come | (d) slice |
| 6. | (a) embrace | (b) enhance | (c) embroil | (d) entry |
| 7. | (a) While | (b) However | (c) But | (d) Which |
| 8. | (a) across | (b) over | (c) uo | (d) out |
| 9. | (a) separate | (b) main | (c) equal | (d) whole |
| 10. | (a) Slurping | (b) Slopping | (c) Slipping | (d) Slapping |
| 11. | (a) hug | (b) embrace | (c) hold | (d) cuddle |
| 12. | (a) hurry | (b) scurry | (c) flurry | (d) furry |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. etdsdien to become a huge, global bestseller
2. The imaginative new clarnuyi invention
3. their handy new cmesbltoei
4. a sheet-like tniomndec
5. eilny up sandwiches
6. neanhce the taste of pasta dishes

Paragraph 2

7. very popular with essoncmur
8. the social media ujyr is out
9. mayo fans and haters cidmhe in on Twitter
10. in equal parts excitement and isgutsd
11. a serving uoegnigsst
12. Americans might cemaebr

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200227-sliced-mayonnaise.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () food company Bourbon believes their handy new comestible will catch on big time. The mayonnaise slices
- () in on Twitter - in equal parts excitement and disgust - about the new slices." The Gizmodo.com
- () people will add its mayo slices to liven up sandwiches or enhance the taste of pasta dishes.
- () and tomato sandwich in a hurry, you might actually be happy to reach for a quick slice."
- () The new product will start selling soon in Japan for a price of \$1.80 for a pack of four slices. While the company is
- () as being a "sheet-like condiment" that is good for "easy cooking". The mayo slices (or sheets) come
- () out on whether the new item is a good idea. The cnet.com website wrote: "Both mayo fans and haters chimed
- () in two flavours – spicy cod roe (mentaiko in Japanese) and tuna. A spokesperson from the company hopes
- () destined to become a huge, global bestseller. The imaginative new culinary invention is sliced mayonnaise. Japanese
- () sure the mayo sheets will be very popular with consumers, especially those in Japan, the social media jury is
- () suggestion Americans might embrace, but the next time you're making a bacon, lettuce,
- () website wrote: "Slapping a slice of mayo on a plate of fresh pasta isn't exactly a serving
- (**1**) Whatever will they think of next? A food manufacturer in Japan has invented a new product that seems
- () are called "mayo sheets" on the label of the product in Japan. The packaging describes the item

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200227-sliced-mayonnaise.html>

1. bestseller . huge, a Destined become to global
2. culinary new imaginative mayonnaise . is sliced The invention
3. comestible will catch Their on new time . big
4. come two in mayo slices flavours . The
5. liven mayo to sandwiches . Add its up slices
6. The soon . will new product start selling
7. mayo very sheets popular . Sure the be will
8. mayo fresh A of on pasta . slice
9. making bacon The you're a sandwich . next time
10. to a happy slice . reach quick Be for

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200227-sliced-mayonnaise.html>

Whatever / Whichever will they think of next? A food manufacturer in Japan has invented a new product that seems *destiny / destined* to become a huge, global bestseller. The imaginative new *culinary / culmination* invention is sliced mayonnaise. Japanese food company Bourbon believes their *candy / handy* new *comestible / combustible* will catch on big time. The mayonnaise slices are called "mayo sheets" on the label at / of the product in Japan. The packaging describes the item as *been / being* a "sheet-like condiment" that is good for "easy cooking". The mayo slices (or sheets) *come / go* in two flavours – spicy cod roe (mentaiko in Japanese) and tuna. A spokesperson from the company hopes people will add its mayo slices to *livery / liven* up sandwiches or *enhance / entrance* the taste of pasta dishes.

The new product will start *sale / selling* soon in Japan for a price of \$1.80 for a pack of four slices. While the company is *surely / sure* the mayo sheets will be very popular with consumers, especially *them / those* in Japan, the social media jury is *up / out* on whether the new item is a good idea. The cnet.com website wrote: "Both mayo fans and haters *chimed / banged* in on Twitter - *in / on* equal parts excitement and disgust - about the new slices." The Gizmodo.com website wrote: "*Slopping / Slapping* a slice of mayo on a plate of fresh pasta isn't *exactly / exact* a serving suggestion Americans might embrace, but the next time you're making a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich in a *hurriedly / hurry*, you might actually be happy to reach for a *quick / quicken* slice."

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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W h _ t _ v _ r _ w _ l _ l _ t h _ y _ t h _ n _ k _ _ f _ n _ x _ t _ ? _ A _ f _ _ d _ m _ n _ f _ c _ t _ r _ r _ _ n _ J _ p _ n _ h _ s _ _ n _ v _ n _ t _ d _ _ n _ w _ p _ r _ d _ c _ t _ t h _ t _ s _ _ m _ s _ d _ s _ t _ n _ d _ t _ b _ c _ m _ _ h _ g _ , _ g _ l _ b _ l _ b _ s _ t _ s _ l _ l _ r _ . _ T h _ _ m _ g _ n _ t _ v _ _ n _ w _ c _ l _ n _ r _ y _ _ n _ v _ n _ t _ _ n _ _ s _ s _ l _ c _ d _ m _ y _ n _ n _ _ s _ . _ J _ p _ n _ s _ _ f _ _ d _ c _ m _ p _ n _ y _ B _ _ r _ b _ n _ b _ l _ _ v _ s _ t h _ _ r _ h _ n _ d _ y _ n _ w _ c _ m _ s _ t _ b _ l _ w _ l _ l _ c _ t _ c h _ _ n _ b _ g _ t _ m _ . _ T h _ m _ y _ n _ n _ _ s _ s _ l _ c _ s _ _ r _ c _ l _ l _ d _ " m _ y _ s _ h _ _ t _ s " _ n _ t h _ l _ b _ l _ _ f _ t h _ p _ r _ d _ c _ t _ _ n _ J _ p _ n _ . _ T h _ p _ c _ k _ g _ n _ g _ d _ s _ c _ r _ b _ s _ t h _ _ t _ m _ s _ b _ _ n _ g _ _ " s _ h _ _ t _ - l _ k _ c _ n _ d _ m _ n _ t " _ t h _ t _ s _ g _ _ d _ f _ r _ " _ _ s _ y _ c _ _ k _ n _ g " . _ T h _ m _ y _ s _ l _ c _ s _ (_ r _ s _ h _ _ t _ s) _ c _ m _ _ n _ t _ w _ f _ l _ v _ _ r _ s _ _ s _ p _ c _ y _ c _ d _ r _ _ (m _ n _ t _ _ k _ _ n _ J _ p _ n _ s _) _ _ n _ d _ t _ n _ . _ A _ s _ p _ k _ s _ p _ r _ s _ n _ f _ r _ m _ t h _ c _ m _ p _ n _ y _ h _ p _ s _ p _ _ p _ l _ w _ l _ l _ _ d _ d _ _ t _ s _ m _ y _ s _ l _ c _ s _ t _ l _ v _ n _ _ p _ s _ n _ d _ w _ c _ h _ s _ _ r _ _ n _ h _ n _ c _ t h _ t _ s _ t _ _ f _ p _ s _ t _ d _ s _ h _ s _ .

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whatever will they think of next a food manufacturer in japan has invented a new product that seems destined to become a huge global bestseller the imaginative new culinary invention is sliced mayonnaise japanese food company bourbon believes their handy new comestible will catch on big time the mayonnaise slices are called mayo sheets on the label of the product in japan the packaging describes the item as being a sheetlike condiment that is good for easy cooking the mayo slices or sheets come in two flavours spicy cod roe mentaiko in japanese and tuna a spokesperson from the company hopes people will add its mayo slices to liven up sandwiches or enhance the taste of pasta dishes

the new product will start selling soon in japan for a price of 180 for a pack of four slices while the company is sure the mayo sheets will be very popular with consumers especially those in japan the social media jury is out on whether the new item is a good idea the cnetcom website wrote both mayo fans and haters chimed in on twitter in equal parts excitement and disgust about the new slices the gizmodocom website wrote slapping a slice of mayo on a plate of fresh pasta isnt exactly a serving suggestion americans might embrace but the next time youre making a bacon lettuce and tomato sandwich in a hurry you might actually be happy to reach for a quick slice

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Whatever will they think of next? A food manufacturer in Japan has invented a new product that seems destined to become a huge, global bestseller. The imaginative new culinary invention is sliced mayonnaise. Japanese food company Bourbon believes their handy new comestible will catch on big time. The mayonnaise slices are called "mayo sheets" on the label of the product in Japan. The packaging describes the item as being a "sheet-like condiment" that is good for "easy cooking". The mayo slices (or sheets) come in two flavours – spicy codroe (mentaiko in Japanese) and tuna. As a spokesperson from the company hopes people will add its mayo slices to lunches and sandwiches to enhance the taste of pasta dishes. The new product will start selling soon in Japan for a price of \$1.80 for a pack of four slices. While the company is sure the mayo sheets will be very popular with consumers, especially those in Japan, the social media jury is out on whether the new item is a good idea. The cnet.com website wrote: "Both mayo fans and haters chimed in on Twitter - in equal parts excitement and disgust - about the new slices." The Gizmodo.com website wrote: "Slapping a slice of mayo on a plate of fresh pasta isn't exactly a serving suggestion American might embrace, but the next time you're making a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich in a hurry, you might actually be happy to reach for a quick slice."

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

4. ALL SLICED: Write a magazine article about making all food sliced for our convenience. 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 mayonnaise. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on sliced mayonnaise. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. a
6. j	7. e	8. f	9. h	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A huge, global bestseller
2. Mayo sheets
3. Two
4. Sandwiches
5. Pasta dishes
6. Four
7. The social media jury
8. Mayo haters
9. Americans
10. A bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Destined to become a huge, global bestseller.
2. The imaginative new culinary invention is sliced mayonnaise.
3. Their new comestible will catch on big time.
4. The mayo slices come in two flavours.
5. Add its mayo slices to liven up sandwiches.
6. The new product will start selling soon.
7. Sure the mayo sheets will be very popular.
8. A slice of mayo on fresh pasta.
9. The next time you're making a bacon sandwich.
10. Be happy to reach for a quick slice.

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 ;-)