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Level 1 – 31st May, 2020

No screaming in Japanese amusement parks

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Amusement parks in Japan have guidelines on visitors screaming. Japan's government asked companies to prepare for the "new normal" COVID-19 life. One guideline is no screaming on rollercoasters. Scientists say screaming or shouting increases the amount of virus put into the air. Talking quietly lowers the risk of spreading the virus. The new guidelines say visitors should not talk loudly or scream on all rides.

Japan's amusement parks are slowly reopening. Japan ended its coronavirus emergency this week. Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan closed in early March. They have not made a date to reopen. Parks will have rules about masks and social distancing. "Ghosts...in haunted houses should [keep] a healthy distance from their 'victims'". Park staff dressed as mascots and superheroes should not shake hands or high-five anyone.

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/05/28/business/japanese-amusement-parks-coronavirus/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. guidelines on visitors | a. amount of virus |
| 2. Japan's government asked | b. screaming |
| 3. prepare for | c. virus |
| 4. One guideline is no screaming | d. the "new normal" |
| 5. shouting increases the | e. companies |
| 6. Talking quietly lowers | f. loudly |
| 7. spreading the | g. the risk |
| 8. visitors should not talk | h. on rollercoasters |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. amusement parks are slowly | a. five anyone |
| 2. They have not made a date | b. houses |
| 3. social | c. reopening |
| 4. Ghosts in haunted | d. hands |
| 5. keep a healthy | e. distancing |
| 6. Park staff dressed as | f. distance |
| 7. superheroes should not shake | g. to reopen |
| 8. high- | h. mascots |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks-1.html>

Amusement parks in Japan (1) _____ visitors screaming. Japan's government (2) _____ prepare for (3) _____ COVID-19 life. One guideline is no screaming on rollercoasters. Scientists say screaming or shouting increases the (4) _____ put into the air. Talking quietly (5) _____ of spreading the virus. The new guidelines say visitors should not talk loudly or (6) _____ rides.

Japan's amusement parks (7) _____. Japan ended its coronavirus (8) _____. Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan closed in early March. They have not made a (9) _____. Parks will have rules about masks (10) _____. "Ghosts...in haunted houses should [keep] (11) _____ from their 'victims'". Park staff dressed as mascots and superheroes should not shake (12) _____ anyone.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AMUSEMENT PARKS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about amusement parks 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **amusement parks** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
