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**Level 1 – 6th September, 2020**

## **Bodybuilder delivery helps sushi business in Japan**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200906-bodybuilder-sushi-1.html>

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200906-bodybuilder-sushi-1.html>

A sushi restaurant has a new idea to help its business. It is using bodybuilders to deliver sushi. The 60-year-old restaurant is in Japan. It is owned by sushi chef and bodybuilder Masanori Sugiura. He came third in a world bodybuilding championship this year. He had fewer customers because of coronavirus. His delivery service is called "Delivery Macho". Customers must order over \$66 of sushi to get it delivered by a bodybuilder.

The service is very popular and has been trending on Twitter. Mr Sugiura has delivered sushi as far away as Tokyo, which is around 350km from the restaurant. Customers can ask the delivery men to take their shirt off and pose for photos, while socially distanced. This has helped to increase sushi orders. Mr Sugiura has also helped to employ people out of work. He gave his friends from fitness gyms jobs as delivery staff.

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/09/04/national/bodybuilders-deliver-sushi/>  
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-japan-sushi-delive/japan-sushi-chef-using-bodybuilder-delivery-to-buoy-covid-19-hit-business-idUSKBN25V1KA>  
<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20200904/p2g/00m/0na/068000c>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200906-bodybuilder-sushi-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a new idea to                  | a. "Delivery Macho"   |
| 2. It is using bodybuilders       | b. chef               |
| 3. sushi                          | c. by a bodybuilder   |
| 4. a world bodybuilding           | d. to deliver sushi   |
| 5. He had fewer                   | e. over \$66 of sushi |
| 6. His delivery service is called | f. help its business  |
| 7. Customers must order           | g. customers          |
| 8. get it delivered               | h. championship       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. trending          | a. of work       |
| 2. as far            | b. distanced     |
| 3. pose              | c. staff         |
| 4. while socially    | d. away as Tokyo |
| 5. increase sushi    | e. gyms          |
| 6. employ people out | f. on Twitter    |
| 7. fitness           | g. orders        |
| 8. delivery          | h. for photos    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A sushi restaurant has a new idea to (1) \_\_\_\_\_.  
It is using bodybuilders (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The 60-year-old restaurant is in Japan. It (3) \_\_\_\_\_ sushi chef and bodybuilder Masanori Sugiura. He came third in a world bodybuilding championship this year. He (4) \_\_\_\_\_ because of coronavirus. His delivery (5) \_\_\_\_\_ "Delivery Macho". Customers must order over \$66 of sushi (6) \_\_\_\_\_ delivered by a bodybuilder.

The service (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and has been trending on Twitter. Mr Sugiura has delivered sushi (8) \_\_\_\_\_ as Tokyo, which is around 350km from the restaurant. Customers can (9) \_\_\_\_\_ men to take their shirt off and pose for photos, (10) \_\_\_\_\_. This has helped to increase sushi orders. Mr Sugiura has also (11) \_\_\_\_\_ people out of work. He gave his friends (12) \_\_\_\_\_ jobs as delivery staff.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BODYBUILDING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200906-bodybuilder-sushi-4.html>

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

