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Level 5 – 22nd October, 2020

'Demon Slayer' movie breaks Japan's box office records

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer-5.html>

Cinemas around the world are struggling to survive, but cinemagoers in Japan have smashed box office records. Despite COVID-19 social distancing rules, the animated film 'Demon Slayer: Mugen Train' has just seen (by far) the biggest box office weekend in Japan's history. The movie also had the biggest opening weekend anywhere in the world. The movie debuted only in Japan but it more than doubled the previous record. Ticket sales last weekend were more than those of all other countries combined. Japanese cinemas made a huge \$44 million on ticket sales.

The movie Demon Slayer is based on a smash-hit manga - a Japanese-style comic book. The story is set in early 20th-century Japan. The hero is a young man who joins a group of warriors to get revenge on a group of demons that killed his family and cursed his sister. It is the latest anime and manga to become a phenomenon in Japanese popular culture. The 22-volume manga sold over 100 million copies. It is one of the most successful manga ever. A Japan expert said: "This particular title cuts across generations. Even people over 50...really like Demon Slayer."

Sources: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/20/business/demon-slayer-japan-movie.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. struggling | a. anywhere in the world |
| 2. cinemagoers | b. rules |
| 3. smashed | c. all other countries |
| 4. social distancing | d. box office records |
| 5. the biggest opening weekend | e. a huge \$44 million |
| 6. more than doubled the | f. to survive |
| 7. more than those of | g. in Japan |
| 8. Japanese cinemas made | h. previous record |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. set in early | a. killed his family |
| 2. a group of demons that | b. generations |
| 3. cursed | c. anime and manga |
| 4. It is the latest | d. like Demon Slayer |
| 5. The 22- | e. his sister |
| 6. one of the most successful manga | f. volume manga |
| 7. cuts across | g. 20th-century Japan |
| 8. Even people over 50 really | h. ever |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Cinemas around the world are (1) _____, but cinemagoers in Japan have smashed box office records. Despite COVID-19 (2) _____, the animated film 'Demon Slayer: Mugen Train' has just (3) _____ the biggest box office weekend in Japan's history. The movie also had the biggest opening weekend (4) _____ world. The movie debuted only in Japan but it more than (5) _____ record. Ticket sales last weekend were more than those of all other countries combined. Japanese cinemas (6) _____ \$44 million on ticket sales.

The movie Demon Slayer (7) _____ a smash-hit manga - a Japanese-style comic book. The (8) _____ in early 20th-century Japan. The hero is a young man who joins a group of warriors (9) _____ on a group of demons that killed his family and cursed his sister. It is the latest (10) _____ to become a phenomenon in Japanese popular culture. The 22-volume manga sold over 100 million copies. It is one of the most (11) _____. A Japan expert said: "This particular (12) _____ generations. Even people over 50...really like Demon Slayer."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ANIME SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201022-demon-slayer-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about anime 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) _____

