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**Level 5 – 14th January, 2021**

## **Free dumplings for motorists stranded in snow**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210114-fukui-prefecture-5.html>

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

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# THE READING

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Record levels of snowfall made driving tough for hundreds of motorists in Japan this week. Blizzards, snowdrifts and frozen roads left 200 cars stranded on a highway in Fukui, on the Sea of Japan. This made the manager of a branch of a local Chinese restaurant act and help. Keiichi Iwatani, 39, decided to feed those facing a night in sub-zero temperatures. He delivered hundreds of gyoza dumplings, fried rice and omelettes to tired, anxious and snowbound drivers. Seven workers helped him to deliver the provisions throughout the night to 300 relieved people.

Mr Iwatani told a newspaper about his relief efforts. He said he saw the snow piling up and knew it would be a problem. Similar bad weather hit in 2018 and the snow stopped him from getting to work. He said: "I regretted not being able to help out three years ago. I'm happy...people appreciated our efforts last night." He added: "I wanted to keep drivers warm, even for just a bit." One driver feared the worst when she got stuck in the snow. She said she was very happy when Ishitani appeared. Another driver shared a traditional Fukui rice sweet with her, which made her happier.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Record levels of snowfall made | a. temperatures           |
| 2. hundreds of                    | b. on a highway           |
| 3. Blizzards, snowdrifts          | c. deliver the provisions |
| 4. left 200 cars stranded         | d. motorists in Japan     |
| 5. a branch of a local            | e. gyoza dumplings        |
| 6. facing a night in sub-zero     | f. driving tough          |
| 7. He delivered hundreds of       | g. Chinese restaurant     |
| 8. workers helped him to          | h. and frozen roads       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. relief                     | a. the worst               |
| 2. he saw the snow            | b. getting to work         |
| 3. Similar bad weather        | c. appreciated our efforts |
| 4. the snow stopped him from  | d. piling up               |
| 5. I regretted not being able | e. Fukui rice sweet        |
| 6. I'm happy people           | f. efforts                 |
| 7. One driver feared          | g. to help out             |
| 8. a traditional              | h. hit in 2018             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mr Iwatani told a newspaper about (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He said he saw the snow piling up and knew it would be a problem. Similar (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2018 and the snow stopped him from getting to work. He said: "I (9) \_\_\_\_\_ able to help out three years ago. I'm happy...people appreciated our efforts last night." He added: "I wanted to keep drivers warm, even for (10) \_\_\_\_\_." One driver feared the worst when she (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the snow. She said she was very happy when Ishitani appeared. Another driver shared a traditional Fukui rice (12) \_\_\_\_\_, which made her happier.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SNOW SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210114-fukui-prefecture-4.html>

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

