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Level 5 – 30th May, 2022

Japan opens to foreign tourists after two years

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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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Japan will reopen to tourists and end its two-year closure. The government decided to allow tourists from 98 countries. However, the opening will be tightly controlled. Only package tour groups will be allowed in. A daily cap of 20,000 arrivals has been set. Authorities will monitor their movements to track Covid-19. All visitors have to test negative for Covid. Some may have to have an additional test and quarantine for three days. Japan has among the strictest border controls of any country. Its isolation has played a part in its relatively low number of coronavirus cases.

Japan's tourism industry welcomed this news. It has suffered heavily over the past two years. The number of overseas visitors fell by over 99 per cent since pre-pandemic days. A record 32 million overseas tourists visited in 2019. However, Covid caused this number to drop to just 250,000 in 2021. Japan's airline ANA said it hoped the looser border controls would revitalize the local economy. Japan relaxing its entry restrictions is timely. Last week, the World Economic Forum ranked the country highest on its list of global travel destinations.

Sources: <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2022/05/a51ff4ef039b-japan-tops-world-tourism-ranking-despite-covid-restrictions.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Japan will reopen | a. controlled |
| 2. end its two-year | b. for three days |
| 3. the opening will be tightly | c. played a part |
| 4. package | d. their movements |
| 5. Authorities will monitor | e. tour groups |
| 6. quarantine | f. low number |
| 7. Its isolation has | g. to tourists |
| 8. its relatively | h. closure |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Japan's tourism industry | a. days |
| 2. It has suffered heavily over | b. destinations |
| 3. since pre-pandemic | c. border controls |
| 4. looser | d. is timely |
| 5. revitalize the local | e. on its list |
| 6. Japan relaxing its entry restrictions | f. the past two years |
| 7. ranked the country highest | g. economy |
| 8. global travel | h. welcomed this news |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan will (1) _____ and end its two-year closure. The government (2) _____ tourists from 98 countries. However, the opening will be tightly controlled. Only (3) _____ will be allowed in. A daily cap of 20,000 arrivals has been set. Authorities will (4) _____ to track Covid-19. All visitors have to test negative for Covid. Some may have to have an additional test and (5) _____ days. Japan has among the strictest border controls of any country. Its isolation has played a part in its (6) _____ of coronavirus cases.

Japan's tourism (7) _____ news. It has suffered heavily over the past two years. The (8) _____ visitors fell by over 99 per cent since pre-pandemic days. A record 32 million overseas tourists visited in 2019. However, Covid caused this number to (9) _____ 250,000 in 2021. Japan's airline ANA said it (10) _____ border controls would revitalize the local economy. Japan relaxing its entry (11) _____. Last week, the World Economic Forum ranked the country highest (12) _____ of global travel destinations.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOURISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tourism 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) _____

