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## Pranksters target Japan's sushi restaurants

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2302/230206-sushi-pranksters.html>

Pranksters in Japan are posing potential health issues and harming the reputation of the country's famed conveyor-belt sushi restaurants. This week, several diners have posted prank videos on social media. The pranks include people licking bottles of soy sauce and chopsticks, and licking their fingers and then touching the sushi on the revolving belt. These actions have shocked people in Japan. The actions have been dubbed "sushi-tero," or "sushi terrorism". The incidents have caused the share prices of a leading sushi chain to plummet. Many restaurants have sprung into action and taken measures to combat the pranksters. These include installing security cameras and providing disinfected eating utensils.

Japan's "kaitenzushi" restaurants are ubiquitous in Japan. They offer good quality, inexpensive sushi in an informal, casual environment. They are usually spotlessly clean. Some industry analysts are saying sushi terrorism poses a threat to the future operations of the eateries. One egregious video clip has been viewed 40 million times and has sparked copycat clips. The chain targeted by the prankster is filing a civil lawsuit against him and is claiming compensation for damages. The Guardian newspaper reported that there is a lot of outrage on social media from Japanese people, who believe the pranksters are showing "contempt for the country's high standards of hygiene".

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/feb/03/wave-of-sushi-terrorism-grips-japan-restaurant-world>  
<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20230201/p2g/00m/0na/039000c>  
<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/life/2023/02/02/digital/sushi-terrorism-tiktok-instagram-trends/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. SUSHI:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about sushi. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

prankster / health issues / reputation / diners / soy sauce / share prices / utensils / restaurants / analysts / terrorism / video clip / lawsuit / compensation / hygiene

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. CONVEYOR RESTAURANTS:** Students A **strongly** believe conveyor restaurants are better than table service restaurants; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. RESTAURANTS:** What are the pros and cons of these restaurants? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Conveyor sushi		
Cafes		
Pizzerias		
Fast food		
Gourmet dining		
Bistro		

**5. RESTAURANT:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "restaurant". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. SUSHI TOPPINGS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best sushi toppings at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Tuna
- Avocado
- Omelet
- Hamburger
- Eggplant / Aubergine
- Natto
- Seaweed
- Wagyu beef

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1. prankster  | a. A person fond of playing tricks.  |
| 2. posing     | b. Fall or drop straight down at high speed.                                   |
| 3. reputation | c. Presenting or constituting a problem or danger.                             |
| 4. famed      | d. Give an unofficial name or nickname to.                                     |
| 5. dubbed     | e. The beliefs or opinions that are generally held about someone or something. |
| 6. plummet    | f. Known about by many people; renowned.                                       |
| 7. utensil    | g. A tool, container, or other article, especially for household use.          |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 8. ubiquitous    | h. Something (usually money) awarded to someone in recognition of loss, suffering, or injury. |
| 9. eatery        | i. A claim or dispute brought to a law court for judgment.                                    |
| 10. egregious    | j. Present, appearing, or found everywhere.   |
| 11. lawsuit      | k. A sum of money claimed by or awarded to someone for a loss or an injury.                   |
| 12. compensation | l. A restaurant or cafe.  |
| 13. damages      | m. The feeling that a person or a thing is worthless or beneath consideration.                |
| 14. contempt     | n. Outstandingly bad; shocking.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2302/230206-sushi-pranksters.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Pranksters in Japan have harmed the reputation of sushi restaurants. **T / F**
2. Diners posted videos of themselves licking ketchup and mayonnaise. **T / F**
3. The share prices of a sushi chain nosedived because of the videos. **T / F**
4. Restaurants are requiring diners to bring their own eating utensils. **T / F**
5. Japan's "kaitenzushi" restaurants are very expensive. **T / F**
6. A video posted by a prankster has been viewed 40 million times. **T / F**
7. A sushi chain is suing a prankster for damages. **T / F**
8. A newspaper reports there is little anger among Japanese people. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>posing</b>     | a. equipment   |
| 2. <b>reputation</b> | b. tricks      |
| 3. <b>pranks</b>     | c. cleanliness |
| 4. <b>plummet</b>    | d. everywhere  |
| 5. <b>utensils</b>   | e. occurrences |
| 6. <b>ubiquitous</b> | f. presenting  |
| 7. <b>egregious</b>  | g. anger       |
| 8. <b>incidents</b>  | h. nosedive    |
| 9. <b>outrage</b>    | i. image       |
| 10. <b>hygiene</b>   | j. shocking    |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Pranksters in Japan are posing | a. lawsuit                 |
| 2. harming the                    | b. into action             |
| 3. The actions have been dubbed   | c. utensils                |
| 4. restaurants have sprung        | d. analysts                |
| 5. disinfected eating             | e. "sushi-tero"            |
| 6. restaurants are ubiquitous     | f. standards of hygiene    |
| 7. Some industry                  | g. potential health issues |
| 8. filing a civil                 | h. for damages             |
| 9. claiming compensation          | i. reputation of           |
| 10. the country's high            | j. in Japan                |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2302/230206-sushi-pranksters.html>

Pranksters in Japan are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ potential health issues and harming the reputation of the country's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ conveyor-belt sushi restaurants. This week, several diners have posted prank videos on social media. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ include people licking bottles of soy sauce and chopsticks, and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ their fingers and then touching the sushi on the revolving belt. These actions have shocked people in Japan. The actions have been (5) \_\_\_\_\_ "sushi-tero," or "sushi terrorism". The incidents have caused the share prices of a leading sushi chain to (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Many restaurants have sprung into action and taken measures to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the pranksters. These include installing security cameras and providing disinfected eating (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*pranks*  
*combat*  
*dubbed*  
*utensils*  
*famed*  
*plummet*  
*posing*  
*licking*

Japan's "kaitenzushi" restaurants are (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan. They offer good quality, inexpensive sushi in an informal, casual environment. They are usually (10) \_\_\_\_\_ clean. Some industry analysts are saying sushi terrorism poses a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to the future operations of the eateries. One egregious video clip has been viewed 40 million times and has sparked copycat (12) \_\_\_\_\_. The chain targeted by the prankster is filing a civil law (13) \_\_\_\_\_ against him and is claiming compensation for (14) \_\_\_\_\_. The Guardian newspaper reported that there is a lot of (15) \_\_\_\_\_ on social media from Japanese people, who believe the pranksters are showing "contempt for the country's high standards of (16) \_\_\_\_\_".

*outrage*  
*spotlessly*  
*hygiene*  
*suit*  
*threat*  
*damages*  
*ubiquitous*  
*clips*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Pranksters in Japan are posing potential health issues and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. harming the reputational
  - b. hamming the reputation
  - c. harming the reputation
  - d. harming a reputation
- 2) licking their fingers and then touching the sushi on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the revolving belt
  - b. the revolting belt
  - c. the evolving belt
  - d. the revolve in belt
- 3) The incidents have caused the share prices of a leading sushi \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. chain to plum it
  - b. chain to plummet
  - c. chain to plum mitt
  - d. chain to plan it
- 4) Many restaurants have sprung into action and taken measures to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. con back the pranksters
  - b. con bat the pranksters
  - c. combative the pranksters
  - d. combat the pranksters
- 5) These include installing security cameras and providing \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. disinfect it eating utensils
  - b. disinfect din eating utensils
  - c. disinfect tide eating utensils
  - d. disinfected eating utensils
- 6) Japan's "kaitenzushi" restaurants are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ubiquity in Japan
  - b. ubiquitously in Japan
  - c. you backed with us in Japan
  - d. ubiquitous in Japan
- 7) informal, casual environment. They are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. usual spotlessly clean
  - b. usually spot lassie clean
  - c. usually spotlessly cleaner
  - d. usually spotlessly clean
- 8) Some industry analysts are saying sushi terrorism \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. poses a throat
  - b. poses a treat
  - c. poses a threat
  - d. poses a thread
- 9) The chain targeted by the prankster is filing a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. civil lawsuit
  - b. civil law suite
  - c. civil law sweet
  - d. civil laws soot
- 10) Japanese people who believe the pranksters \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. are shown contempt
  - b. are showering contempt
  - c. are showing contempt
  - d. are show wing contempt

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2302/230206-sushi-pranksters.html>

Pranksters in Japan (1) \_\_\_\_\_ health issues and harming the reputation of the country's famed conveyor-belt sushi restaurants. This week, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ posted prank videos on social media. The pranks include people licking bottles of soy sauce and chopsticks, and licking their fingers and then touching the sushi on (3) \_\_\_\_\_. These actions have shocked people in Japan. The actions have been dubbed "sushi-tero," or "sushi terrorism". The incidents have caused the share prices of a leading sushi (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Many restaurants have sprung into action and taken measures to (5) \_\_\_\_\_. These include installing security cameras and providing (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Japan's "kaitenzushi" restaurants (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan. They offer good quality, inexpensive sushi in (8) \_\_\_\_\_ environment. They are usually spotlessly clean. Some industry analysts are saying sushi terrorism poses a threat to the future operations of the eateries. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ clip has been viewed 40 million times and has sparked copycat clips. The chain targeted by the prankster is filing a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ against him and is claiming compensation for damages. The Guardian newspaper reported that there is a lot (11) \_\_\_\_\_ social media from Japanese people, who believe the pranksters are showing "contempt for the country's high (12) \_\_\_\_\_".



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2302/230206-sushi-pranksters.html>

1. What does the article say the prank videos are harming?
2. What are pranksters licking besides sushi, their fingers and chopsticks?
3. What have the actions in the videos being dubbed?
4. What does the article say plummeted as a result of the pranksters?
5. What are some restaurants doing to eating utensils?
6. How clean does the article say many sushi restaurants in Japan are?
7. What did some analysts say could be a threat to the sushi industry?
8. What is a sushi chain filing against a prankster?
9. What did Japanese people feel, according to a newspaper?
10. What do Japanese people say pranksters are showing contempt for?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2302/230206-sushi-pranksters.html>

- 1) What does the article say the prank videos are harming?
  - a) fish
  - b) sushi chefs
  - c) the reputation of sushi restaurants
  - d) the quality of sushi
- 2) What are pranksters licking besides sushi, their fingers and chopsticks?
  - a) soy sauce bottles
  - b) tuna
  - c) knives and forks
  - d) bottles of vinegar
- 3) What have the actions in the videos being dubbed?
  - a) atrocious
  - b) sushi terrorism
  - c) revolting belts
  - d) plummets
- 4) What does the article say plummeted as a result of the pranksters?
  - a) the popularity of sushi
  - b) tuna catches
  - c) sushi chains
  - d) share prices
- 5) What are some restaurants doing to eating utensils?
  - a) using disposable chopsticks
  - b) asking customers to bring their own
  - c) disinfecting them
  - d) locking them up
- 6) How clean does the article say many sushi restaurants in Japan are?
  - a) surgically clean
  - b) spotlessly clean
  - c) quite clean
  - d) amazingly clean
- 7) What did some analysts say could be a threat to the sushi industry?
  - a) hamburgers
  - b) climate change
  - c) melting icebergs
  - d) sushi terrorism
- 8) What is a sushi chain filing against a prankster?
  - a) a file
  - b) a lawsuit
  - c) papers
  - d) a nail
- 9) What did Japanese people feel, according to a newspaper?
  - a) hungry
  - b) outrage
  - c) cross
  - d) egregious
- 10) What do Japanese people say pranksters are showing contempt for?
  - a) Japan's hygiene standards
  - b) tuna
  - c) social media
  - d) newspapers

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Tuna**

You think tuna is the best sushi topping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toppings. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): avocado, seaweed or wagyu beef.

## **Role B – Avocado**

You think avocado is the best sushi topping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toppings. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): tuna, seaweed or wagyu beef.

## **Role C – Seaweed**

You think seaweed is the best sushi topping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toppings. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): avocado, tuna or wagyu beef.

## **Role D – Wagyu Beef**

You think wagyu beef is the best sushi topping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toppings. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): avocado, seaweed or tuna.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2302/230206-sushi-pranksters.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'sushi' and 'restaurant'.

sushi	restaurant

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• posing</li><li>• several</li><li>• fingers</li><li>• dubbed</li><li>• action</li><li>• utensils</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• quality</li><li>• usually</li><li>• future</li><li>• civil</li><li>• outrage</li><li>• high</li></ul>
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# SUSHI SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2302/230206-sushi-pranksters.html>

Write five GOOD questions about sushi 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.

# SUSHI DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'prankster'?
3. What do you think of sushi?
4. How often do you go to sushi restaurants?
5. What do you think of social media pranks?
6. What do you think of the idea of conveyor-belt restaurants?
7. What do you think of the term 'sushi terrorism'?
8. What makes a good sushi restaurant?
9. Should all restaurants have security cameras?
10. What advice do you have for the sushi restaurants?

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# SUSHI DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'sushi'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Do you prefer formal or informal restaurants?
15. What do you do when a restaurant isn't spotlessly clean?
16. How much compensation should the prankster pay the restaurant?
17. What kinds of videos do you watch on social media?
18. What are the best sushi toppings?
19. Do you worry about hygiene standards in restaurants?
20. What questions would you like to ask the sushi restaurants?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Japan's "kaitenzushi" restaurants are ubiquitous in Japan. They offer good quality, inexpensive sushi in an informal, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ environment. They are usually spotlessly clean. Some industry analysts are saying sushi terrorism poses a threat to the future operations of the (8) \_\_\_\_\_. One egregious video clip has been viewed 40 million times and has sparked copycat clips. The chain targeted (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the prankster is filing a civil law (10) \_\_\_\_\_ against him and is claiming compensation for damages. The Guardian newspaper reported that there is a lot of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on social media from Japanese people, who believe the pranksters are showing "contempt (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the country's high standards of hygiene".

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |              |               |               |
|-----|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) posing    | (b) pasting  | (c) posting   | (d) parsing   |
| 2.  | (a) dinners   | (b) dines    | (c) diners    | (d) dins      |
| 3.  | (a) inclusive | (b) includes | (c) include   | (d) inclusion |
| 4.  | (a) shocker   | (b) shocking | (c) shock     | (d) shocked   |
| 5.  | (a) plummet   | (b) grommet  | (c) helmet    | (d) gourmet   |
| 6.  | (a) treasures | (b) measures | (c) assures   | (d) censures  |
| 7.  | (a) casualty  | (b) causal   | (c) causative | (d) casual    |
| 8.  | (a) eats      | (b) eateries | (c) eatables  | (d) eat-in    |
| 9.  | (a) of        | (b) at       | (c) by        | (d) in        |
| 10. | (a) outfit    | (b) suit     | (c) costume   | (d) attire    |
| 11. | (a) vintage   | (b) tongue   | (c) outage    | (d) outrage   |
| 12. | (a) at        | (b) for      | (c) on        | (d) as        |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. posing tptiaonel health issues
2. harming the otiauterpn
3. the sushi on the eognlrsvi belt
4. The actions have been ddbueb "sushi-tero"
5. prices of a leading sushi chain to mutmlep
6. disinfected eating leunisst

## Paragraph 2

7. restaurants are uquuisobt in Japan
8. the future operations of the eetsiaer
9. One iusgeoegr video clip
10. claiming pnnosimoacet for damages
11. pranksters are showing onptctem
12. high standards of eihney

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) sushi restaurants. This week, several diners have posted prank videos on social media. The pranks include people licking
- ( ) bottles of soy sauce and chopsticks, and licking their fingers and then touching the
- ( ) 40 million times and has sparked copycat clips. The chain targeted by the prankster is filing a civil
- ( ) believe the pranksters are showing "contempt for the country's high standards of hygiene".
- ( ) a threat to the future operations of the eateries. One egregious video clip has been viewed
- ( ) casual environment. They are usually spotlessly clean. Some industry analysts are saying sushi terrorism poses
- ( ) "sushi-tero," or "sushi terrorism". The incidents have caused the share prices of a leading sushi
- ( ) combat the pranksters. These include installing security cameras and providing disinfected eating utensils.
- ( ) lawsuit against him and is claiming compensation for damages. The Guardian newspaper
- ( ) sushi on the revolving belt. These actions have shocked people in Japan. The actions have been dubbed
- ( ) reported that there is a lot of outrage on social media from Japanese people, who
- ( ) chain to plummet. Many restaurants have sprung into action and taken measures to
- ( ) Japan's "kaitenzushi" restaurants are ubiquitous in Japan. They offer good quality, inexpensive sushi in an informal,
- ( **1** ) Pranksters in Japan are posing potential health issues and harming the reputation of the country's famed conveyor-belt

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2302/230206-sushi-pranksters.html>

are posing Pranksters Japan health potential in issues .

famed restaurants . the The country's of sushi reputation

videos posted prank have Diners on social media .

then sushi . touching fingers Licking and the their

of a sushi share The leading prices chain .

threat poses terrorism a future to operations . Sushi

video copycat has sparked egregious clips . One clip

a They're filing law him . civil against suit

. a There of lot is on outrage social media

high Contempt standards of hygiene . country's the for

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2302/230206-sushi-pranksters.html>

Pranksters in Japan are *posing* / *posting* potential health issues and harming the *deputation* / *reputation* of the country's *framed* / *famed* conveyor-belt sushi restaurants. This week, several *diners* / *dinners* have posted prank videos on social media. The pranks *include* / *inclusive* people licking bottles of soy sauce and chopsticks, and licking their fingers and then touching the sushi on the *revolving* / *revolution* belt. These actions have shocked people in Japan. The actions have been *daubed* / *dubbed* "sushi-tero," or "sushi terrorism". The *incidence* / *incidents* have caused the share prices of a leading sushi chain to plummet. Many restaurants have *sprang* / *sprung* into action and taken *measures* / *measurements* to combat the pranksters. These include installing security cameras and providing disinfected eating utensils.

Japan's "kaitenzushi" restaurants are *ubiquity* / *ubiquitous* in Japan. They offer good *quality* / *quantity*, inexpensive sushi in an informal, *causal* / *casual* environment. They are usually spotlessly clean. Some industry *analysts* / *analysis* are saying sushi terrorism poses a threat *to* / *at* the future operations of the eateries. One egregious video clip has been viewed 40 million times and has sparked copycat clips. The chain targeted *of* / *by* the prankster is filing a civil lawsuit *with* / *against* him and is claiming compensation for *damages* / *damaging*. The Guardian newspaper reported that there is a lot of *outage* / *outrage* on social media from Japanese people, who believe the pranksters are showing "contempt *of* / *for* the country's high standards of hygiene".

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. SUSHI:** Make a poster about sushi. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PRISON:** Write a magazine article about sending people to prison if they interfere with food or eating utensils in restaurants. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on sushi. Ask him/her three questions about sushi. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a    2. c    3. e    4. f    5. d    6. b    7. g  
8. j    9. l    10. n    11. i    12. h    13. k    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T    2 F    3 T    4 F    5 F    6 T    7 T    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. b	4. h	5. a
6. d	7. j	8. e	9. g	10. c

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The reputation of sushi restaurants
- Soy sauce bottles
- Sushi terrorism
- Share prices
- Disinfecting them
- Spotlessly clean
- Sushi terrorism
- A lawsuit
- Outrage
- Japan's hygiene standards

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Pranksters in Japan are posing potential health issues.
- The reputation of the country's famed sushi restaurants.
- Diners have posted prank videos on social media.
- Licking their fingers and then touching the sushi.
- The share prices of a leading sushi chain.
- Sushi terrorism poses a threat to future operations.
- One egregious video clip has sparked copycat clips.
- They're filing a civil lawsuit against him.
- There is a lot of outrage on social media.
- Contempt for the country's high standards of hygiene.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. b    4. d    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. b    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)