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**Level 0 – 7th November 2024**

## **No first kiss for record number of Japan teens**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241107-first-kiss-0.html>

A record number of Japanese teenagers have never kissed. Researchers asked teens about their sexual behaviour. The study found that one in five high school boys and one in four girls have kissed. These are the lowest figures since records began in 1974. The numbers for boys and girls have been falling since 2005.

A reason why high schoolers are not kissing is the coronavirus pandemic. Teenagers had less contact with other people. It may have lowered sexual activity. A researcher said there was less face-to-face contact. Another reason is smartphones. More young people are choosing to be with their phones rather than be with other people.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A record            | a. for boys and girls |
| 2. sexual              | b. have kissed        |
| 3. one in five         | c. number             |
| 4. one in four girls   | d. 2005               |
| 5. These are the       | e. behaviour          |
| 6. since records began | f. lowest figures     |
| 7. The numbers         | g. in 1974            |
| 8. falling since       | h. high school boys   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A reason                   | a. other people    |
| 2. high schoolers are         | b. contact         |
| 3. the coronavirus            | c. why             |
| 4. Teenagers had less         | d. to-face contact |
| 5. It may have lowered sexual | e. phones          |
| 6. there was less face-       | f. pandemic        |
| 7. choosing to be with their  | g. activity        |
| 8. be with                    | h. not kissing     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241107-first-kiss-0.html>

A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese teenagers have never kissed. Researchers (2) \_\_\_\_\_ their sexual behaviour. The study (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in five high school boys and one in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ kissed. These are the lowest figures (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1974. The numbers for boys and girls (6) \_\_\_\_\_ since 2005.

A reason why high schoolers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ is the coronavirus pandemic. Teenagers (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with other people. It (9) \_\_\_\_\_ sexual activity. A researcher said (10) \_\_\_\_\_ face-to-face contact.

Another reason is smartphones. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ are choosing to be with their phones (12) \_\_\_\_\_ with other people.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# A FIRST KISS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241107-first-kiss-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about a first kiss 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241107-first-kiss-0.html>

Write about **a first kiss** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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