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Level 0 – 23rd October 2025

Japan elects its first ever female prime minister

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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/2510/251023-sanae-takaichi-0.html>

Japan has its first female prime minister. Sanae Takaichi is the country's 104th leader. Takaichi made a deal with a right-wing party to win. However, she has a difficult job. Japanese people want lower food prices and job security. They are worried about the growing number of old people.

Sanae Takaichi has had an interesting life. She played drums in a rock band. She supports Osaka soccer and baseball teams. She also had a powerful motorbike. She lived in the USA and wrote books about politics. She also worked as a TV anchor. Women hope Takaichi will support gender equality and same-sex marriage.

Sources: <https://apnews.com/article/japan-first-female-prime-minister-vote-trump-24b4a5e2a2b777139de66e38665ced0d>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Takaichi is the country's | a. job |
| 2. Takaichi made | b. security |
| 3. a right- | c. a deal |
| 4. she has a difficult | d. of old people |
| 5. Japanese people want lower | e. 104th leader |
| 6. job | f. worried |
| 7. They are | g. food prices |
| 8. growing number | h. wing party |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Takaichi has had an | a. motorbike |
| 2. She played | b. equality |
| 3. in a rock | c. band |
| 4. She also had a powerful | d. sex marriage |
| 5. wrote books | e. a TV anchor |
| 6. She also worked as | f. interesting life |
| 7. Women hope Takaichi will support gender | g. drums |
| 8. same- | h. about politics |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan (1) _____ female prime minister.

Sanae Takaichi (2) _____ 104th leader.

Takaichi (3) _____ with a right-wing party to

win. However, she has (4) _____. Japanese

people want (5) _____ and job security. They

are worried about the growing (6) _____

people.

Sanae Takaichi (7) _____ interesting life.

She played drums (8) _____ band. She

supports Osaka (9) _____ teams. She also

(10) _____ motorbike. She lived in the USA

and (11) _____ politics. She also worked as a

TV anchor. Women hope Takaichi will support gender equality and

(12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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esupportsOsakasoccerandbaseballteams.Shealsohadapowerfulmot
orbike.ShelivedintheUSAandwrotebooksaboutpolitics.Shealsowork
edasaTVanchor.WomenhopeTakaichiwillsupportgenderequalityand
same-sexmarriage.

POLITICAL LEADERS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251023-sanae-takaichi-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about political leaders 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

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Write about **political leaders** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.