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Level 0 – 30th October 2025

Japan's legendary sushi chef still working at 100

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

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THE READING

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A sushi chef in Japan is still working, on his 100th birthday. His name is Jiro Ono. Earlier this week, Tokyo's governor asked him about his secret to a long life. He replied, "To work." He said: "Even at 100 years old, I'll try to work...The best medicine is to work." He said he plans to keep working for five more years.

Jiro Ono was born in 1925. He started working when he was seven. He became a sushi chef in 1951. He opened a small sushi bar in Tokyo. There, he spent many years trying to make the perfect sushi. In 2011, a movie was made about Ono called "Jiro Dreams of Sushi". In the film, he talked about reaching "perfection".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A sushi chef in Japan is | a. work |
| 2. Earlier | b. more years |
| 3. his secret | c. still working |
| 4. Even | d. working |
| 5. I'll try to | e. to a long life |
| 6. The best medicine | f. at 100 years old |
| 7. He said he plans to keep | g. is to work |
| 8. for five | h. this week |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Jiro Ono was | a. sushi bar |
| 2. He started working | b. made about Ono |
| 3. He became a sushi | c. "perfection" |
| 4. He opened a small | d. when he was seven |
| 5. he spent many years | e. the perfect sushi |
| 6. make | f. born in 1925 |
| 7. a movie was | g. trying |
| 8. he talked about reaching | h. chef in 1951 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A ⁽¹⁾ _____ Japan is still working, on his 100th birthday. His name is Jiro Ono.

⁽²⁾ _____, Tokyo's governor asked him about his ⁽³⁾ _____ long life. He replied, "To work." He said: "⁽⁴⁾ _____ years old, I'll try to work...The ⁽⁵⁾ _____ to work." He said he plans to ⁽⁶⁾ _____ five more years.

Jiro Ono ⁽⁷⁾ _____ 1925. He started working when he was seven. ⁽⁸⁾ _____ sushi chef in 1951. He opened a small sushi bar in Tokyo. There, he ⁽⁹⁾ _____ trying to ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ sushi. In 2011, a movie ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ Ono called "Jiro Dreams of Sushi". ⁽¹²⁾ _____, he talked about reaching "perfection".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SUSHI

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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.

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 **sushi** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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