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## Japan's legendary sushi chef still working at 100

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

A famous sushi chef in Japan has decided to continue working, even though he just turned 100. His name is Jiro Ono. He celebrated his 100th birthday on the 27th of October. He is one of around 4,380 people in Tokyo who have reached or will reach the age of 100 this year. Just before his birthday, Mr Ono spoke to Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike. She asked him about his secret to living a long and healthy life. He replied, "To work." He said: "I can no longer go to my restaurant every day...but even at 100 years old, I'll try to work if possible. I believe the best medicine is to work." Ono-san said he has no plans to retire from his job. He told Ms Koike: "I plan to keep going for about five more years."

Jiro Ono was born in 1925. He started working in a restaurant at the age of seven. Eighteen years later, when he was 25, he moved to Tokyo and worked in a sushi bar. He qualified as a sushi chef in 1951. Fifteen years later, in 1965, Ono opened his own restaurant, called Sukiyabashi Jiro. It was a tiny 10-seat place in an upmarket area of Tokyo called Ginza. He worked for decades trying to make the perfect sushi. In 2007, his efforts were rewarded when he received three stars in the Michelin Guide. In 2011, a documentary about him was released, called "Jiro Dreams of Sushi". In the film, he said: "I haven't reached perfection yet. I'll continue to climb and try to reach the top, but nobody knows where the top is."

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jiro\\_Ono](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jiro_Ono)

# 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?

sushi chef / the age of 100 / birthday / Tokyo / governor / healthy life / medicine / restaurant / the age of 7 / upmarket areas / rewarded / documentary / perfection

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

**3. RAW FISH:** Students A **strongly** believe raw fish is better than cooked fish; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. PERFECTION:** What does perfection look like in these things? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|                   | Perfection | Why? |
|-------------------|------------|------|
| A meal            |            |      |
| A store           |            |      |
| A car             |            |      |
| A holiday         |            |      |
| A partner         |            |      |
| An English lesson |            |      |

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

**6. THE BEST AGE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best age at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- 100
- 75
- 40
- 30
- 20
- 16
- 10
- 5

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |                                                                                                |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. even though | a. Something you get from the doctor or drugstore to help you feel better or stay healthy.     |
| 2. celebrated  | b. A person in charge of a city, state, or area.                                               |
| 3. governor    | c. Do something special for an important event.                                                |
| 4. replied     | d. Continue doing something.                                                                   |
| 5. medicine    | e. A conjunction that is used to show that something is true, but something else also happens. |
| 6. retire      | f. Said or wrote something back to someone (to answer a question or make a comment).           |
| 7. keep        | g. Stop working because you are old or finished with your job.                                 |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |                                                                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. moved        | h. Got the right skills or training for a job.                            |
| 9. qualified    | i. Given something good because of work or effort.                        |
| 10. upmarket    | j. Being completely correct or without mistakes.                          |
| 11. decade      | k. Expensive and high quality.                                            |
| 12. rewarded    | l. A film or TV show that gives real information about a topic or person. |
| 13. documentary | m. Ten years.                                                             |
| 14. perfection  | n. Went from one place (or house, town, country...) to another.           |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

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

1. There are more than 4,000 in Tokyo over the age of 100. **T / F**
2. Mr Ono said work is the secret to a long and healthy life. **T / F**
3. Mr Ono said he takes medicine every day at work to stay healthy. **T / F**
4. Mr Ono said he would continue working for another 10 years. **T / F**
5. Mr Ono opened his first sushi bar when he was 25. **T / F**
6. The sushi bar Mr Ono opened in 1965 had just 10 seats. **T / F**
7. The Michelin Guide awarded Mr Ono three gold stars. **T / F**
8. Mr Ono said he likes climbing mountains. **T / F**

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

- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>famous</b>     | a. stop working  |
| 2. <b>turned</b>     | b. continue      |
| 3. <b>secret</b>     | c. get to        |
| 4. <b>retire</b>     | d. relocated     |
| 5. <b>keep going</b> | e. become        |
| 6. <b>moved</b>      | f. 10 years      |
| 7. <b>tiny</b>       | g. well known    |
| 8. <b>decade</b>     | h. got           |
| 9. <b>received</b>   | i. magic formula |
| 10. <b>reach</b>     | j. very small    |

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

- |                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. He celebrated               | a. Tokyo called Ginza      |
| 2. his secret to living        | b. about five more years   |
| 3. I believe the best medicine | c. to Tokyo                |
| 4. he has no plans to          | d. perfection yet          |
| 5. I plan to keep going for    | e. is to work              |
| 6. he moved                    | f. his 100th birthday      |
| 7. He qualified                | g. about him was released  |
| 8. in an upmarket area of      | h. retire from his job     |
| 9. In 2011, a documentary      | i. as a sushi chef in 1951 |
| 10. I haven't reached          | j. a long and healthy life |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_ 100. His name is Jiro Ono. He  
celebrated his 100th birthday on the 27th of October. He is one of  
around 4,380 people in Tokyo who have reached or will  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ the age of 100 this year. Just before  
his birthday, Mr Ono spoke to Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike. She  
asked him about his (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to living a long  
and healthy life. He (5) \_\_\_\_\_, "To work." He  
said: "I can no (6) \_\_\_\_\_ go to my restaurant  
every day...but even at 100 years old, I'll try to work if possible. I  
believe the best (7) \_\_\_\_\_ is to work." Ono-san  
said he has no plans to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from his job.  
He told Ms Koike: "I plan to keep going for about five more years."

*longer*  
*continue*  
*replied*  
*reach*  
*retire*  
*turned*  
*medicine*  
*secret*

Jiro Ono was born in 1925. He started working in a restaurant at  
the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of seven. Eighteen years later,  
when he was 25, he moved to Tokyo and worked in a sushi bar.  
He (10) \_\_\_\_\_ as a sushi chef in 1951. Fifteen  
years later, in 1965, Ono opened his own restaurant, called  
Sukiyabashi Jiro. It was a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 10-seat  
place in an upmarket area of Tokyo called Ginza. He worked for  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ trying to make the perfect sushi. In  
2007, his efforts were rewarded when he  
(13) \_\_\_\_\_ three stars in the Michelin Guide. In  
2011, a documentary about him was released, called "Jiro Dreams  
of Sushi". In the (14) \_\_\_\_\_, he said: "I haven't  
reached (15) \_\_\_\_\_ yet. I'll continue to climb and  
try to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ the top, but nobody knows  
where the top is."

*decades*  
*age*  
*perfection*  
*tiny*  
*reach*  
*received*  
*qualified*  
*film*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

- 1) A famous sushi chef in Japan has decided to continue working, even though he \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. just turned 100
  - b. justly turned 100
  - c. adjust turned 100
  - d. just turning 100
- 2) She asked him about his secret to living a long \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. and healthy lives
  - b. and healthy live
  - c. and healthily life
  - d. and healthy life
- 3) but even at 100 years old, I'll try to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. work if possibly
  - b. work if possible
  - c. work if posse able
  - d. works if possible
- 4) Ono-san said he has no plans to retire \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. of his job
  - b. for his job
  - c. from his job
  - d. frame his job
- 5) He told Ms Koike: "I plan to keep going for about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. five more years
  - b. five most years
  - c. five amore years
  - d. five much years
- 6) He started working in a restaurant at the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. aged of seven
  - b. ages of seven
  - c. aging of seven
  - d. age of seven
- 7) It was a tiny 10-seat place in an upmarket \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. aura of Tokyo
  - b. area of Tokyo
  - c. aerial of Tokyo
  - d. air of Tokyo
- 8) He worked for decades trying to make \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. the perfect sushi
  - b. the perfectly sushi
  - c. the perfects sushi
  - d. the prefect sushi
- 9) In the film, he said: "I haven't \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. reaching perfection yet
  - b. reaches perfection yet
  - c. reach perfection yet
  - d. reached perfection yet
- 10) I'll continue to climb and try to reach the top, but nobody knows where \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. the top be
  - b. the top are
  - c. the top is
  - d. the top were

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

1. When is Jiro Ono's birthday?
2. Who did Jiro Ono speak to before his birthday?
3. What did Jiro Ono say his secret to a long life was?
4. What did Jiro Ono say work was?
5. For how long does Jiro Ono want to continue working?
6. How old was Jiro Ono when he started his first job?
7. What happened to Jiro Ono in 1965?
8. What did Jiro Ono try to do for decades?
9. What did the Michelin Guide give to Jiro Ono?
10. What did Jiro Ono say he hasn't reached yet?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

- 1) When is Jiro Ono's birthday?
  - a) the 25th of October
  - b) the 26th of October
  - c) the 27th of October
  - d) the 28th of October
- 2) Who did Jiro Ono speak to before his birthday?
  - a) Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike
  - b) US President Donald Trump
  - c) Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaihci
  - d) the boss of a sushi restaurant chain
- 3) What did Jiro Ono say his secret to a long life was?
  - a) raw fish
  - b) work
  - c) pickled ginger
  - d) fishing
- 4) What did Jiro Ono say work was?
  - a) necessary
  - b) the chance to be creative
  - c) perfection
  - d) the best medicine
- 5) For how long does Jiro Ono want to continue working?
  - a) two years
  - b) four years
  - c) five years
  - d) ten years
- 6) How old was Jiro Ono when he started his first job?
  - a) six
  - b) seven
  - c) eight
  - d) nine
- 7) What happened to Jiro Ono in 1965?
  - a) He became a fisherman.
  - b) He won a sushi award.
  - c) He created a new kind of sushi.
  - d) He opened a sushi bar.
- 8) What did Jiro Ono try to do for decades?
  - a) Experiment with tastes.
  - b) Make the perfect sushi.
  - c) Grow wasabi.
  - d) Find the best sushi bar.
- 9) What did the Michelin Guide give to Jiro Ono?
  - a) advice
  - b) three stars
  - c) a huge tuna
  - d) a fish-shaped trophy
- 10) What did Jiro Ono say he hasn't reached yet?
  - a) perfection
  - b) London
  - c) the seven seas
  - d) the next level

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

## **Role A – One Hundred**

You think 100 is the best age to be. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ages. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why): 40, 20 or five.

## **Role B – Forty**

You think 40 is the best age to be. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ages. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why: 100, 20 or five).

## **Role C – Twenty**

You think 20 is the best age to be. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ages. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why: 40, 100 or five).

## **Role D – Five**

You think five is the best age to be. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ages. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why: 40, 20 or 100).

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'sushi' and 'chef'.

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| <b>sushi</b> | <b>chef</b> |
|              |             |

- 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>• famous</li><li>• celebrated</li><li>• reached</li><li>• secret</li><li>• possible</li><li>• retire</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• started</li><li>• moved</li><li>• tiny</li><li>• decades</li><li>• released</li><li>• perfection</li></ul> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

# SUSHI SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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 'sushi'?
3. What do you think of sushi?
4. What do you think of the job of a sushi chef?
5. What do you think of working at the age of 100?
6. What will you do on your 100th birthday?
7. What is the secret to a long and healthy life?
8. When do you want to retire?
9. Do you agree that 'the best medicine is to work'?
10. What advice do you have for Jiro Ono?

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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 'chef'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is your perfect job?
15. Is your personality suited to working in a restaurant?
16. What business would you like to start?
17. What things do you want to do perfectly?
18. Would you like to see the movie 'Jiro Dreams of Sushi'?
19. How important is it to reach for perfection?
20. What questions would you like to ask Jiro Ono?

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

- |     |                |               |               |               |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) decision   | (b) decides   | (c) decided   | (d) deciding  |
| 2.  | (a) one        | (b) only      | (c) once      | (d) ones      |
| 3.  | (a) reach      | (b) reaching  | (c) reaches   | (d) reached   |
| 4.  | (a) secret     | (b) secrete   | (c) secreted  | (d) secretive |
| 5.  | (a) this       | (b) that      | (c) what      | (d) if        |
| 6.  | (a) by         | (b) of        | (c) for       | (d) to        |
| 7.  | (a) age        | (b) old       | (c) year      | (d) birthday  |
| 8.  | (a) has        | (b) is        | (c) was       | (d) as        |
| 9.  | (a) own        | (b) down      | (c) owns      | (d) owned     |
| 10. | (a) millennia  | (b) decades   | (c) centuries | (d) epochs    |
| 11. | (a) freed      | (b) released  | (c) emitted   | (d) liberated |
| 12. | (a) perfection | (b) perfectly | (c) perfected | (d) perfects  |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. He redbtcelae his 100th birthday
2. Mr Ono spoke to Tokyo rnerogov Yuriko Koike
3. She asked him about his cretes
4. living a long and hylthea life
5. I believe the best miedcnei is to work
6. he has no plans to eerrti from his job

## Paragraph 2

7. He faeluiqdi as a sushi chef
8. in an uetpkram area of Tokyo
9. He worked for desedac
10. his efforts were erawredd
11. a etdumaryonc about him was released
12. I haven't reached pinfotcree yet

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

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

- ( ) 100. His name is Jiro Ono. He celebrated his 100th birthday on the 27th of October. He is one of around
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# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. working Continue though even just he 100 turned .
2. His to secret a living healthy, long life .
3. believe I best the is medicine work to .
4. He he said no has to plans retire .
5. plan I keep to for going years five .
6. He working started the at of age seven .
7. qualified He a as chef sushi 1951 in .
8. He trying worked make to perfect the sushi .
9. 2011 In, documentary a him about released was .
10. I'll to continue to try the reach top .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A *famous* / *famously* sushi chef in Japan has decided to continue working, even though he just *turning* / *turned* 100. His name is Jiro Ono. He celebrated his 100th birthday on the 27th of October. He is *only* / *one* of around 4,380 people in Tokyo who have reached or will reach the *old* / *age* of 100 this year. Just before his birthday, Mr Ono spoke to Tokyo *governor* / *government* Yuriko Koike. She asked him about his secret *to* / *as* living a long and healthy life. He replied, "To work." He said: "I can no *longer* / *shorter* go to my restaurant every day...but even at 100 years old, I'll try to work *what* / *if* possible. I believe the best medicine is to work." Ono-san said he has no plans *to* / *for* retire from his job. He told Ms Koike: "I plan to keep *going* / *gone* for about five more years."

Jiro Ono was born in 1925. He started working in a restaurant *at* / *of* the age of seven. Eighteen years later, when he was 25, he moved to Tokyo and worked in a sushi bar. He qualified *as* / *has* a sushi chef in 1951. Fifteen years later, in 1965, Ono opened his *down* / *own* restaurant, called Sukiyabashi Jiro. It was a tiny 10-seat place in an *upmarket* / *market* area of Tokyo called Ginza. He worked for *decades* / *decade* trying to make the *perfect* / *perfectly* sushi. In 2007, his efforts were *reward* / *rewarded* when he received three stars in the Michelin Guide. In 2011, a documentary about *restaurant* / *him* was released, called "Jiro Dreams of Sushi". In the film, he said: "I haven't *reaching* / *reached* perfection yet. I'll continue to climb and try to reach the top, but *somebody* / *nobody* knows where the top is."

**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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c\_nt\_n\_\_ w\_rk\_ng, \_v\_n th\_\_gh h\_ j\_st t\_rn\_d 100.  
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b\_rthd\_y \_n th\_ 27th \_f \_ct\_b\_r. H\_ \_s \_n\_ \_f \_r\_\_nd  
4,380 p\_\_pl\_ \_n T\_ky\_ wh\_ h\_v\_ r\_\_ch\_d \_r w\_ll  
r\_\_ch th\_ \_g\_ \_f 100 th\_s y\_\_r. J\_st b\_f\_r\_ h\_s  
b\_rthd\_y, Mr \_n\_ sp\_k\_ t\_ T\_ky\_ g\_v\_rn\_r Y\_r\_k\_  
K\_\_k\_. Sh\_ \_sk\_d h\_m \_b\_\_t h\_s s\_cr\_t t\_ l\_v\_ng \_  
l\_ng \_nd h\_\_lthy l\_f\_. H\_ r\_pl\_\_d, "T\_ w\_rk." H\_  
s\_\_d: "\_ c\_n n\_ l\_ng\_r g\_ t\_ my r\_st\_\_r\_nt \_v\_ry  
d\_y...b\_t \_v\_n \_t 100 y\_\_rs \_ld, \_'ll try t\_ w\_rk \_f  
p\_ss\_bl\_. \_ b\_l\_\_v\_ th\_ b\_st m\_d\_c\_n\_ \_s t\_ w\_rk."  
\_n\_-s\_n s\_\_d h\_ h\_s n\_ pl\_ns t\_ r\_t\_r\_ fr\_m h\_s j\_b.  
H\_ t\_ld Ms K\_\_k\_: "\_ pl\_n t\_ k\_\_p g\_\_ng f\_r \_b\_\_t  
f\_v\_ m\_r\_ y\_\_rs."

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wh\_n h\_ w\_s 25, h\_ m\_v\_d t\_ T\_ky\_ \_nd w\_rk\_d \_n  
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s\_\_t pl\_c\_ \_n \_n \_pm\_rk\_t \_r\_\_ \_f T\_ky\_ c\_ll\_d  
G\_nz\_. H\_ w\_rk\_d f\_r d\_c\_d\_s try\_ng t\_ m\_k\_ th\_  
p\_rf\_ct s\_sh\_. \_n 2007, h\_s \_ff\_rts w\_r\_ r\_w\_rd\_d  
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\_n 2011, \_ d\_c\_m\_nt\_ry \_b\_\_t h\_m w\_s r\_l\_\_s\_d,  
c\_ll\_d "J\_r\_ Dr\_\_ms \_f S\_sh\_". \_n th\_ f\_lm, h\_ s\_\_d:  
"\_ h\_v\_n't r\_\_ch\_d p\_rf\_ct\_\_n y\_t. \_'ll c\_nt\_n\_\_ t\_  
cl\_mb \_nd try t\_ r\_\_ch th\_ t\_p, b\_t n\_b\_dy kn\_ws  
wh\_r\_ th\_ t\_p \_s."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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jiro ono was born in 1925 he started working in a restaurant at the age of seven eighteen years later when he was 25 he moved to tokyo and worked in a sushi bar he qualified as a sushi chef in 1951 fifteen years later in 1965 ono opened his own restaurant called sukiyabashi jiro it was a tiny 10seat place in an upmarket area of tokyo called ginza he worked for decades trying to make the perfect sushi in 2007 his efforts were rewarded when he received three stars in the michelin guide in 2011 a documentary about him was released called jiro dreams of sushi in the film he said i havent reached perfection yet ill continue to climb and try to reach the top but nobody knows where the top is

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

Write about **sushi** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

[illegible]



# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

Eating raw fish is better than eating cooked fish. Discuss.

[illegible]

# 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. RAW:** Write a magazine article about eating more raw food, including fish and meat. 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 it. Give him/her three of your ideas of what it would be like to be a sushi chef. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The 27th of October
- Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike
- To work
- The best medicine
- Another five years
- Seven
- He opened a sushi bar.
- Make the perfect sushi.
- Three stars
- Perfection

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

- Continue working even though he just turned 100.
- His secret to living a long, healthy life.
- I believe the best medicine is to work.
- He said he has no plans to retire.
- I plan to keep going for five years.
- He started working at the age of seven.
- He qualified as a sushi chef in 1951.
- He worked trying to make the perfect sushi.
- In 2011, a documentary about him was released.
- I'll continue to try to reach the top.

## 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 ;-)