

Breaking News English.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

**Thousands more free lessons
from Sean's other websites**

www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html

Level 5 – 17th November 2025

Japan creates emergency plan to stop bear attacks

FREE online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251117-japanese-bear-attacks-5.html>

Contents

The Reading	2
Phrase Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
No Spaces	5
Survey	6
Writing and Speaking	7
Writing	8

Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

X (Twitter)



[X.com/SeanBanville](https://x.com/SeanBanville)

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251117-japanese-bear-attacks-5.html>

Japan has created emergency measures to address record bear attacks. The government said bears have killed 13 people and injured more than 100 since April. The death toll is the highest since records began. Wildlife experts have created a plan to reduce the increasing numbers of deaths, injuries, and encounters with bears. Part of this plan is to reduce bear populations in areas where the animals have been seen. Another feature is region-specific capture targets. Authorities will also set up buffer zones to separate bear habitats from human residential areas.

There are two species of bear in Japan. Their numbers have surged in the past decade. Estimates suggest the black bear population has tripled since 2012 — rising from 15,000 to 44,000. The larger and more dangerous brown bears, native to Hokkaido, have doubled in number. There are several reasons why bear populations are increasing. One is a shortage of beech nuts. Another reason is a declining number of hunters, who are largely responsible for bear culls. Finally, depopulation in rural areas means bears are wandering into towns and villages.

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2025/11/14/japan/japan-bear-attacks-measures/>
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/11/14/whats-behind-a-surge-in-bear-attacks-in-japan>
<https://english.kyodonews.net/articles/-/64878>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251117-japanese-bear-attacks-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. emergency | a. have been seen |
| 2. to address | b. areas |
| 3. death | c. measures |
| 4. encounters | d. habitats |
| 5. areas where the animals | e. toll |
| 6. set up buffer | f. record bear attacks |
| 7. bear | g. with bears |
| 8. residential | h. zones |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. There are two species | a. decade |
| 2. Their numbers have | b. of beech nuts |
| 3. in the past | c. dangerous brown bears |
| 4. the black bear population has | d. of bear in Japan |
| 5. The larger and more | e. wandering into towns |
| 6. a shortage | f. culls |
| 7. responsible for bear | g. surged |
| 8. bears are | h. tripled since 2012 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251117-japanese-bear-attacks-5.html>

Japan has created emergency (1) _____ record bear attacks. The government said bears have killed 13 people and injured more than 100 since April. The (2) _____ the highest since records began. Wildlife experts have created a plan to reduce the increasing numbers of deaths, injuries, (3) _____ bears. Part of this plan is to reduce bear populations in areas where the animals have been seen. Another (4) _____ - specific capture targets. Authorities will also set (5) _____ to separate bear habitats from (6) _____.

There are (7) _____ bear in Japan. Their numbers have surged in (8) _____. Estimates suggest the black bear population has tripled since 2012 — rising from 15,000 to 44,000. The larger and more dangerous brown bears, native to Hokkaido, have (9) _____. There are several reasons why bear populations are increasing. One is (10) _____ beech nuts. Another reason is a declining number of hunters, who (11) _____ for bear culls. Finally, depopulation in rural areas means bears are (12) _____ and villages.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251117-japanese-bear-attacks-5.html>

Japanhascreatedemergencymeasurestoaddressrecordbearattacks. Thegovernmentsaidbearshavekilled13peopleandinjuredmorethan100sinceApril.Thedeathtollisthehighestsincerecordsbegan.Wildlifeexperts havecreatedaplantoreducetheincreasingnumbersofdeaths,injuries,andencounterswithbears.Partofthisplanistoreducebearpopulationsinareaswheretheanimalshavebeenseen.Anotherfeatureisregion-specificcapturetargets.Authoritieswillalsosetupbufferzonestoseparatebearhabitatsfromhumanresidentialareas.Therearetwospecies ofbearinJapan.Theirnumbershavesurgedinthepastdecade.Estimates suggesttheblackbearpopulationhastripledsince2012—risingfrom15,000to44,000.Thelargerandmoredangerousbrownbears,native toHokkaido,havedoubledinnumber.Thereareseveralreasonswhybear populationsareincreasing.Oneisashortageofbeechnuts.Anotherreasonisadecliningnumberofhunters,whoarelargelyresponsibleforbearculls.Finally,depopulationinruralareameansbearsarewanderingintotownsandvillages.

BEARS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251117-japanese-bear-attacks-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Bears 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) _____

Japan creates emergency plan to stop bear attacks – 17th November 2025
More free lessons at breakingnewsenglish.com

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/2511/251117-japanese-bear-attacks-5.html>

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

[illegible]