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Level 0 – 3rd September 2026

France and Saudi Arabia agree to manga theme park

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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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Millions of people like Japanese manga. Series like One Piece and Naruto have fans everywhere. Manga fans will soon have a new theme park. Saudi Arabia and France are planning to build a \$7 billion Dragon Ball Z park near Paris. The leaders of Saudi Arabia and France thought of the idea in 2024.

The park will create many jobs in France. It will also help Saudi Arabia move away from oil. France's President Macron said the park would be "a new global destination". The French government said it was as big as Disneyland. The park will have 50,000 square metres of green spaces to help biodiversity.

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2026/08/24/japan/dragon-ball-theme-park-france-saudi/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Millions | a. Dragon Ball Z park |
| 2. Series like | b. fans |
| 3. manga | c. idea in 2024 |
| 4. fans will soon have a | d. of people |
| 5. build a \$7 billion near Paris | e. new theme park |
| 6. near | f. One Piece and Naruto |
| 7. The leaders of | g. Paris |
| 8. France thought of the | h. Saudi Arabia |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The park will create | a. help Saudi Arabia |
| 2. It will also | b. green spaces |
| 3. move away | c. government |
| 4. a new global | d. from oil |
| 5. The French | e. biodiversity |
| 6. it was as big as | f. many jobs in France |
| 7. 50,000 square metres of | g. destination |
| 8. help | h. Disneyland |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ like Japanese manga. Series like One Piece and Naruto (2) _____. Manga fans will (3) _____ new theme park. Saudi Arabia and France (4) _____ build a \$7 billion Dragon Ball Z (5) _____. The leaders of Saudi Arabia and France thought (6) _____ in 2024.

The park will (7) _____ in France. It will also help Saudi Arabia (8) _____ oil. France's President Macron (9) _____ would be "(10) _____ destination". The French government said it (11) _____ as Disneyland. The park will have 50,000 square metres of (12) _____ help biodiversity.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MANGA

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Write five GOOD questions about manga 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 **manga** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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