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Level 1 – 3rd September 2026

France and Saudi Arabia agree to manga theme park

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Millions of people like Japanese manga. Popular series like One Piece and Naruto have fans all over the world. Manga fans will soon have a new theme park to go to. Saudi Arabia and France are planning to build a Dragon Ball Z park near Paris. It will cost around \$7 billion. It will be one of Europe's largest parks. The leaders of Saudi Arabia and France thought of the idea in 2024. They both had a passion for manga and liked Dragon Ball Z.

The park will create 22,000 jobs in France. It will also help Saudi Arabia move away from oil. Saudi has already moved into tourism, entertainment, and other industries. France's President Macron said the park would be "a new global destination". The French government said it was "a project on the scale of Disneyland". The Politico website said the park was "expected to include 50,000 square metres of green spaces dedicated to 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. for manga |
| 2. Popular series like | b. around \$7 billion |
| 3. fans all over | c. of people |
| 4. have a new theme park to | d. near Paris |
| 5. build a Dragon Ball Z park | e. largest parks |
| 6. It will cost | f. <i>One Piece</i> |
| 7. one of Europe's | g. the world |
| 8. They both had a passion | h. go to |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The park will create | a. of green spaces |
| 2. help Saudi Arabia move | b. moved into tourism |
| 3. Saudi has already | c. of Disneyland |
| 4. other | d. 22,000 jobs in France |
| 5. a new global | e. to biodiversity |
| 6. a project on the scale | f. destination |
| 7. 50,000 square metres | g. away from oil |
| 8. dedicated | h. industries |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Millions of people like Japanese manga.

(1) _____ One Piece and Naruto have fans all over the world. Manga fans (2) _____ a new theme park to go to. Saudi Arabia and France (3) _____ build a Dragon Ball Z park near Paris. It (4) _____ \$7 billion. It will be one of Europe's largest parks. The leaders of Saudi Arabia and France (5) _____ idea in 2024. They both had a (6) _____ and liked Dragon Ball Z.

The (7) _____ 22,000 jobs in France. It will also help Saudi Arabia move (8) _____. Saudi has already (9) _____, entertainment, and other industries. France's President Macron said the park would be "a (10) _____. The French government said it was "a project (11) _____ of Disneyland". The Politico website said the park was "expected to include 50,000 square metres (12) _____ dedicated to biodiversity".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MANGA SURVEY

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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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