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Level 2 – 3rd September 2026

France and Saudi Arabia agree to manga theme park

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Millions of people love Japanese manga. Popular series like One Piece and Naruto have fans all over the world. This popularity is leading to a new theme park based on the series Dragon Ball Z. Saudi Arabia and France are planning to build it near Paris. It will cost around \$7 billion and take several years to build. It will be one of Europe's largest theme parks. Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and France's President Emmanuel Macron thought of the idea in Saudi Arabia in 2024. They both had a passion for manga and liked Dragon Ball Z.

The project will be good for both countries. It will create 22,000 jobs in France. It will also help Saudi Arabia move its economy away from oil. Saudi has been investing in tourism, entertainment, sports and other industries. President Macron said the park would be "a new global destination". The French government said the park was "a project on the scale of Disneyland". The Politico website reported that the park would also focus on green issues. It wrote: "The development is also 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 of people | a. the world |
| 2. fans all over | b. around \$7 billion |
| 3. a new theme park based | c. of the idea |
| 4. planning to build it | d. love Japanese manga |
| 5. It will cost | e. near Paris |
| 6. It will be one | f. for manga |
| 7. Macron thought | g. of Europe's largest |
| 8. They both had a passion | h. on the series |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The project will be good | a. on green issues |
| 2. It will create 22,000 | b. from oil |
| 3. move its economy away | c. destination |
| 4. investing | d. for both countries |
| 5. the park would be a new global | e. to biodiversity |
| 6. a project on the scale | f. in tourism |
| 7. the park would also focus | g. jobs in France |
| 8. green spaces dedicated | h. of Disneyland |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Millions (1) _____ Japanese manga. Popular series like One Piece and Naruto have fans all over the world. This popularity (2) _____ a new theme park based on the series Dragon Ball Z. Saudi Arabia and France are planning (3) _____ near Paris. It will cost around \$7 billion and (4) _____ to build. It will be one of Europe's largest theme parks. Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and France's President Emmanuel Macron thought (5) _____ in Saudi Arabia in 2024. They both had (6) _____ manga and liked Dragon Ball Z.

The project will be (7) _____ countries. It will create 22,000 jobs in France. It will also help Saudi Arabia move its (8) _____ oil. Saudi has been investing in tourism, entertainment, sports and other industries. President Macron said the park would be "a (9) _____". The French government said the park was "a project on (10) _____ Disneyland". The Politico website reported that the park would also (11) _____ issues. It wrote: "The development is also expected to include 50,000 square metres of green (12) _____ 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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