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## **Level 2**

# **Japanese food to get UNESCO status**

**27th October, 2013**

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# THE READING

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Traditional Japanese food ('Washoku') will soon be on the United Nations list of important world cuisines. It will be the fifth region to get the UNESCO cultural heritage status. French, Mediterranean, Mexican and Turkish food are already on the list. 'Washoku' is very varied, ranging from sushi to ramen noodles, tempura and *sukiyaki*. Japan's government said all of its food will be on the list, not just famous dishes. It said Japanese food is special because of its artistic presentation. It also uses special ingredients. Many dishes are important because they celebrate the four seasons.

'Washoku' is very healthy and has a good balance of minerals, vitamins, carbohydrates and protein. This is why Japanese people live for so long and are usually slim. Different meals help to bring families and communities together in Japan. Food is part of many ceremonies in seasonal celebrations, such as New Year's Day, rice-planting events and harvest festivals. Japan's government said food helps Japanese people keep a strong sense of culture. It also said 'Washoku' is closely "associated with an essential spirit of respect for nature."

Sources: <http://blogs.wsj.com/japanrealtime/2013/10/24/japans-cuisine-set-to-be-deemed-intangible-cultural-heritage/>  
<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2013/10/23/national/unesco-to-recognize-japanese-food-culture/#.Umoo6yS2b80>  
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# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Traditional             | a. ingredients                 |
| 2. the United Nations list | b. dishes                      |
| 3. UNESCO cultural         | c. varied                      |
| 4. 'Washoku' is very       | d. presentation                |
| 5. not just famous         | e. seasons                     |
| 6. artistic                | f. Japanese food               |
| 7. It also uses special    | g. heritage status             |
| 8. they celebrate the four | h. of important world cuisines |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a good balance             | a. sense of culture     |
| 2. carbohydrates              | b. communities together |
| 3. why Japanese people live   | c. and protein          |
| 4. help to bring families and | d. planting events      |
| 5. rice-                      | e. of minerals          |
| 6. harvest                    | f. for nature           |
| 7. keep a strong              | g. festivals            |
| 8. respect                    | h. for so long          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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c)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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