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**Level 1 – 7th November 2024**

## **No first kiss for record number of Japan teens**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241107-first-kiss-1.html>

A record low number of Japanese teenagers has kissed someone. A survey by the Japan Association for Sex Education got high schoolers to answer questions on their sexual behaviour. The study found that one in five high school boys and one in four girls have kissed. These are the lowest figures since records began in 1974. The numbers for both sexes have been falling since 2005. Researchers looked at data from 12,562 questionnaires.

A big reason why fewer high schoolers are kissing is the coronavirus pandemic. This limited teenagers' contact with other people. It may have lowered sexual activity among students. A researcher said many schools closed and there was less face-to-face contact. Another reason is smartphones. More young people are choosing to be with their phones rather than be with other people. This could make Japan's already low birth rate worse.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241107-first-kiss-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A record low              | a. figures          |
| 2. answer questions on their | b. number           |
| 3. one in five               | c. sexes            |
| 4. one in four girls         | d. high school boys |
| 5. These are the lowest      | e. 2005             |
| 6. since records began       | f. sexual behaviour |
| 7. The numbers for both      | g. in 1974          |
| 8. falling since             | h. have kissed      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A big reason                    | a. activity          |
| 2. fewer high schoolers            | b. closed            |
| 3. This limited teenagers' contact | c. are kissing       |
| 4. It may have lowered sexual      | d. other people      |
| 5. many schools                    | e. why               |
| 6. there was less face-            | f. rate              |
| 7. be with                         | g. with other people |
| 8. Japan's already low birth       | h. to-face contact   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (7) \_\_\_\_\_ fewer high schoolers are kissing is the coronavirus pandemic. This limited teenagers' (8) \_\_\_\_\_ people. It may have lowered sexual (9) \_\_\_\_\_. A researcher said many schools closed and there was less (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Another reason is smartphones. More young people are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ with their phones rather than be with other people. This could make Japan's already (12) \_\_\_\_\_ worse.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# A FIRST KISS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2411/241107-first-kiss-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about a first kiss 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) \_\_\_\_\_

