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Level 1 – 17th April 2025

Osaka Expo 2025 opens in Japan

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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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Expo 2025 has opened in Osaka, Japan. It ends in October. More than 28 million visitors will go to it. An Expo brings together people from all over the world. The first one was in London in 1851. Expos try to find answers to world problems. The Osaka Expo shows the culture, history and economy of 158 countries. The theme is "Creating a future society for our lives." At the US pavilion, people can see exhibits on space travel.

The Osaka Expo is on an artificial island. The 80 pavilions are in a round building called the Grand Ring. Guinness World Records said it is the world's "largest wooden architectural structure". A one-day ticket costs about \$52. Visitors can see lots of Japanese culture. There are exhibits on robots, flying cars, and Hello Kitty. Visitors can also see the Expo mascot. This is called Myaku-Myaku. It has a blue face and many red eyes. It is good at finding rainbows.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Expo 2025 has opened | a. to world problems |
| 2. It ends | b. visitors |
| 3. More than 28 million | c. space travel |
| 4. people from | d. in October |
| 5. The first one | e. society for our lives |
| 6. find answers | f. was in London |
| 7. Creating a future | g. in Osaka, Japan |
| 8. people can see exhibits on | h. all over the world |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The Osaka Expo is on | a. mascot |
| 2. a round building | b. at finding rainbows |
| 3. the world's largest wooden | c. costs about \$52 |
| 4. A one-day ticket | d. an artificial island |
| 5. Visitors can see lots | e. robots |
| 6. There are exhibits on | f. called the Grand Ring |
| 7. Visitors can also see the Expo | g. architectural structure |
| 8. It is good | h. of Japanese culture |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Expo 2025 (1) _____ Osaka, Japan. It ends in October. More than 28 (2) _____ go to it. An Expo brings together people (3) _____ the world. The first (4) _____ London in 1851. Expos try to find answers to world problems. The Osaka Expo shows the culture, (5) _____ of 158 countries. The theme is "Creating a future society for our lives." At the US pavilion, people can see (6) _____ travel.

The Osaka Expo is on (7) _____. The 80 pavilions are in (8) _____ called the Grand Ring. Guinness World Records (9) _____ the world's "largest wooden architectural structure". A one-day ticket costs about \$52. Visitors can (10) _____ Japanese culture. There are exhibits on robots, flying cars, and Hello Kitty. Visitors can also see (11) _____. This is called Myaku-Myaku. It has a blue face and many red eyes. It is (12) _____ rainbows.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MY COUNTRY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2504/250417-osaka-expo-2025-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about my country 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) _____

