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**Level 2** – 17th April 2025

## Osaka Expo 2025 opens in Japan

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2504/250417-osaka-expo-2025-2.html>

The Osaka Expo 2025 has opened in Japan. People from many countries will visit the Expo. It ends in October. More than 28 million visitors will go to it. An Expo is an event that brings together people from all over the world. The first one took place in London in 1851. Expos try to find answers to the world's biggest 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 Italian pavilion has exhibits on architecture and environmental design.

The Osaka Expo is on an artificial island. The 80 pavilions are in a giant, round building called the Grand Ring. Guinness World Records said it is the world's "largest wooden architectural structure". It has a 2-kilometre circumference. A one-day ticket for adults costs about \$52. Visitors can see many aspects of Japanese culture. There are exhibits on robots and flying cars, and on Hello Kitty. Visitors can also see the Expo mascot. This is a strange creature called Myaku-Myaku. It has a blue face and many red eyeballs. It is good at finding rainbows.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2504/250417-osaka-expo-2025-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. More than 28 million             | a. biggest problems       |
| 2. people from all                  | b. on space travel        |
| 3. The first one took               | c. visitors will go to it |
| 4. find answers to the world's      | d. environmental design   |
| 5. the culture, history and economy | e. over the world         |
| 6. Creating a future society        | f. of 158 countries       |
| 7. people can see exhibits          | g. place in London        |
| 8. exhibits on architecture and     | h. for our lives          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The Osaka Expo is on          | a. architectural structure |
| 2. in a giant, round             | b. at finding rainbows     |
| 3. the world's largest wooden    | c. building                |
| 4. It has a 2-kilometre          | d. of Japanese culture     |
| 5. Visitors can see many aspects | e. an artificial island    |
| 6. Visitors can also             | f. called Myaku-Myaku      |
| 7. This is a strange creature    | g. circumference           |
| 8. It is good                    | h. see the Expo mascot     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2504/250417-osaka-expo-2025-2.html>

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The Osaka Expo is on (7) \_\_\_\_\_. The 80 pavilions are in a giant, round building called the Grand Ring. Guinness World Records said it (8) \_\_\_\_\_ "largest wooden architectural structure". It has a 2-kilometre circumference. A one- (9) \_\_\_\_\_ adults costs about \$52. Visitors can see many aspects of Japanese culture. There (10) \_\_\_\_\_ robots and flying cars, and on Hello Kitty. Visitors can also see the Expo mascot. This (11) \_\_\_\_\_ creature called Myaku-Myaku. It has a blue face and many red eyeballs. 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-2025-2.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) \_\_\_\_\_

