

Osaka Expo 2025 opens in Japan

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The Osaka Expo 2025 opened on Sunday in Japan. People from many countries will visit the Expo before it ends in October. The organizers hope more than 28 million visitors will go to it. A World Expo is an event that brings together people from all over the

world. The first one was called the Great Exhibition. It took place in London in 1851. World Expos hope to find answers to some of the world's biggest problems. The Osaka Expo showcases the culture, history and economy of 158 countries. The theme is "Creating a future society for our lives." At the U.S. and Chinese pavilions, people can see exhibits on space travel. The Italian pavilion has exhibits on architecture, art, and environmental design.

The Osaka Expo is taking place on an artificial island in Osaka Bay. The 80 pavilions are housed in a giant, round wooden building called the Grand Ring. Guinness World Records said the building is the world's "largest wooden architectural structure". It is 20 metres high and has a 2-kilometre circumference. A one-day ticket for adults costs ¥7,500, which is about \$52. Visitors will get to see many aspects of Japanese culture. There are exhibits on high-tech robots and flying cars, and Hello Kitty and Gundam. Visitors will also see the Expo mascot. This is a mysterious creature called Myaku-Myaku. It has a blue face and many red eyeballs. It is good at finding rainbows.

Sources:

asahi.com / mainichi.jp / expo25.or.jp / japantimes.co.jp

Writing

My country is the best place in the world to visit. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Osaka / Expo / Sunday / Japan / visitors / exhibition / answers / problems / society / artificial island / pavilion / building / ticket / culture / Hello Kitty / mascot / rainbows

True / False

- 1) The Osaka Expo opened last Sunday and will continue for 10 months. T / F
- 2) Over 29 million people visited Osaka Expo on the opening day. T / F
- 3) The first World Expo was in London in 1851. T / F
- 4) Visitors can see examples of Italian environmental design at the Expo. T / F
- 5) Osaka Expo is on a human-made island. T / F
- 6) You would walk 2 km if you walked round the outside of Expo 2025. T / F
- 7) It costs less than \$50 to get in to the Osaka Expo. T / F
- 8) The Osaka Expo mascot is good at finding rainbows. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. countries | a. good at |
| 2. ends | b. concept |
| 3. answers | c. happening |
| 4. theme | d. finishes |
| 5. exhibits | e. building |
| 6. taking place | f. nations |
| 7. structure | g. perimeter |
| 8. circumference | h. displays |
| 9. aspects | i. solutions |
| 10. skilled | j. features |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about Expos?
- b) Would you like to see the Osaka Expo?
- c) What are some of the world's biggest problems?
- d) How can we solve the world's biggest problems?
- e) What is best about the history of your country?
- f) What is best about the culture of your country?
- g) What is the economy of your country like?
- h) What country's pavilion would you like to visit at Expo?

Phrase Match

- visit the Expo before
- an event that brings together people from
- find answers to some of the world's
- people can see exhibits
- architecture, art, and environmental
- The Osaka Expo is taking place on
- The 80 pavilions are housed in a giant,
- a 2-kilometre
- Visitors will get to see many aspects
- a mysterious creature
- round wooden building
- an artificial island
- design
- called Myaku-Myaku
- on space travel
- of Japanese culture
- all over the world
- it ends in October
- circumference
- biggest problems

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about Osaka?
- What aspects of Japanese culture do you want to know about?
- What are the best things about your country?
- What do you think of flying cars?
- What do you think of Hello Kitty?
- What mascots do you like?
- What questions would you like to ask the Expo organizers?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. h
6. c	7. e	8. g	9. j	10. a

Comprehension Questions

Listen to / read the news article. Answer these questions.
(Answers are on p. 27 of the 27-page PDF.)

1.	How many visitors do the organizers hope will go to the Expo?
2.	Where and when was the very first World Expo?
3.	How many countries are showcasing their culture at Osaka Expo?
4.	What can you see at the Chinese pavilion?
5.	In what pavilion can you see examples of architecture and art?
6.	What kind of island is the Osaka Expo on?
7.	What is the name of the building in which the Expo is housed?
8.	How much does it cost to buy a one-day ticket for the Osaka Expo?
9.	What can visitors see many aspects of?
10.	What is good at locating rainbows?

Speaking – World Issues

Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest issues we must deal with at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Global warming
- Nuclear weapons
- A.I.
- Cyber crime
- War
- Immigration
- Obesity
- Food security

Answers – True False

1 F	2 F	3 T	4 T	5 T	6 T	7 F	8 T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.