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Osaka Expo 2025 opens in Japan

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THE ARTICLE

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

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 on 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.

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WARM-UPS

1. MY COUNTRY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about their country. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

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

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. EXPO: Students A **strongly** believe Expo helps to bring the world together; Students B **strongly** believe it doesn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. THE BEST PARTS: What are the best parts of your country for these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	Why?
Sights		
Nature		
Shopping		
City life		
Sports		
Food		

5. WORLD: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "world". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. 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

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. visit | a. The system of money, work, and business in a country. |
| 2. organizer | b. The design and style of buildings. |
| 3. hope | c. Go to a place for a short time. |
| 4. showcase (verb) | d. A person who plans or arranges something. |
| 5. economy | e. Show something in a way that people can see and like it. |
| 6. pavilion | f. A small building or tent, often used at events or shows. |
| 7. architecture | g. Want something good to happen. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. artificial | h. Show something in a place like a museum. |
| 9. house (verb) | i. One part or side of something. |
| 10. structure | j. The length of the line around a circle. |
| 11. circumference | k. Made by people, not natural. |
| 12. aspect | l. A living animal, especially one that is not a person. |
| 13. exhibit | m. Give someone or something a place to live or stay. |
| 14. creature | n. Something that is built, like a building or bridge. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| 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 |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. visit the Expo before | a. round wooden building |
| 2. an event that brings together people from | b. an artificial island |
| 3. find answers to some of the world's | c. design |
| 4. people can see exhibits | d. called Myaku-Myaku |
| 5. architecture, art, and environmental | e. on space travel |
| 6. The Osaka Expo is taking place on | f. of Japanese culture |
| 7. The 80 pavilions are housed in a giant, | g. all over the world |
| 8. a 2-kilometre | h. it ends in October |
| 9. Visitors will get to see many aspects | i. circumference |
| 10. a mysterious creature | j. biggest problems |

GAP FILL

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

The Osaka Expo 2025 opened on Sunday in Japan. People from many countries will visit the Expo before it (1) _____ in October. The organizers hope more than 28 million (2) _____ will go to it. A World Expo is an event that brings together people from all over the world. The first one was (3) _____ the Great Exhibition. It took place in London in 1851. World Expos hope to find (4) _____ to some of the world's biggest problems. The Osaka Expo showcases the culture, history and (5) _____ of 158 countries. The theme is "Creating a future (6) _____ for our lives." At the U.S. and Chinese pavilions, people can see exhibits on space (7) _____. The Italian pavilion has exhibits on architecture, art, and environmental (8) _____.

The Osaka Expo is taking place on an (9) _____ island in Osaka Bay. The 80 pavilions are housed in a giant, (10) _____ wooden building called the Grand Ring. Guinness World Records said the building is the world's "(11) _____ wooden architectural structure". It is 20 metres high and has a 2-kilometre (12) _____. A one-day ticket for adults costs ¥7,500, which is about \$52. Visitors will get to see many (13) _____ of Japanese culture. There are exhibits on high-tech (14) _____ and flying cars, and on Hello Kitty and Gundam. Visitors will also see the Expo (15) _____. This is a mysterious creature called Myaku-Myaku. It has a blue face and many red eyeballs. It is good at (16) _____ rainbows.

economy

visitors

design

society

travel

ends

answers

called

robots

artificial

largest

aspects

finding

round

mascot

circumference

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The Osaka Expo 2025 opened on _____
 - a. Sunday on Japan
 - b. Sunday in Japan
 - c. Sunday at Japan
 - d. Sunday by Japan
- 2) People from many countries will visit the Expo before it _____
 - a. ends on October
 - b. ends in October
 - c. ends at October
 - d. ends to October
- 3) The Osaka Expo showcases the culture, _____
 - a. history and economic
 - b. history and economics
 - c. history and economical
 - d. history and economy
- 4) The theme is "Creating a future society _____."
 - a. for our lives
 - b. for our living
 - c. for our lifer
 - d. for our loves
- 5) exhibits on architecture, art, _____
 - a. and environmental resign
 - b. and environmental dizzying
 - c. and environmental design
 - d. and environmental dozen
- 6) The Osaka Expo is taking place on _____
 - a. an artificial eye land
 - b. an artificial Ireland
 - c. an artificial island
 - d. an artificial Iceland
- 7) Guinness World Records said the building is the world's "largest _____"
 - a. wooden architectural stricture
 - b. wooden architectural structure
 - c. wooden architectural scripture
 - d. wooden architectural stature
- 8) There are exhibits on high-tech robots _____
 - a. end fly in cars
 - b. and flight cars
 - c. end flying cars
 - d. and flying cars
- 9) Hello Kitty and Gundam. Visitors will also see _____
 - a. the Expo muscat
 - b. the Expo mass cot
 - c. the Expo mascot
 - d. the Expo maths cot
- 10) It has a blue face and _____
 - a. many red eyeballs
 - b. many red i-balls
 - c. many red eye bowls
 - d. many red aye balls

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

The Osaka Expo 2025 (1) _____ in Japan. People from many countries will visit the Expo (2) _____ in October. The organizers hope more than 28 million visitors will go to it. A World Expo is an event that brings together people (3) _____ the world. The first one was called the Great Exhibition. It took place in London in 1851. World Expos hope to find (4) _____ of the world's biggest problems. The Osaka Expo showcases the culture, history and economy of 158 countries. The theme is "Creating (5) _____ for our lives." At the U.S. and Chinese pavilions, people can see exhibits on space travel. The Italian pavilion (6) _____ architecture, art, and environmental design.

The Osaka Expo is taking place on (7) _____ 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 (8) _____ architectural structure". It is 20 metres high and has a 2-kilometre circumference. A (9) _____ 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 (10) _____ cars, and on Hello Kitty and Gundam. Visitors will also see the Expo mascot. This is (11) _____ called Myaku-Myaku. It has a blue face and many red eyeballs. It is good (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

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?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How many visitors do the organizers hope will go to the Expo?
 - a) exactly 28 million
 - b) just fewer than 28 million
 - c) about 28 million
 - d) more than 28 million
- 2) Where and when was the very first World Expo?
 - a) Tokyo, 1951
 - b) London, 1851
 - c) Paris, 1581
 - d) New York, 1918
- 3) How many countries are showcasing their culture at Osaka Expo?
 - a) 156
 - b) 157
 - c) 158
 - d) 159
- 4) What can you see at the Chinese pavilion?
 - a) exhibits on space travel
 - b) stones from the Great Wall of China
 - c) examples of Chinese cuisine
 - d) electric cars
- 5) In what pavilion can you see examples of architecture and art?
 - a) the Mexican pavilion
 - b) the Greek pavilion
 - c) the Italian pavilion
 - d) the Egyptian pavilion
- 6) What kind of island is the Osaka Expo on?
 - a) a tropical island
 - b) an artificial island
 - c) a tiny island
 - d) a remote island
- 7) What is the name of the building in which the Expo is housed?
 - a) the Great Ring
 - b) the Brand Ring
 - c) the Grounding
 - d) the Grand Ring
- 8) How much does it cost to buy a one-day ticket for the Osaka Expo?
 - a) ¥7,500
 - b) ¥6,500
 - c) ¥9,500
 - d) ¥8,500
- 9) What can visitors see many aspects of?
 - a) Earth in the 25th century
 - b) the World Expo 2026
 - c) Japanese culture
 - d) themselves
- 10) What is good at locating rainbows?
 - a) a computer
 - b) the Expo mascot (Myaku-Myaku)
 - c) a weather monitor
 - d) A.I.

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Global Warming

You think global warming is the biggest problem we face. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues aren't as serious. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): Artificial Intelligence, war or obesity.

Role B – Artificial Intelligence

You think Artificial Intelligence is the biggest problem we face. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues aren't as serious. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): global warming, war or obesity.

Role C – War

You think war is the biggest problem we face. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues aren't as serious. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): Artificial Intelligence, global warming or obesity.

Role D – Obesity

You think obesity is the biggest problem we face. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their issues aren't as serious. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): Artificial Intelligence, war or global warming.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'future' and 'society'.

future	society
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• many• event• first• showcases• see• Italian	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• island• giant• largest• ticket• mysterious• blue
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MY COUNTRY SURVEY

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

MY COUNTRY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'future'?
3. What do you know about Expos?
4. Would you like to see the Osaka Expo?
5. What are some of the world's biggest problems?
6. How can we solve the world's biggest problems?
7. What is best about the history of your country?
8. What is best about the culture of your country?
9. What is the economy of your country like?
10. What country's pavilion would you like to visit at Expo?

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MY COUNTRY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'society'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Osaka?
15. What aspects of Japanese culture do you want to know about?
16. What are the best things about your country?
17. What do you think of flying cars?
18. What do you think of Hello Kitty?
19. What mascots do you like?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Expo organizers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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The Osaka Expo is (7) _____ place on an artificial island in Osaka Bay. The 80 pavilions are housed in a giant, round wooden building (8) _____ the Grand Ring. Guinness World Records said the building is the world's "largest wooden architectural structure". It is 20 metres (9) _____ and has a 2-kilometre circumference. A one-day ticket for adults costs ¥7,500, which is about \$52. Visitors will get to see (10) _____ aspects of Japanese culture. There are exhibits on high-tech robots and flying cars, and on Hello Kitty and Gundam. Visitors will also see the Expo (11) _____. This is a mysterious creature called Myaku-Myaku. It has a blue face and many red eyeballs. It is good (12) _____ finding rainbows.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) in | (d) to |
| 2. | (a) endings | (b) ended | (c) ends | (d) ending |
| 3. | (a) whole | (b) every | (c) all | (d) entire |
| 4. | (a) questions | (b) solution | (c) key | (d) answers |
| 5. | (a) showcases | (b) bookcases | (c) nutcases | (d) briefcases |
| 6. | (a) arty | (b) art | (c) artistic | (d) artful |
| 7. | (a) raking | (b) faking | (c) making | (d) taking |
| 8. | (a) name | (b) called | (c) that | (d) recorded |
| 9. | (a) highly | (b) highs | (c) high | (d) height |
| 10. | (a) any | (b) much | (c) number | (d) many |
| 11. | (a) mash | (b) market | (c) major | (d) mascot |
| 12. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) as | (d) up |

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. The zroengrsia hope more
2. The Osaka Expo shewcsosa the culture
3. the culture, history and cyonmoe
4. a future yeticos
5. The Italian pavilion has exhibits on trcheiutcare
6. trnnamolvenei design

Paragraph 2

7. taking place on an cifirlaati island
8. 80 alvpisoni
9. a 2-kilometre rrcemfnueicce
10. many tspcase of Japanese culture
11. This is a oyusmsiter creature
12. It is good at finding sniwroab

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () "largest wooden architectural structure". It is 20 metres high and has a 2-kilometre circumference. A one-
- () building called the Grand Ring. Guinness World Records said the building is the world's
- () culture. There are exhibits on high-tech robots and flying cars, and on Hello Kitty and Gundam. Visitors will also
- () day ticket for adults costs ¥7,500, which is about \$52. Visitors will get to see many aspects of Japanese
- () face and many red eyeballs. It is good at finding rainbows.
- () in October. The organizers hope more than 28 million visitors will go to it. A World Expo is an event that brings
- () place in London in 1851. World Expos hope to find answers to some of the world's biggest problems. The Osaka Expo showcases
- () see the Expo mascot. This is a mysterious creature called Myaku-Myaku. It has a blue
- () society for our lives." At the U.S. and Chinese pavilions, people can see exhibits on space
- () the culture, history and economy of 158 countries. The theme is "Creating a future
- (**1**) The Osaka Expo 2025 opened on Sunday in Japan. People from many countries will visit the Expo before it ends
- () The Osaka Expo is taking place on an artificial island in Osaka Bay. The 80 pavilions are housed in a giant, round wooden
- () together people from all over the world. The first one was called the Great Exhibition. It took
- () travel. The Italian pavilion has exhibits on architecture, art, and environmental design.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. People countries many from will visit the Expo .
2. More 28 million than visitors will to go it .
3. Answers some of to problems biggest the world's .
4. Creating future for society lives a our .
5. The pavilion has exhibits on Italian architecture .
6. Expo is on taking artificial island an place .
7. It architectural largest the world's is wooden structure .
8. Get many of to culture Japanese aspects see .
9. Visitors also will the see mascot Expo .
10. This creature a mysterious Myaku-Myaku is called .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The Osaka Expo 2025 *opener / opened* on Sunday in Japan. People from many countries will visit the Expo before it *ended / ends* in October. The organizers hope more than 28 million visitors will go to *them / it*. A World Expo is an event that brings together people from all *over / under* the world. The first one was called the Great Exhibition. It *took / gave* place in London in 1851. World Expos hope to find *answers / questions* to some of the world's biggest problems. The Osaka Expo showcases the *cultural / culture*, history and economy of 158 countries. The *scheme / theme* is "Creating a future society for our lives." At the U.S. and Chinese pavilions, people can see exhibits *in / on* space travel. The Italian pavilion has exhibits on architecture, *art / arty*, and environmental design.

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

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ _s_k_ _xp_ 2025 _p_n_d _n S_nd_y _n J_p_n.
P__pl_ fr_m m_ny c__ntr__s w_ll v_s_t th_ _xp_
b_fr_ _t _nds _n _ct_b_r. Th_ _rg_n_z_rs h_p_ m_r_
th_n 28 m_ll__n v_s_t_rs w_ll g_ t_ _t. _ W_rld _xp_
_s _n _v_nt th_t br_ngs t_g_th_r p__pl_ fr_m _ll _v_r
th_ w_rld. Th_ frst _n_ w_s c_ll_d th_ Gr__t
_xh_b_t__n. _t t__k pl_c_ _n L_nd_n _n 1851. W_rld
_xp_s h_p_ t_ f_nd _nsw_rs t_ s_m_ _f th_ w_rld's
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

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 worlds 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 us 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 worlds largest wooden architectural structure it is 20 metres high and has a 2 kilometre circumference a oneday ticket for adults costs ¥7500 which is about 52 dollars visitors will get to see many aspects of japanese culture there are exhibits on hightech robots and flying cars and on Hello kitty and gundam visitors will also see the expo mascot this is a mysterious creature called myakumyaku it has a blue face and many red eyeballs it is good at finding rainbows

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. OSAKA EXPO: Make a poster about the Osaka Expo. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. THE BEST: Write a magazine article about why your country is the best in the world. Include imaginary interviews with people who agree and disagree with this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on my country. Ask him/her three questions about my country. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. More than 28 million
2. London, 1851
3. 158
4. Exhibits on space travel
5. The Italian pavilion
6. An artificial island
7. The Grand Ring
8. ¥7,500 (about \$52)
9. Japanese culture
10. The Expo mascot (Myaku-Myaku)

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. People from many countries will visit the Expo.
2. More than 28 million visitors will go to it.
3. Answers to some of the world's biggest problems.
4. Creating a future society for our lives.
5. The Italian pavilion has exhibits on architecture.
6. Expo is taking place on an artificial island.
7. It is the world's largest wooden architectural structure.
8. Get to see many aspects of Japanese culture.
9. Visitors will also see the Expo mascot.
10. This is a mysterious creature called Myaku-Myaku.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)