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Japan's \$3,000 wagyu beef bento lunch box

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THE ARTICLE

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The bento is a very common part of Japanese cuisine. It is a ready-made meal in a box for one person. People buy it from convenience stores and railway stations. Japanese mothers and wives often spend a lot of time carefully preparing a bento lunch box for their husband or children. Bentos are usually cheap and contain a healthy mix of rice or noodles, fish or meat, and pickled and cooked vegetables. Now, a new bento is on the market that does not match our traditional image of this lunch box. The new bento is from Tottori and contains only premium cuts of the country's highest-quality wagyu beef. It is a little more expensive than the average 600 yen for a bento, as it costs 292,929 yen (\$3,000).

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<http://www.foodandwine.com/news/wagyu-beef-bento-box>

WARM-UPS

1. LUNCH BOXES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about lunch boxes. 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?

common / ready-made / convenience stores / lunch / healthy / traditional / average / Japan / beef / rice / sauce / vegetables / pears / wood / delivery service / prepare

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

3. HOME COOKING: Students A **strongly** believe home cooking is best; Students B **strongly** believe meals from stores or restaurants are best. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BENTO: Invent some new kinds of bento using the ideas below? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What kind of bento	Presentation
Fruit		
Bread		
Eggs		
Chocolate		
Garlic		
French fries		

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

6. LUNCH: Rank these with your partner. Put the best lunches at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- bento
- sandwiches
- shawarma
- burger and fries
- curry
- pizza
- salad
- omelet

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. common | a. Much, much higher quality. |
| 2. cuisine | b. Getting or making something ready for something else. |
| 3. preparing | c. Two or more different things put together. |
| 4. contain | d. Have something or hold something inside it. |
| 5. mix | e. Happening as part of a culture from a time in the past until now. |
| 6. traditional | f. A style or method of cooking, especially from a particular country or region. |
| 7. premium | g. Occurring, found, or done often; prevalent. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. average | h. Real; existing in fact and not what people thought or believed. |
| 9. rated | i. Given a score or value. |
| 10. sauce | j. A thick liquid served with food, usually to add flavor and some juiciness. |
| 11. actual | k. A separate part of something in which different things can be kept separate from others. |
| 12. compartments | l. The action of delivering letters, packages, or ordered goods. |
| 13. delivery | m. A Japanese plant with a thick green root with a very strong taste. It is used in cooking, especially in powder or paste form, and is put on raw fish. |
| 14. wasabi | n. The normal or usual level, quantity, price, etc. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180108-wagyu-bento-box.html>

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

- a. The article says a bento is not a common part of Japanese cuisine. **T / F**
- b. Bento boxes are usually for two people. **T / F**
- c. Bento box lunches are not usually so cheap. **T / F**
- d. A new bento has the best quality wagyu beef in Japan. **T / F**
- e. The new bento has 4.5kg of beef in it. **T / F**
- f. The new bento has a special sauce favored with Japanese apples. **T / F**
- g. The new bento is 60 centimeters long. **T / F**
- h. There is a two-week wait for the bento to be delivered. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. cuisine | a. rather than |
| 2. buy | b. combination |
| 3. preparing | c. not long ago |
| 4. mix | d. putting together |
| 5. average | e. dressing |
| 6. recently | f. cooking |
| 7. sauce | g. costly |
| 8. expensive | h. hold on |
| 9. instead of | i. purchase |
| 10. wait | j. normal |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The bento is a very common part | a. carefully preparing |
| 2. a ready-made | b. of a cow |
| 3. spend a lot of time | c. as the best |
| 4. pickled and | d. meal in a box |
| 5. the country's highest- | e. of plastic |
| 6. recently rated | f. quality wagyu beef |
| 7. a special dipping | g. of Japanese cuisine |
| 8. made from wood instead | h. delivery service |
| 9. in the shape | i. cooked vegetables |
| 10. online from the bento | j. sauce |

GAP FILL

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mix
ready
quality
premium
carefully
average
common
match

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sauce
instead
grown
normal
prepare
delivery
rated
famous

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180108-wagyu-bento-box.html>

- 1) The bento is a very common part of _____
 - a. Japanese cuisine
 - b. Japanese quizzing
 - c. Japanese kiwi zone
 - d. Japanese queasy teen
- 2) a healthy mix of rice or noodles, fish or meat, and pickled and _____
 - a. cook vegetables
 - b. cooked vegetables
 - c. cocked vegetables
 - d. crooked vegetables
- 3) a new bento is on the market that does not match our traditional _____ lunch box
 - a. image of this
 - b. imagine of this
 - c. reimage of this
 - d. imaging of this
- 4) The new bento is from Tottori and contains only _____
 - a. premium guts
 - b. premium tuts
 - c. premium nuts
 - d. premium cuts
- 5) It is a little more expensive than the _____ yen
 - a. averages 600
 - b. average 600
 - c. averaging 600
 - d. avarice 600
- 6) Its wagyu beef was recently rated as the best _____ Japan
 - a. in awe of
 - b. inner of
 - c. in all of
 - d. on all off
- 7) Tottori-grown rice and wasabi, and a special dipping sauce flavored with Tottori's _____
 - a. famous pears
 - b. famously peers
 - c. famous peers
 - d. famous pears
- 8) The actual bento box is also more expensive than _____ boxes
 - a. norm all bento
 - b. normally bento
 - c. normal bento
 - d. nor mall bento
- 9) The compartments in the box are in the _____ cow
 - a. sharpen of a
 - b. shaped of a
 - c. sharp of a
 - d. shape of a
- 10) you may have to wait two weeks for the company to prepare _____
 - a. your meeting lunch
 - b. your meaty lunch
 - c. your me tea lunch
 - d. your meat e-lunch

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180108-wagyu-bento-box.html>

1. What did the article say a bento is a common part of?
2. Where do people buy bentos from besides convenience stores?
3. What vegetables are in bentos besides cooked vegetables?
4. What quality of wagyu beef did the article say a new bento used?
5. How much did the article say an average bento cost?
6. How much beef is in the new bento box?
7. What is a sauce used in the bento flavored with?
8. What is the wagyu beef bento box made of?
9. What are the compartments in the bento box in the shape of?
10. How long do people have to wait for the bento to be delivered?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180108-wagyu-bento-box.html>

- 1) What did the article say a bento is a common part of?
 - a) rice
 - b) breakfast
 - c) food
 - d) Japanese cuisine
- 2) Where do people buy bentos from besides convenience stores?
 - a) gas stations
 - b) railway stations
 - c) bus stations
 - d) bento stations
- 3) What vegetables are in bentos besides cooked vegetables?
 - a) fresh vegetables
 - b) mountain vegetables
 - c) salad vegetables
 - d) pickled vegetables
- 4) What quality of wagyu beef did the article say a new bento used?
 - a) bento quality
 - b) good quality
 - c) the highest quality
 - d) farm quality
- 5) How much did the article say an average bento cost?
 - a) 550 yen
 - b) 500 yen
 - c) 650 yen
 - d) 600 yen
- 6) How much beef is in the new bento box?
 - a) 45g
 - b) 450g
 - c) 4.5kg
 - d) 45kg
- 7) What is a sauce used in the bento flavored with?
 - a) pears
 - b) apples
 - c) wasabi
 - d) rice
- 8) What is the wagyu beef bento box made of?
 - a) bamboo
 - b) plastic
 - c) wood
 - d) tin
- 9) What are the compartments in the bento box in the shape of?
 - a) oblongs
 - b) a cow
 - c) a cherry blossom
 - d) squares
- 10) How long do people have to wait for the bento to be delivered?
 - a) two weeks
 - b) two days
 - c) twelve days
 - d) twelve hours

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – A Bento

You think a bento is the best lunch. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their lunches. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): sandwich, burger or salad.

Role B – A Sandwich

You think a sandwich is the best lunch. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their lunches. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bento, burger or salad.

Role C – A Burger

You think a burger is the best lunch. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their lunches. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): sandwich, bento or salad.

Role D – A Salad

You think a salad is the best lunch. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their lunches. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): sandwich, burger or bento.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180108-wagyu-bento-box.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'bento' and 'lunch'.

bento	lunch

- 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">• common• mothers• cheap• market• cuts• average	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• recently• 4.5• famous• actual• wood• wait
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LUNCH BOXES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about lunch boxes 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.

LUNCH BOXES 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 'bento'?
3. What do you know about Japan's bento lunches?
4. What do you usually have for lunch?
5. What do you think of your country's cuisine?
6. What is the healthiest lunch you can think of?
7. What do you think of the \$3,000 bento lunch?
8. Do you think home cooking is the best, and why?
9. Would you like to try the wagyu bento?
10. What would you put in your perfect bento?

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LUNCH BOXES 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 'lunch'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about wagyu beef?
15. What do you know about Japanese food?
16. Why do you think the wagyu bento is so expensive?
17. What kind of bento box would you design?
18. What do you think of sandwiches or fast food for lunch?
19. What sauces do you like, and why?
20. What questions would you like to ask the bento maker?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) commonly | (b) common | (c) commoner | (d) commons |
| 2. | (a) bought | (b) buy | (c) buys | (d) buying |
| 3. | (a) carefulness | (b) careful | (c) carefree | (d) carefully |
| 4. | (a) cooker | (b) cooked | (c) cooks | (d) cook |
| 5. | (a) cut | (b) cuts | (c) cutting | (d) cut-off |
| 6. | (a) was | (b) is | (c) as | (d) has |
| 7. | (a) recency | (b) recentness | (c) recently | (d) recent |
| 8. | (a) grew | (b) growing | (c) grown | (d) growth |
| 9. | (a) actualize | (b) actually | (c) actuality | (d) actual |
| 10. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) at | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) to | (d) as |
| 12. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) for | (d) as |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a very mocnom part
2. Japanese inuesci
3. nececoneniv stores
4. a aeythhl mix of rice or noodles
5. our tdaiiatonrl image
6. only rueimmp cuts

Paragraph 2

7. tcyeelrn rated as the best
8. bento box sncaitno 4.5kg of beef
9. a special dipping caseu
10. The laucat bento box
11. made from wood snateid of plastic
12. the bento verdleiy service

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180108-wagyu-bento-box.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () buy the beefy bento online from the bento delivery service Gochikuru. However, you may have to
- () wasabi, and a special dipping sauce flavored with Tottori's famous pears, but no vegetables. The actual bento box is also more
- (**1**) The bento is a very common part of Japanese cuisine. It is a ready-made meal in a box for one
- () expensive than normal bento boxes. It is 60 centimeters long and is made from wood instead of
- () only premium cuts of the country's highest-quality wagyu beef. It is a little more
- () plastic. The compartments in the box are in the shape of a cow. In Japan, you can
- () Tottori is in the west of Japan's Honshu island. Its wagyu beef was recently rated as the best in all of
- () Japan. It is also very expensive. The new Tottori Wagyu Complete Cow bento box contains 4.5kg of beef, Tottori-grown rice and
- () expensive than the average 600 yen for a bento, as it costs 292,929 yen (\$3,000).
- () person. People buy it from convenience stores and railway stations. Japanese mothers and wives often spend a lot of
- () and contain a healthy mix of rice or noodles, fish or meat, and pickled and cooked vegetables. Now, a new bento is on the
- () market that does not match our traditional image of this lunch box. The new bento is from Tottori and contains
- () time carefully preparing a bento lunch box for their husband or children. Bentos are usually cheap
- () wait two weeks for the company to prepare your meaty lunch.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180108-wagyu-bento-box.html>

1. of Japanese common A part cuisine . very
2. box . meal a a is made It in ready-
3. a bento . of preparing lot Spend time a
4. of image box . this Our traditional lunch
5. the average . than expensive little A more
6. recently the Wagyu best . as was beef rated
7. is actual box expensive . bento The more also
8. shape in are a The the cow . compartments of
9. You can buy beefy online . bento the
10. wait two may have to weeks . you However ,

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180108-wagyu-bento-box.html>

The bento is a very *common* / *commonly* part of Japanese cuisine. It is a ready-made meal in a box for *once* / *one* person. People buy it from convenience *store* / *stores* and railway stations. Japanese mothers and wives often spend a *lot* / *loads* of time carefully preparing a bento lunch box for their husband *for* / *or* children. Bentos are usually cheap and contain a healthy *mixes* / *mix* of rice or noodles, fish or meat, and pickled and cooked vegetables. Now, a new bento is *in* / *on* the market that does not match our traditional image of this lunch box. The new bento is from Tottori and *contents* / *contains* only premium cuts of the country's highest-quality wagyu beef. It is a little *most* / *more* expensive than the average 600 yen for a bento, as it *costly* / *costs* 292,929 yen (\$3,000).

Tottori is *in* / *on* the west of Japan's Honshu island. Its wagyu beef was recently *ranted* / *rated* as the best in all of Japan. It is also very *expensive* / *expenses*. The new Tottori Wagyu Complete Cow bento box contains 4.5kg of beef, Tottori-grown rice and wasabi, and a *specially* / *special* dipping sauce flavored with Tottori's famous pears, but *none* / *no* vegetables. The actual bento box is also more expensive than *normal* / *normally* bento boxes. It is 60 centimeters *long* / *length* and is made from wood instead of plastic. The compartments in the box are in the *shaped* / *shape* of a cow. In Japan, you can buy the beefy bento online from the bento *deliver* / *delivery* service Gochikuru. However, you may have to wait two weeks for the company to *preparing* / *prepare* your meaty lunch.

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

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

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Th _ b _ nt _ _ s _ v _ ry c _ mm _ n p _ rt _ f J
_ p _ n _ s _ c _ _ s _ n _ . It _ s _ r _ _ dy - m _ d _
m _ _ l _ n _ b _ x f _ r _ n _ p _ rs _ n . P _ _ pl _
b _ y _ t fr _ m c _ nv _ n _ _ nc _ st _ r _ s _ nd r
_ _ lw _ y st _ t _ _ ns . J _ p _ n _ s _ m _ th _ rs _ n
d w _ v _ s _ ft _ n sp _ nd _ l _ t _ f _ t _ m _ c _
r _ f _ lly pr _ p _ r _ ng _ b _ nt _ l _ nch b _ x
f _ r _ th _ _ r _ h _ sb _ nd _ r _ ch _ ldr _ n . B _ nt _
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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. LUNCH BOXES: Make a poster about lunch boxes. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. JAPANESE FOOD: Write a magazine article about all food having to be well presented, like Japanese food. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 lunch boxes. Ask him/her three questions about lunch boxes. 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. g 2. f 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. e 7. a
8. n 9. i 10. j 11. h 12. k 13. l 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c F d T e T f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. cuisine | a. cooking |
| 2. buy | b. purchase |
| 3. preparing | c. putting together |
| 4. mix | d. combination |
| 5. average | e. normal |
| 6. recently | f. not long ago |
| 7. sauce | g. dressing |
| 8. expensive | h. costly |
| 9. instead of | i. rather than |
| 10. wait | j. hold on |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Japanese cuisine
2. Railway stations
3. Pickled vegetables
4. The highest quality
5. 600 yen
6. 4.5kg
7. Pears
8. Wood
9. A cow
10. Two weeks

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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