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Level 4 – 6th July, 2019

Japan begins commercial whaling after 30 years

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Japan restarted commercial whaling after three decades. Commercial whaling was banned in 1986 by the International Whaling Commission. Japan has promised its whalers will stay within 320 kilometers from its coast. It set a yearly quota for killing whales. This week, whalers caught two minke whales. The whale meat was sold in Tokyo for record prices. Restaurant owners bought the meat at prices of up to \$140 per kilo.

Japan has done whaling for centuries. A whale chef believes commercial whaling is important. He said: "A country that does not preserve its food culture has no future." He said whale meat was healthy. It is five times lower in calories than beef and 10 times lower in cholesterol. It is also full of iron. Japan's return to whaling has angered people worldwide. The Humane Society said: "This is a sad day for whale protection globally."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/07/02/asia/japan-first-whale-catch-31-years-trnd/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. after three | a. for record prices |
| 2. Commercial whaling was | b. for killing whales |
| 3. within 320 kilometers | c. \$140 per kilo |
| 4. It set a yearly quota | d. decades |
| 5. whalers caught | e. bought the meat |
| 6. sold in Tokyo | f. banned in 1986 |
| 7. Restaurant owners | g. two minke whales |
| 8. prices of up to | h. from its coast |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Japan has done whaling | a. of iron |
| 2. A country that does not preserve | b. worldwide |
| 3. He said whale meat was | c. for centuries |
| 4. It is five times lower in | d. protection globally |
| 5. It is also full | e. healthy |
| 6. Japan's return to | f. calories than beef |
| 7. whaling has angered people | g. its food culture |
| 8. a sad day for whale | h. whaling |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan restarted commercial whaling (1) _____. Commercial whaling (2) _____ 1986 by the International Whaling Commission. Japan has promised its whalers (3) _____ 320 kilometers from its coast. It set (4) _____ for killing whales. This week, whalers caught two minke whales. The whale meat was sold in Tokyo (5) _____. Restaurant owners bought the meat at prices (6) _____ \$140 per kilo.

Japan has done (7) _____. A whale chef believes commercial whaling is important. He said: "A country that does (8) _____ food culture has no future." He said whale meat was healthy. It is five times (9) _____ than beef and 10 times lower in cholesterol. It is also (10) _____. Japan's return to whaling has (11) _____. The Humane Society said: "This is a sad day for (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WHALING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about whaling 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **whaling** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
