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No screaming in Japanese amusement parks

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

A group of amusement park operators in Japan has released guidelines about visitors screaming in their parks. This is after Japan's government asked companies to prepare for the "new normal" and for life with COVID-19. The guidelines instruct park owners on how to operate safely in our coronavirus world. One of the guidelines is no screaming on rollercoasters or in haunted houses. Scientists have said that using the voice to sing, scream or shout increases the amount of virus that an infected person can put into the air. Staying quiet or talking quietly reduces the risk of spreading the virus. The park guidelines say visitors should, "refrain from vocalizing loudly" on all rides.

Japan's amusement parks are slowly reopening as the coronavirus emergency was lifted earlier this week. The country's biggest theme parks, Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan (in Osaka), remain closed. They have been closed since the beginning of March. They have not set a date for reopening. When they do open, they will likely follow the guidelines. Other recommendations include mask wearing and social distancing. One piece of advice stated: "Ghosts lurking in haunted houses should maintain a healthy distance from their 'victims'". In addition, all park staff, including those dressed as mascots and superheroes, should not shake hands or high-five anyone.

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/05/28/business/japanese-amusement-parks-coronavirus/>
<https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/japan-theme-parks-guidelines-screaming/index.html>
<https://www.asiaone.com/asia/no-screaming-rollercoasters-please-theme-parks-japan-prepare-reopening>

WARM-UPS

1. AMUSEMENT PARKS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about amusement parks. 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?

group / amusement / park / normal / safely / voice / sing / virus / guidelines / rides
coronavirus / emergency / theme parks / Disneyland / masks / ghosts / superheroes

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

3. OPEN: Students A **strongly** believe all amusement parks should open; Students B **strongly** believe they should remain closed. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. RIDES AND ATTRACTIONS: What do you think of these rides and attractions? How could you make them better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What Do You Think?	How Could It/They Be Better?
Rollercoasters		
Haunted houses		
Merry-go-rounds		
Dodgems		
Big wheels		
Shooting ranges		

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

6. THEME PARKS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best themes for a park at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Sport
- Disney
- Pizza
- Space
- Animals
- Harry Potter
- Health
- America

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. operator | a. A roller coaster, merry-go-round, or other thing people get on at an amusement park. |
| 2. guideline | b. Make something ready for use; get ready for something. |
| 3. prepare | c. Having a ghost or ghosts there. |
| 4. instruct | d. A person or company that runs a business. |
| 5. haunted | e. A person, organism, cell, etc. having a virus or disease-causing organism. |
| 6. infected | f. A general rule or piece of advice for people to follow. |
| 7. rides | g. Direct someone to do something. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. emergency | h. Make a time or date for something to happen. |
| 9. theme park | i. An amusement park based on one idea or topic. |
| 10. remain | j. An amount of space between two things or people. |
| 11. set | k. A serious, unexpected and often dangerous situation that needs quick action. |
| 12. advice | l. Good ideas given to someone. |
| 13. maintain | m. Stay. |
| 14. distance | n. Keep something at the same level or rate. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

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

- a. One amusement park in Japan will tell people not to scream. **T / F**
- b. Japan said companies should prepare for the "new normal" covid-19 life. **T / F**
- c. Scientists said screaming or singing can spread the virus. **T / F**
- d. Amusement park guidelines suggest visitors should be quiet on rides. **T / F**
- e. All of Japan's amusement parks are opening slowly. **T / F**
- f. Tokyo Disneyland has announced the date it will reopen. **T / F**
- g. The guidelines recommended ghosts in haunted houses social distance. **T / F**
- h. The guidelines say staff dressed as mascots can high-five visitors. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. group | a. stay |
| 2. prepare | b. spooky |
| 3. instruct | c. removed |
| 4. haunted | d. get ready |
| 5. risk | e. employees |
| 6. lifted | f. possibility |
| 7. remain | g. help |
| 8. follow | h. collection |
| 9. advice | i. stick to |
| 10. staff | j. tell |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. A group of amusement park | a. are slowly reopening |
| 2. prepare for the | b. safely |
| 3. how to operate | c. of spreading the virus |
| 4. the amount of virus that an infected | d. or high-five anyone |
| 5. talking quietly reduces the risk | e. "new normal" |
| 6. Japan's amusement parks | f. date for reopening |
| 7. They have been closed | g. operators in Japan |
| 8. They have not set a | h. houses |
| 9. haunted | i. person can put into the air |
| 10. should not shake hands | j. since the beginning of March |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

A (1) _____ of amusement park operators in Japan has released guidelines about visitors (2) _____ in their parks. This is after Japan's government asked companies to (3) _____ for the "new normal" and for life with COVID-19. The guidelines instruct park owners on how to operate (4) _____ in our coronavirus world. One of the guidelines is no screaming on rollercoasters or in (5) _____ houses. Scientists have said that using the voice to sing, scream or shout increases the (6) _____ of virus that an infected person can put into the air. Staying quiet or talking quietly (7) _____ the risk of spreading the virus. The park guidelines say visitors should, "refrain from vocalizing loudly" on all (8) _____.

haunted
screaming
reduces
group
safely
prepare
rides
amount

Japan's amusement parks are (9) _____ reopening as the coronavirus emergency was (10) _____ earlier this week. The country's biggest theme parks, Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan (in Osaka), (11) _____ closed. They have been closed since the beginning of March. They have not (12) _____ a date for reopening. When they do open, they will likely (13) _____ the guidelines. Other recommendations include mask wearing and social distancing. One piece of advice stated: "Ghosts lurking in (14) _____ houses should maintain a healthy (15) _____ from their 'victims'". In addition, all park staff, including those dressed as mascots and superheroes, should not shake (16) _____ or high-five anyone.

set
follow
lifted
distance
slowly
hands
remain
haunted

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

- 1) A group of amusement park operators in Japan _____
 - a. has release guidelines
 - b. have released guideline
 - c. has released guideline
 - d. have released guidelines
- 2) This is after Japan's government asked companies to prepare for _____
 - a. the "newly normal"
 - b. the "news normal"
 - c. the "knew normal"
 - d. the "new normal"
- 3) using the voice to sing, scream or shout increases the _____
 - a. amount of viral
 - b. amount of walrus
 - c. amount of virus
 - d. amount of viewers
- 4) Staying quiet or talking quietly reduces the risk of _____
 - a. spread in the virus
 - b. spread din the virus
 - c. spreading the virus
 - d. spread ding the virus
- 5) The park guidelines say visitors should, "refrain from vocalizing loudly" _____
 - a. on all riders
 - b. on all rides
 - c. on all ride
 - d. on all ridings
- 6) amusement parks are slowly reopening as the coronavirus emergency _____
 - a. wants lifted earlier
 - b. 'twas lifted earlier
 - c. waste lifted earlier
 - d. was lifted earlier
- 7) They have been closed since _____ March
 - a. the beginning of
 - b. the begin in off
 - c. the be gaining of
 - d. the beg inning of
- 8) Other recommendations include mask wearing _____
 - a. and social distancing
 - b. and socials distancing
 - c. and socialise distancing
 - d. and socially distancing
- 9) haunted houses should maintain a healthy distance _____
 - a. form their 'victims'
 - b. from their 'victims'
 - c. frame their 'victims'
 - d. for their 'victims'
- 10) those dressed as mascots and superheroes, should not shake hands or _____
 - a. high-five anyone
 - b. high-four anyone
 - c. hive-five anyone
 - d. hive-fiver anyone

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

A group of amusement park operators in Japan (1) _____ about visitors screaming in their parks. This is after Japan's government asked companies to prepare for (2) _____ and for life with COVID-19. The guidelines instruct park owners on how (3) _____ in our coronavirus world. One of the guidelines is no screaming on rollercoasters or in haunted houses. Scientists have said that using the voice to sing, (4) _____ increases the amount of virus that an infected person can put into the air. Staying quiet or talking quietly (5) _____ of spreading the virus. The park guidelines say visitors should, "refrain from vocalizing loudly" (6) _____.

Japan's amusement parks (7) _____ as the coronavirus emergency was lifted earlier this week. The country's (8) _____, Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan (in Osaka), remain closed. They have been closed (9) _____ of March. They have not set a date for reopening. When they do open, they will likely (10) _____. Other recommendations include mask wearing and social distancing. One (11) _____ stated: "Ghosts lurking in haunted houses should maintain a healthy distance from their 'victims'". In addition, all park staff, including those dressed as mascots and superheroes, should (12) _____ or high-five anyone.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

1. What did amusement park operators in Japan release?
2. What did Japan's government say companies should prepare for?
3. On what attractions do the guidelines say people should not shout?
4. What did the article say reduces the risk of spreading the virus?
5. What do guidelines say visitors should "refrain" from doing?
6. What did the article say are slowly reopening?
7. When will Tokyo Disneyland reopen?
8. What will Tokyo Disneyland follow when it reopens?
9. What are some amusement park staff dressed as?
10. What should staff not do besides shake hands?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

- 1) What did amusement park operators in Japan release?
 - a) information
 - b) balloons
 - c) money
 - d) guidelines
- 2) What did Japan's government say companies should prepare for?
 - a) lots of visitors
 - b) the "new normal"
 - c) very few visitors
 - d) the "old usual"
- 3) On what attractions do the guidelines say people should not shout?
 - a) the big wheel and haunted houses
 - b) dodgems and rollercoasters
 - c) haunted houses and dodgems
 - d) rollercoasters and haunted houses
- 4) What did the article say reduces the risk of spreading the virus?
 - a) washing hands
 - b) faster rollercoasters
 - c) talking quietly
 - d) paper bags
- 5) What do guidelines say visitors should "refrain" from doing?
 - a) using drinking fountains
 - b) holding hands
 - c) sneezing
 - d) vocalizing loudly
- 6) What did the article say are slowly reopening?
 - a) haunted houses
 - b) guidelines
 - c) amusement parks
 - d) rollercoasters
- 7) When will Tokyo Disneyland reopen?
 - a) we don't know
 - b) in the next few days
 - c) in the next few weeks
 - d) in a month or two
- 8) What will Tokyo Disneyland follow when it reopens?
 - a) fashion
 - b) trends
 - c) the guidelines
 - d) Mickey Mouse
- 9) What are some amusement park staff dressed as?
 - a) Mickey and Minnie Mouse
 - b) mascots and superheroes
 - c) Hello Kitty
 - d) goodies and baddies
- 10) What should staff not do besides shake hands?
 - a) give candies to visitors
 - b) fist-bump anyone
 - c) high-five anyone
 - d) pat children on the head

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

Role A – Sport

You think sport is the best theme for an amusement park. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their themes. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these themes (and why): Disney, health or America.

Role B – Disney

You think Disney is the best theme for an amusement park. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their themes. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these themes (and why): sport, health or America.

Role C – Health

You think health is the best theme for an amusement park. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their themes. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these themes (and why): Disney, sport or America.

Role D – America

You think America is the best theme for an amusement park. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their themes. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these themes (and why): Disney, health or sport.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

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

amusement	park

- 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">• group• asked• world• sing• reduces• rides	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• slowly• biggest• since• likely• maintain• anyone
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AMUSEMENT PARKS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about amusement parks 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.

AMUSEMENT PARKS 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 'amusement'?
3. What do you think of amusement parks?
4. Should amusement parks be allowed to reopen?
5. What guidelines would you give to park owners?
6. What is the "new normal" in the world today?
7. What do you think of rollercoasters?
8. What do you think of haunted houses?
9. Should everyone talk more quietly and wear masks?
10. What coronavirus guidelines are there in your country?

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AMUSEMENT PARKS 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 'park'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What things do you want to reopen?
15. What do you think of Disneyland?
16. What do you do to social distance?
17. Would you like a job dressing as a mascot?
18. Who is your favourite superhero?
19. Which was better, shaking hands or high-fiving?
20. What questions would you like to ask amusement park owners?

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/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

A group of amusement park operators in Japan (1) _____ released guidelines about visitors screaming in their parks. This is after Japan's government (2) _____ companies to prepare for the "new normal" and for life with COVID-19. The guidelines instruct park owners (3) _____ how to operate safely in our coronavirus world. One of the guidelines is no screaming on rollercoasters or in (4) _____ houses. Scientists have said that using the voice to sing, scream or shout increases the (5) _____ of virus that an infected person can put into the air. Staying quiet or talking quietly reduces the risk of spreading the virus. The park guidelines say visitors should, "refrain from vocalizing loudly" on all (6) _____.

Japan's amusement parks are slowly reopening (7) _____ the coronavirus emergency was lifted earlier this week. The country's biggest theme parks, Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan (in Osaka), (8) _____ closed. They have been closed since the beginning of March. They have not (9) _____ a date for reopening. When they do open, they will (10) _____ follow the guidelines. Other recommendations include mask wearing and social distancing. One (11) _____ of advice stated: "Ghosts lurking in haunted houses should maintain a healthy distance from their 'victims'". In addition, all park staff, including those dressed as mascots and superheroes, should not (12) _____ hands or high-five anyone.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) had | (b) have | (c) having | (d) has |
| 2. | (a) talked | (b) scolded | (c) spoke | (d) asked |
| 3. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) as | (d) from |
| 4. | (a) hunted | (b) hurt | (c) haunted | (d) hinted |
| 5. | (a) stuff | (b) things | (c) amount | (d) bit |
| 6. | (a) rides | (b) riders | (c) ridings | (d) riddance |
| 7. | (a) was | (b) as | (c) is | (d) has |
| 8. | (a) remain | (b) still | (c) be | (d) will |
| 9. | (a) let | (b) set | (c) get | (d) bet |
| 10. | (a) liken | (b) likelihood | (c) likely | (d) likes |
| 11. | (a) talk | (b) writing | (c) piece | (d) good |
| 12. | (a) shake | (b) rattle | (c) roll | (d) jive |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. amusement park trooaspre
2. released lugeisdein
3. prepare for the "new Imnoar"
4. denuaht houses
5. an nfitcdee person
6. uesrecd the risk of spreading the virus

Paragraph 2

7. the coronavirus gnyecrmee
8. The country's biggest emhet parks
9. One piece of vaecid
10. maintain a healthy setadcni
11. those dressed as ocasmts
12. akehs hands or high-five

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () world. One of the guidelines is no screaming on rollercoasters or in haunted houses. Scientists have said that using the voice to sing,
- (**1**) A group of amusement park operators in Japan has released guidelines about visitors screaming
- () life with COVID-19. The guidelines instruct park owners on how to operate safely in our coronavirus
- () for reopening. When they do open, they will likely follow the guidelines. Other recommendations include mask
- () wearing and social distancing. One piece of advice stated: "Ghosts lurking
- () quiet or talking quietly reduces the risk of spreading the virus. The park
- () in haunted houses should maintain a healthy distance from their 'victims'". In addition, all park staff, including
- () those dressed as mascots and superheroes, should not shake hands or high-five anyone.
- () scream or shout increases the amount of virus that an infected person can put into the air. Staying
- () Japan's amusement parks are slowly reopening as the coronavirus emergency was lifted earlier
- () in their parks. This is after Japan's government asked companies to prepare for the "new normal" and for
- () guidelines say visitors should, "refrain from vocalizing loudly" on all rides.
- () closed. They have been closed since the beginning of March. They have not set a date
- () this week. The country's biggest theme parks, Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan (in Osaka), remain

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

1. screaming Released parks . about visitors their guidelines in
2. will for normal . the new prepare Companies
3. operate owners Guidelines instruct park to how safely .
4. the the risk spreading Reduce of virus .
5. loudly on from rides . Visitors refrain should vocalizing
6. was earlier emergency coronavirus week . this lifted The
7. beginning since closed They've been the March . of
8. for They a date not have reopening . set
9. their victims . healthy Maintain distance from a
10. those All mascots . park as dressed staff, including

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

A group of *amusement / amusing* park operators in Japan has released guidelines about visitors screaming in *them / their* parks. This is after Japan's government asked companies to *preparation / prepare* for the "new normal" and for *life / live* with COVID-19. The guidelines instruct park *owns / owners* on how to operate safely in our coronavirus world. One of the guidelines is no screaming on rollercoasters or in *hunted / haunted* houses. Scientists have said that using the voice *to / for* sing, scream or shout increases the amount of virus that an infected person can put *onto / into* the air. Staying quiet or talking *quiet / quietly* reduces the risk of spreading the virus. The park guidelines say visitors should, "refrain from vocalizing loudly" on all *rides / riders*.

Japan's amusement parks are *slow / slowly* reopening as the coronavirus emergency was *lifted / carried* earlier this week. The country's biggest theme parks, Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan (in Osaka), remain *close / closed*. They have been closed *for / since* the beginning of March. They have not *set / let* a date for reopening. When they do *opening / open*, they will likely follow the guidelines. Other recommendations include mask wearing and social distancing. One *piece / peace* of advice stated: "Ghosts *lurking / lacking* in haunted houses should maintain a healthy distance from their 'victims'". In *multiplication / addition*, all park staff, including those dressed as mascots and superheroes, should not *shake / rattle* hands or high-five anyone.

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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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200531-amusement-parks.html>

a group of amusement park operators in japan has released guidelines about visitors screaming in their parks this is after japans government asked companies to prepare for the new normal and for life with covid19 the guidelines instruct park owners on how to operate safely in our coronavirus world one of the guidelines is no screaming on rollercoasters or in haunted houses scientists have said that using the voice to sing scream or shout increases the amount of virus that an infected person can put into the air staying quiet or talking quietly reduces the risk of spreading the virus the park guidelines say visitors should refrain from vocalizing loudly on all rides japans amusement parks are slowly reopening as the coronavirus emergency was lifted earlier this week the countrys biggest theme parks tokyo disneyland and universal studios japan in osaka remain closed they have been closed since the beginning of march they have not set a date for reopening when they do open they will likely follow the guidelines other recommendations include mask wearing and social distancing one piece of advice stated ghosts lurking in haunted houses should maintain a healthy distance from their victims in addition all park staff including those dressed as mascots and superheroes should not shake hands or highfive anyone

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A group of amusement park operators in Japan has released guidelines about visitors screaming in their parks. This is after Japan's government asked companies to prepare for the "new normal" and for life with COVID-19. The guidelines instruct park owners on how to operate safely in our coronavirus world. One of the guidelines is no screaming on roller coasters or in haunted houses. Scientists have said that using the voice to sing, scream or shout increases the amount of virus that an infected person can put in the air. Staying quiet or talking quietly reduces the risk of spreading the virus. The park guidelines say visitors should, "refrain from vocalizing loudly" on all rides. Japan's amusement parks are slowly reopening as the coronavirus emergency was lifted earlier this week. The country's biggest theme parks, Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan (in Osaka), remain closed. They have been closed since the beginning of March. They have not set a date for reopening. When they do open, they will likely follow the guidelines. Other recommendations include mask wearing and social distancing. One piece of advice stated: "Ghosts lurking in haunted houses should maintain a healthy distance from their 'victims'". In addition, all park staff, including those dressed as mascots and superheroes, should not shake hands or high-five anyone.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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It is perfectly safe to go to an amusement park if people follow rules. Discuss.

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. AMUSEMENT PARKS: Make a poster about amusement parks. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. THE "NEW NORMAL": Write a magazine article about changing all laws and rules for the "new normal". Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against 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 amusement parks. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what they should do to keep visitors safe during the coronavirus pandemic. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Guidelines
- The "new normal"
- Rollercoasters and haunted houses
- Talking quietly
- Vocalizing loudly
- Amusement parks
- We don't know (it has not set a date)
- The guidelines
- Mascots and superheroes
- High-five anyone

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Released guidelines about visitors screaming in their parks.
- Companies will prepare for the new normal.
- Guidelines instruct park owners how to operate safely.
- Reduce the risk of spreading the virus.
- Visitors should refrain from vocalizing loudly on rides.
- The coronavirus emergency was lifted earlier this week.
- They've been closed since the beginning of March.
- They have not set a date for reopening.
- Maintain a healthy distance from their victims.
- All park staff, including those dressed as mascots.

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 ;-)