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Level 5 – 6th February 2023

Pranksters target Japan's sushi restaurants

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THE READING

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Pranksters are posing health issues and harming the reputation of Japan's conveyor-belt sushi restaurants. Several diners have posted prank videos on social media. These include people licking soy sauce bottles and chopsticks, and licking their fingers and then touching the food on the revolving belt. This has shocked people in Japan. They are calling it "sushi terrorism". The incidents made the share prices of a leading sushi chain plummet. Many restaurants have taken action to combat the pranksters. They have installed security cameras and provided disinfected eating utensils.

Sushi restaurants are ubiquitous in Japan. They offer good quality, cheap food in an informal, spotlessly clean, casual setting. Industry analysts are saying sushi terrorism could threaten the future of revolving sushi restaurants. One video clip has been viewed 40 million times. The restaurant the prankster targeted has filed a lawsuit against him. It is claiming compensation for damages. A newspaper reported that there is a lot of outrage on social media from Japanese people. They believe the pranksters are showing "contempt for the country's high standards of hygiene".

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/feb/03/wave-of-sushi-terrorism-grips-japans-restaurant-world>
<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20230201/p2g/00m/0na/039000c>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. posing health | a. prices |
| 2. harming the | b. soy sauce bottles |
| 3. Several diners | c. fingers |
| 4. people licking | d. combat the pranksters |
| 5. licking their | e. issues |
| 6. share | f. utensils |
| 7. taken action to | g. reputation |
| 8. disinfected eating | h. have posted |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Sushi restaurants are ubiquitous | a. of outrage |
| 2. spotlessly | b. contempt |
| 3. Industry | c. hygiene |
| 4. filed a | d. for damages |
| 5. It is claiming compensation | e. clean |
| 6. there is a lot | f. analysts |
| 7. the pranksters are showing | g. lawsuit |
| 8. high standards of | h. in Japan |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Pranksters are posing health (1) _____ the reputation of Japan's conveyor-belt sushi restaurants. Several diners have posted (2) _____ social media. These include people licking soy sauce bottles and chopsticks, and (3) _____ and then touching the food on the revolving belt. This has shocked people in Japan. They are calling it "sushi terrorism". The incidents made (4) _____ of a leading sushi chain plummet. Many restaurants have taken (5) _____ the pranksters. They have installed security cameras and provided (6) _____.

Sushi restaurants (7) _____ Japan. They offer good quality, cheap food (8) _____, spotlessly clean, casual setting. Industry analysts are saying sushi terrorism could threaten the (9) _____ sushi restaurants. One video clip has been viewed 40 million times. The restaurant the prankster targeted has (10) _____ against him. It is claiming compensation for damages. A newspaper reported that there is a (11) _____ on social media from Japanese people. They believe the pranksters are showing "contempt for the country's high (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SUSHI SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2302/230206-sushi-terrorism-pranks-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about sushi 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) _____

