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Level 0 – 8th June 2023

Smiling lessons in Japan after years of mask-wearing

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Many Japanese people still wear masks. Some people who do not wear masks are having smiling lessons. They have "forgotten" how to smile because they wore a mask for three years. They want to learn how to smile again. A "smile coach" wants to help people to smile. She said smiling is good for our health.

Smile coaches in Japan are busy. Around 28% of young workers in Japan still wear masks. Just over 67% said they sometimes use masks, and 5.5% never wear them. The smile coach taught 4,000 people how to smile. She said smiling helps communication. It makes people feel positive.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Many Japanese people | a. to help |
| 2. people who do not | b. smiling lessons |
| 3. having | c. for three years |
| 4. They have "forgotten" | d. wear masks |
| 5. they wore a mask | e. for our health |
| 6. learn how to smile | f. how to smile |
| 7. A "smile coach" wants | g. again |
| 8. smiling is good | h. still wear masks |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Smile coaches in Japan | a. smile |
| 2. Around 28% | b. positive |
| 3. Just | c. people |
| 4. 5.5% never wear | d. over 67% |
| 5. The smile coach taught 4,000 | e. communication |
| 6. how to | f. them |
| 7. She said smiling helps | g. are busy |
| 8. It makes people feel | h. of young workers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many Japanese people (1) _____. Some people who do not wear (2) _____ smiling lessons. They have "forgotten" (3) _____ because they wore a (4) _____ years. They want to learn how to smile again. A "smile coach" (5) _____ people to smile. She said smiling is good (6) _____.

(7) _____ Japan are busy. Around 28% (8) _____ in Japan still wear masks. (9) _____ said they sometimes use masks, and 5.5% (10) _____. The smile coach taught 4,000 people (11) _____. She said smiling helps communication. It makes (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SMILING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about smiling 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 **smiling** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
