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Level 4 – 8th November, 2021

Japan to give children under 19 \$880 cash handout

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2111/211108-cash-handout-4.html>

Japanese children may soon have a lot of money. Japan will give ¥100,000 (\$880) to children under the age of 19. Around 20 million children will get the payment. Japan's Prime Minister said the money is part of a covid-19 stimulus package. He wants to help part-time workers and poorer families. The money will be given regardless of a family's financial status and number of children. It will cost around ¥2 trillion (\$17.6 billion).

The plan has its critics. Many people are questioning it when Japan has so much debt - currently more than twice the size of its economy. The cash is available because of a surplus of funds from fiscal 2020. The critics say most children will not buy high-cost items, eat in upmarket restaurants or go on holiday. Most of the money will be put in savings accounts. One mother welcomed the plan because her children will buy new computers.

Sources: <https://the-japan-news.com/news/article/0007957410>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Japanese | a. age of 19 |
| 2. have a | b. financial status |
| 3. children under the | c. lot of money |
| 4. children will get | d. around ¥2 trillion |
| 5. part of a covid-19 stimulus | e. the payment |
| 6. part-time workers and | f. children may |
| 7. regardless of a family's | g. poorer families |
| 8. It will cost | h. package |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The plan has | a. restaurants |
| 2. Japan has so | b. the plan |
| 3. twice the size | c. its critics |
| 4. high- | d. buy new computers |
| 5. upmarket | e. savings accounts |
| 6. money will be put in | f. of its economy |
| 7. One mother welcomed | g. cost items |
| 8. her children will | h. much debt |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japanese children may soon (1) _____ of money. Japan will give ¥100,000 (\$880) to children (2) _____ of 19. Around 20 million children will (3) _____. Japan's Prime Minister said the money (4) _____ a covid-19 stimulus package. He wants to help part-time (5) _____ families. The money will be given regardless of a family's (6) _____ number of children. It will cost around ¥2 trillion (\$17.6 billion).

The plan (7) _____. Many people are questioning it when Japan has (8) _____ - currently more than twice the size of its economy. The (9) _____ because of a surplus of funds from fiscal 2020. The critics say most children will not buy (10) _____, eat in upmarket restaurants or go on holiday. Most of the money will be (11) _____. One mother welcomed the plan because her children (12) _____ computers.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CASH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cash handouts 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) _____

