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**Level 6 – 30th May, 2022**

## Japan opens to foreign tourists after two years

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

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Japan's change of stance is welcome news for its tourism industry, which has suffered heavily over the past two years. The number of overseas visitors has fallen by over 99 per cent since pre-pandemic days. Japan saw a record 32 million foreign visitors in 2019. It was on track to achieve its goal of 40 million in 2020. However, Covid caused the number of inbound tourists to plummet to just 250,000 in 2021. The president of the Japanese airline ANA said: "I hope the border controls are loosened at the same pace as in other G7 countries to revitalize the local economy." Japan's loosening of its entry restrictions is timely. Last week, the World Economic Forum ranked Japan highest on its list of global travel destinations.

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<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/news/backstories/2004/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. TOURISM:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tourism. 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?

Japan / overseas / tourists / pandemic / package tour / arrivals / quarantine / border / stance / welcome news / industry / goal / president / airline / economy / destination

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

**3. PACKAGE TOURS:** Students A **strongly** believe package tours are the best way to travel; Students B **strongly** believe independent travel is better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. JAPAN:** What do you know about these things? What do you think of them? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	What I Know	What I Think
Mt. Fuji		
Sushi		
Bonsai		
Origami		
Karate		
Pokemon		

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

**6. DESTINATIONS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best travel destinations at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Japan
- India
- New Zealand
- Kenya
- Germany
- Canada
- Belize
- Brazil

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1. closure    | a. Experience or be subjected to something that is usually annoying or bad.  |
| 2. initially  | b. An upper limit put on something.  |
| 3. cap        | c. At first.   |
| 4. set        | d. The process or fact of being totally alone.   |
| 5. undergo    | e. An act or process of closing a border or frontier.  |
| 6. quarantine | f. Decide on and announce.   |
| 7. isolation  | g. A period or place of isolation in which people who have been exposed to infectious or contagious diseases are placed. |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 8. stance        | h. Following a course that is likely to achieve what is required. |
| 9. on track      | i. Give something new life and vitality.                          |
| 10. plummet      | j. Done or happening at a favourable or useful time.              |
| 11. pace         | k. Fall or drop straight down at high speed.                      |
| 12. revitalize   | l. Limits or controls on someone or something.                    |
| 13. restrictions | m. The speed or rate at which something happens or develops.      |
| 14. timely       | n. The attitude of a person or organization towards something.    |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

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

1. Japan closed its borders to overseas tourists around two years ago. **T / F**
2. Japan will allow in tourists from 98 countries. **T / F**
3. All visitors to Japan will have to quarantine for three days. **T / F**
4. Japan has the strictest border controls of any nation in the world. **T / F**
5. The number of foreign tourists visiting Japan fell by more than 99%. **T / F**
6. Over 40 million tourists visited Japan in 2020. **T / F**
7. Japan saw just a quarter-of-a-million visitors in 2021. **T / F**
8. The World Economic Forum ranked Japan as the top tourist destination. **T / F**

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

- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. <b>end</b>           | a. objective       |
| 2. <b>tightly</b>       | b. limit           |
| 3. <b>cap</b>           | c. comparatively   |
| 4. <b>spread</b>        | d. been damaged    |
| 5. <b>relatively</b>    | e. limitations     |
| 6. <b>stance</b>        | f. strictly        |
| 7. <b>suffered</b>      | g. plunge          |
| 8. <b>goal</b>          | h. draw to a close |
| 9. <b>plummet</b>       | i. position        |
| 10. <b>restrictions</b> | j. expansion       |

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

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. end its two-year pandemic                   | a. is timely           |
| 2. package                                     | b. low number          |
| 3. Authorities will monitor their movements to | c. is welcome news     |
| 4. quarantine                                  | d. the local economy   |
| 5. played a part in its relatively             | e. track any spread    |
| 6. Japan's change of stance                    | f. to achieve its goal |
| 7. on track                                    | g. closure             |
| 8. revitalize                                  | h. destinations        |
| 9. Japan's loosening of its entry restrictions | i. for three days      |
| 10. its list of global travel                  | j. tour groups         |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

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Japan's change of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ is welcome news for its tourism industry, which has suffered (10) \_\_\_\_\_ over the past two years. The number of overseas visitors has fallen by over 99 per cent since pre-pandemic days. Japan saw a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 32 million foreign visitors in 2019. It was on track to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ its goal of 40 million in 2020. However, Covid caused the number of (13) \_\_\_\_\_ tourists to plummet to just 250,000 in 2021. The president of the Japanese airline ANA said: "I hope the border controls are loosened at the same (14) \_\_\_\_\_ as in other G7 countries to revitalize the local economy." Japan's loosening of its entry restrictions is (15) \_\_\_\_\_. Last week, the World Economic Forum ranked Japan highest on its list of global travel (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*package*

*negative*

*closure*

*track*

*strictest*

*tightly*

*imposed*

*quarantine*

*heavily*

*achieve*

*destinations*

*pace*

*record*

*timely*

*stance*

*inbound*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

- 1) Japan will reopen to overseas tourists and end its two-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. year pandemic close your
  - b. year pandemic close sure
  - c. year pandemic closure
  - d. year pandemic clothes sure
- 2) A daily cap of 20,000 arrivals \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. has been let
  - b. has been set
  - c. has been met
  - d. has been bet
- 3) Authorities will monitor their movements to track any \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. spread off Covid-19
  - b. spreads of Covid-19
  - c. spread of Covid-19
  - d. spared of Covid-19
- 4) Some may have to undergo an additional \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. test and quarantine
  - b. test and quarantines
  - c. test and quarry on time
  - d. test and quarrel any time
- 5) Its self-imposed isolation has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. played a part
  - b. play dab art
  - c. played apart
  - d. play depart
- 6) Japan's change of stance is welcome news for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its tourism industrial
  - b. its tourism in dust try
  - c. its tourism in dust tree
  - d. its tourism industry
- 7) The number of overseas visitors has fallen by over 99 per cent since \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pre-pandemic daze
  - b. pre-pandemic daily
  - c. pre-pandemic days
  - d. pre-pandemic day
- 8) foreign visitors in 2019. It was on track to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. achieve its goal
  - b. achieve that's goal
  - c. achieve vet's goal
  - d. achieves a goal
- 9) However, Covid caused the number of inbound \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. tourists too plummet
  - b. tourists to plum mitt
  - c. tourists to plummet
  - d. tourists to plum might
- 10) Japanese airline ANA said: "I hope the border controls are loosened at \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. the same pace
  - b. the same space
  - c. the same apace
  - d. the same place

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

1. When will Japan open up to tourists from 98 countries?
2. What is the daily cap Japan has set on visitor numbers?
3. What will authorities monitor?
4. What might some people need to do besides have a covid test?
5. What has played a part in Japan's relatively low coronavirus numbers?
6. What is welcome news for Japan's tourism industry?
7. By how much did visitor numbers to Japan fall in the past two years?
8. What was Japan's target for tourist numbers in 2020?
9. What does an airline boss hope will be revitalized?
10. Who ranked Japan as its top tourist destination?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

- 1) When will Japan open up to tourists from 98 countries?
  - a) July 10
  - b) June 10
  - c) July 20
  - d) June 20
- 2) What is the daily cap Japan has set on visitor numbers?
  - a) 15,000
  - b) 25,000
  - c) 20,000
  - d) 30,000
- 3) What will authorities monitor?
  - a) passports
  - b) new strains of covid
  - c) monkeypox
  - d) the movement of tourists
- 4) What might some people need to do besides have a covid test?
  - a) say where they will stay
  - b) quarantine
  - c) complete a questionnaire
  - d) download an app
- 5) What has played a part in Japan's relatively low coronavirus numbers?
  - a) its self-imposed isolation
  - b) the weather
  - c) masks
  - d) lockdowns
- 6) What is welcome news for Japan's tourism industry?
  - a) Japan's change of stance
  - b) no masks
  - c) the Internet
  - d) a rise in global tourism
- 7) By how much did visitor numbers to Japan fall in the past two years?
  - a) just less than 99%
  - b) by around 99%
  - c) exactly 99%
  - d) by more than 99%
- 8) What was Japan's target for tourist numbers in 2020?
  - a) 30 million
  - b) 60 million
  - c) 40 million
  - d) 50 million
- 9) What does an airline boss hope will be revitalized?
  - a) air travel
  - b) tourist sites
  - c) the mask industry
  - d) the local economy
- 10) Who ranked Japan as its top tourist destination?
  - a) Japan's government
  - b) the World Economic Forum
  - c) the United Nations
  - d) Trip Advisor

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Japan**

You think Japan is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): Kenya, Canada or Brazil.

## **Role B – Kenya**

You think Kenya is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): Japan, Canada or Brazil.

## **Role C – Canada**

You think Canada is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): Kenya, Japan or Brazil.

## **Role D – Brazil**

You think Brazil is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): Kenya, Canada or Japan.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

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

<b>Japan</b>	<b>tourist</b>
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- 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"><li>• end</li><li>• tightly</li><li>• cap</li><li>• negative</li><li>• three</li><li>• part</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• welcome</li><li>• 99</li><li>• 40</li><li>• 250,000</li><li>• G7</li><li>• highest</li></ul>
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# TOURISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tourism 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.

# TOURISM 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 'Japan'?
3. What do you know about Japan?
4. What is Japan like as a travel destination?
5. What places in Japan would you really like to visit?
6. How did your country do during Covid?
7. Why did Japan have relatively fewer coronavirus cases?
8. Was Japan right to close to tourists for two years?
9. Is it better to travel as part of a package tour or as a solo traveller?
10. How do you feel about international travel now?

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# TOURISM 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 'tourism'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What's your country like for tourism?
15. What are the benefits of having no overseas visitors?
16. What are the benefits of international tourism?
17. Is it better to travel domestically rather than internationally?
18. What do you think of foreign tourists who come to your country?
19. What do you think is the best global travel destination?
20. What questions would you like to ask a hotelier in Japan?

## 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/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

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

- |     |              |               |               |              |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) closet   | (b) enclosure | (c) closure   | (d) closing  |
| 2.  | (a) opening  | (b) opener    | (c) opens     | (d) opened   |
| 3.  | (a) cap      | (b) peak      | (c) hat       | (d) beret    |
| 4.  | (a) test     | (b) have      | (c) do        | (d) take     |
| 5.  | (a) redo     | (b) overcome  | (c) rehash    | (d) undergo  |
| 6.  | (a) supposed | (b) reposed   | (c) composed  | (d) imposed  |
| 7.  | (a) stance   | (b) chance    | (c) perchance | (d) distance |
| 8.  | (a) up       | (b) at        | (c) in        | (d) on       |
| 9.  | (a) plummet  | (b) skyrocket | (c) escalate  | (d) swell    |
| 10. | (a) apace    | (b) pace      | (c) space     | (d) outpace  |
| 11. | (a) timed    | (b) timely    | (c) timer     | (d) times    |
| 12. | (a) on       | (b) at        | (c) in        | (d) as       |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. its two-year pandemic orlescu
2. the opening will be ityghlt controlled
3. atilIiynl, only package tour groups will be allowed
4. quaantienr for three days
5. Its self-imposed iooastiln
6. its vetylaeril low number

## Paragraph 2

7. Japan's change of ntasce
8. the number of unonibd tourists
9. mpultem to just 250,000
10. ieezlirtav the local economy
11. loosening of its entry nstriitrecso
12. its list of global travel dieoittssann

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) to allow tourists from 98 countries from June the 10th. However, the opening will be tightly
- ( ) controlled. Initially, only package tour groups will be allowed in. A daily cap of 20,000 arrivals has been set. Authorities will monitor
- ( ) days. Japan saw a record 32 million foreign visitors in 2019. It was on track to achieve its goal
- ( ) of 40 million in 2020. However, Covid caused the number of inbound tourists to plummet to just 250,000 in 2021. The president
- ( ) travel to Japan. Some may have to undergo an additional test and quarantine
- ( ) timely. Last week, the World Economic Forum ranked Japan highest on its list of global travel destinations.
- ( ) for three days. Japan has among the strictest border controls of any country. Its self-
- ( ) pace as in other G7 countries to revitalize the local economy." Japan's loosening of its entry restrictions is
- ( ) of the Japanese airline ANA said: "I hope the border controls are loosened at the same
- ( **1** ) Japan will reopen to overseas tourists and end its two-year pandemic closure. The government has decided
- ( ) imposed isolation has played a part in its relatively low number of coronavirus cases.
- ( ) their movements to track any spread of Covid-19. All visitors have to test negative for Covid before they
- ( ) heavily over the past two years. The number of overseas visitors has fallen by over 99 per cent since pre-pandemic
- ( ) Japan's change of stance is welcome news for its tourism industry, which has suffered

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

1. allow government decided tourists . to The has
2. has cap set . arrivals of 20,000 A been
3. have for to Covid . All visitors negative test
4. border any Among strictest of country . controls the
5. low its part a number . Played in relatively
6. is Japan's news . of welcome change stance
7. visitors has fallen . of number The overseas
8. on was its to track goal . It achieve
9. I hope the controls loosened . are border
10. restrictions is of its entry timely . loosening Japan's

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

Japan will reopen to overseas tourists and end its two-year pandemic *closure* / *enclosure*. The government has decided to allow tourists from 98 countries from June the 10th. However, the *opener* / *opening* will be tightly controlled. Initially, only *packaging* / *package* tour groups will be allowed in. A daily *cap* / *hat* of 20,000 arrivals has been *let* / *set*. Authorities will monitor their movements to track any *spread* / *spared* of Covid-19. All visitors have to test negative for Covid before they travel to Japan. Some may have to *undergo* / *overdo* an additional test and quarantine for three days. Japan has among the *strictest* / *strictly* border controls of any country. Its self-imposed *isolation* / *resolution* has played a part in its *relatively* / *relative* low number of coronavirus cases.

Japan's change of *stage* / *stance* is welcome news for its tourism industry, which has suffered *heavy* / *heavily* over the past two years. The number of overseas visitors has *felled* / *fallen* by over 99 per cent since pre-pandemic days. Japan saw a record 32 million foreign visitors in 2019. It was on *trick* / *track* to achieve its goal of 40 million in 2020. However, Covid caused the number of *outbound* / *inbound* tourists to *plummet* / *plumbing* to just 250,000 in 2021. The president of the Japanese airline ANA said: "I hope the border controls are *lost* / *loosened* at the same pace as in other G7 countries to revitalize the *locals* / *local* economy." Japan's loosening of its entry restrictions is *timely* / *timed*. Last week, the World Economic Forum ranked Japan highest on its list of global travel *destination* / *destinations*.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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japans change of stance is welcome news for its tourism industry which has suffered heavily over the past two years the number of overseas visitors has fallen by over 99 per cent since prepandemic days japan saw a record 32 million foreign visitors in 2019 it was on track to achieve its goal of 40 million in 2020 however covid caused the number of inbound tourists to plummet to just 250000 in 2021 the president of the japanese airline ana said i hope the border controls are loosened at the same pace as in other g7 countries to revitalize the local economy japans loosening of its entry restrictions is timely last week the world economic forum ranked japan highest on its list of global travel destinations

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220530-japan-tourism.html>

My country should be the world's top tourist destination. Discuss.

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# 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. JAPAN:** Make a poster about Japan. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. TOURISM:** Write a magazine article about international tourism. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 tourism. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how tourism can be more environmentally friendly. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T    2 T    3 F    4 F    5 T    6 F    7 T    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. June 10
2. 20,000
3. The movement of tourists
4. Quarantine for 3 days
5. Its self-imposed isolation
6. Japan's change of stance
7. By more than 99%
8. 40 million
9. The local economy
10. The World Economic Forum

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. The government has decided to allow tourists.
2. A cap of 20,000 arrivals has been set.
3. All visitors have to test negative for Covid.
4. Among the strictest border controls of any country.
5. Played a part in its relatively low number.
6. Japan's change of stance is welcome news.
7. The number of overseas visitors has fallen.
8. It was on track to achieve its goal.
9. I hope the border controls are loosened.
10. Japan's loosening of its entry restrictions is timely.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. c    3. d    4. b    5. a    6. a    7. d    8. c    9. d    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)