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Level 4 – 31st October, 2022

World record gathering of people with same name

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

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THE READING

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A group of 178 males called Tanaka Hirokazu met in Tokyo to break the Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of people with the same name. The record was organized by the Tanaka Hirokazu association. This group was started in 1994 after Tanaka Hirokazu saw his namesake drafted into a Japanese baseball team. Ex-baseball player Tanaka Hirokazu was also part of Saturday's record. The record holders range in age from three years old to 80.

Tanaka Hirokazu, 53, was very happy with the world record. His two previous attempts failed because the association wanted everyone to have the same Chinese characters in their name. Saturday's meeting was more relaxed. Anyone with the name Hirokazu Tanaka could join, regardless of the Chinese characters. Mr Tanaka told reporters: "I never expected we would achieve such a ridiculous record." He said the 178 Tanakas had "set an example of silliness".

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2022/10/29/national/guinness-record-hirokazu-tanaka/>
<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20221029/p2g/00m/0na/037000c>
<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/hirokazu-tanaka-namesake-gathering-in-tokyo-smashes-world-record>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A group | a. started in 1994 |
| 2. the largest gathering | b. Japanese baseball team |
| 3. This group was | c. age |
| 4. Tanaka Hirokazu saw | d. of people |
| 5. drafted into a | e. record |
| 6. part of Saturday's | f. years old to 80 |
| 7. range in | g. his namesake |
| 8. from three | h. of 178 males |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Hirokazu, 53, | a. we would |
| 2. His two previous attempts | b. have the same |
| 3. the association wanted everyone to | c. was very happy |
| 4. Saturday's meeting was more | d. example of silliness |
| 5. regardless of the Chinese | e. record |
| 6. I never expected | f. relaxed |
| 7. a ridiculous | g. characters |
| 8. set an | h. failed |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ 178 males called Tanaka Hirokazu met in Tokyo (2) _____ Guinness World Record for the largest (3) _____ with the same name. The record was (4) _____ Tanaka Hirokazu association. This group was started in 1994 after Tanaka Hirokazu saw (5) _____ into a Japanese baseball team. Ex-baseball player Tanaka Hirokazu was also part of Saturday's record. The record (6) _____ age from three years old to 80.

Tanaka Hirokazu, 53, was very happy with the world record. His two (7) _____ because the association wanted everyone to have the (8) _____ in their name. Saturday's meeting was more relaxed. Anyone with the name Hirokazu Tanaka could join, (9) _____ Chinese characters. Mr Tanaka told reporters: "(10) _____ we would achieve (11) _____ record." He said the 178 Tanakas had "(12) _____ of silliness".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SURNAMES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about surnames 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) _____

