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Japan has a new emperor

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

A Japanese emperor has abdicated for the first time in more than 200 years. Emperor Akihito stepped down from the Chrysanthemum Throne on April 30 after 30 years of being the Japanese monarch. He made way for his son Crown Prince Naruhito to become the new emperor. Akihito decided to step down because of his health. At the age of 85, he has been visibly slowing down for the past few years. He has also had a couple of health scares. He believes his son is now better able to carry out the duties of emperor. Emperor Akihito will be remembered for using a personal touch to bring his people together after many national disasters. He continually visited people after earthquakes, tsunami and other tragedies.

The new Emperor Naruhito became the 126th emperor to ascend the throne of the world's oldest monarchy. Naruhito, 59, spent two years studying at Oxford University. His wife, the new Empress Masako, studied at Harvard University and worked as a diplomat. A traditional ceremony took place as part of the historic handover. In the ceremony, Naruhito received a sacred sword, a jewel and official seals that date back thousands of years. The ceremony took place in the middle of a ten-day Japanese holiday. The traditional Golden Week holiday was extended to allow people to celebrate the new emperor. Millions of Japanese were glued to their TVs and smartphones watching the historic event.

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/04/29/national/japans-peaceful-heisei-era-leaves-legacy-change-growth-tragedy/>
<https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/explained/article/3008145/japans-emperor-kihito-abdicates-and-crown-prince-naruhito>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/29/world/asia/japan-emperor-women.html>

WARM-UPS

1. EMPERORS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about emperors. 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?

emperor / 200 years / monarch / duties / personal touch / tsunami / earthquake / throne / university / diplomat / ceremony / sword / jewel / holiday / glued / event

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

3. MONARCHY: Students A **strongly** believe all countries need a monarchy; Students B **strongly** believe they don't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MONARCHS: What do you know about these monarchs? What questions would you like to ask them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	Questions
Queen Elizabeth II (UK)		
Queen Rania (Jordan)		
Sultan of Brunei		
King Salman (Saudi Arabia)		
King Rama X (Thailand)		
Tupou VI (Tonga)		

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

6. JAPAN: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about Japan at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- sushi
- cherry blossoms
- manga
- history
- people
- tea
- origami
- bonsai

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. abdicated | a. In a way that can be perceived or noticed easily; clearly. |
| 2. throne | b. An event causing great suffering, destruction, and distress, such as a serious accident, crime, or natural disaster. |
| 3. monarch | c. A king, queen, emperor, empress, sultan, sultana, etc. giving up their position. |
| 4. visibly | d. A king, queen, emperor, empress, sultan, sultana, etc. |
| 5. scare | e. The power and position of a king, queen, emperor, empress, sultan, sultana, etc. |
| 6. duty | f. A situation characterized by sudden worry about something. |
| 7. tragedy | g. A moral or legal obligation; a responsibility. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. ascend | h. An official representing a country abroad. |
| 9. diplomat | i. Existing in or as part of a tradition; long-established. |
| 10. traditional | j. Connected with God (or the gods) or dedicated to a religious purpose. |
| 11. ceremony | k. Move up the social or professional scale or take on a higher role. |
| 12. handover | l. Have fun on a happy day or event with a social or enjoyable activity. |
| 13. sacred | m. The action of giving something over, such as a position, job, territory, person or object. |
| 14. celebrate | n. A formal religious or public occasion, typically one celebrating a particular event or anniversary. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

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

- a. The last time a Japanese emperor abdicated was over 200 years ago. **T / F**
- b. Emperor Akihito was monarch for 30 years. **T / F**
- c. Emperor Akihito has had a few health problems in the past few years. **T / F**
- d. Emperor Akihito rarely visited people after natural disasters. **T / F**
- e. The new emperor is Japan's 126th monarch. **T / F**
- f. Emperor Naruhito's wife studied at Oxford University. **T / F**
- g. Emperor Naruhito received a sacred book in a special ceremony. **T / F**
- h. Many Japanese people got stuck to their desks. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. abdicated | a. noticeably |
| 2. monarch | b. happened |
| 3. visibly | c. occasion |
| 4. scares | d. disasters |
| 5. tragedies | e. lengthened |
| 6. sacred | f. stepped down |
| 7. took place | g. holy |
| 8. extended | h. frights |
| 9. glued | i. ruler |
| 10. event | j. fixed |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. for the first time | a. the throne |
| 2. he has been visibly | b. thousands of years |
| 3. He has also had a couple | c. other tragedies |
| 4. remembered for using a personal | d. glued to their TVs |
| 5. earthquakes, tsunami and | e. slowing down |
| 6. the 126th emperor to ascend | f. a diplomat |
| 7. worked as | g. of health scares |
| 8. as part of the historic | h. in more than 200 years |
| 9. official seals that date back | i. handover |
| 10. Millions of Japanese were | j. touch |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

A Japanese emperor has (1) _____ for the first time in more than 200 years. Emperor Akihito (2) _____ down from the Chrysanthemum Throne on April 30 after 30 years of being the Japanese (3) _____. He made way for his son Crown Prince Naruhito to become the new emperor. Akihito decided to step down because of his (4) _____. At the age of 85, he has been visibly slowing down for the past few years. He has also had a (5) _____ of health scares. He believes his son is now better able to carry out the (6) _____ of emperor. Emperor Akihito will be remembered for using a personal (7) _____ to bring his people together after many national disasters. He continually visited people after earthquakes, tsunami and other (8) _____.

health
duties
stepped
tragedies
abdicated
touch
monarch
couple

The new Emperor Naruhito became the 126th emperor to (9) _____ the throne of the world's oldest (10) _____. Naruhito, 59, spent two years studying at Oxford University. His wife, the new Empress Masako, studied at Harvard University and worked as a (11) _____. A traditional ceremony took place as part of the historic (12) _____. In the ceremony, Naruhito received a sacred sword, a jewel and official (13) _____ that date back thousands of years. The ceremony took place in the (14) _____ of a ten-day Japanese holiday. The traditional Golden Week holiday was (15) _____ to allow people to celebrate the new emperor. Millions of Japanese were (16) _____ to their TVs and smartphones watching the historic event.

diplomat
seals
extended
monarchy
glued
handover
ascend
middle

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

- 1) the Chrysanthemum Throne on April 30 after 30 years of being the _____
 - a. Japanese monarchs
 - b. Japanese monarchy
 - c. Japanese monarch
 - d. Japanese anarchy
- 2) At the age of 85, he has been visibly slowing down for _____ years
 - a. the passed few
 - b. the parsed few
 - c. the past few
 - d. the paste few
- 3) He believes his son is now better able to carry out the _____ emperor
 - a. duly of
 - b. duties oft
 - c. duties off
 - d. duties of
- 4) using a personal touch to bring his people together after many _____
 - a. nationally disasters
 - b. national disasters
 - c. nationally disaster
 - d. national disastrous
- 5) He continually visited people after earthquakes, tsunami and _____
 - a. another tragic
 - b. other's tragedies
 - c. other tragic
 - d. other tragedies
- 6) His wife, the new Empress Masako, studied at Harvard University and worked _____
 - a. as a diplomat
 - b. as a diplomacy
 - c. as a deep mat
 - d. as a dimple mat
- 7) A traditional ceremony took place as part of the _____
 - a. historic hand overly
 - b. historic hands overs
 - c. historic handover
 - d. historic handy over
- 8) a sacred sword, a jewel and official seals that date back thousands _____
 - a. off years
 - b. of year
 - c. off year
 - d. of years
- 9) The traditional Golden Week holiday was extended to _____ celebrate
 - a. allowing people to
 - b. allowed people to
 - c. allow people to
 - d. allows people to
- 10) Millions of Japanese were glued to their TVs and smartphones watching _____
 - a. the history event
 - b. the historic event
 - c. the historical event
 - d. the historian event

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

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The new Emperor Naruhito became the 126th emperor (7) _____ throne of the world's oldest monarchy. Naruhito, 59, (8) _____ studying at Oxford University. His wife, the new Empress Masako, studied at Harvard University and worked as a diplomat. A traditional ceremony took (9) _____ of the historic handover. In the ceremony, Naruhito received a sacred sword, a jewel and official seals (10) _____ thousands of years. The ceremony took place in the middle of a ten-day Japanese holiday. The traditional Golden Week holiday was extended (11) _____ to celebrate the new emperor. Millions of Japanese were (12) _____ TVs and smartphones watching the historic event.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

1. When was the last time an emperor abdicated before Akihito?
2. For how long was Akihito emperor?
3. What kind of scares has Akihito had in the past few years?
4. What kind of touch did Akihito use with his people?
5. When did Akihito always visit people?
6. How many Japanese emperors have there now been?
7. Where did Emperor Naruhito's wife study?
8. What sacred object did Naruhito receive when he became emperor?
9. How long was a Japanese holiday?
10. What were Japanese people glued to?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

- 1) When was the last time an emperor abdicated before Akihito?
 - a) around 200 years ago
 - b) exactly 200 years ago
 - c) over 200 years ago
 - d) just under 200 years ago
- 2) For how long was Akihito emperor?
 - a) 30 years
 - b) 35 years
 - c) 40 years
 - d) 45 years
- 3) What kind of scares has Akihito had in the past few years?
 - a) minor scares
 - b) big scares
 - c) sudden scares
 - d) health scares
- 4) What kind of touch did Akihito use with his people?
 - a) an iPod Touch
 - b) a personal touch
 - c) a rough touch
 - d) a gentle touch
- 5) When did Akihito always visit people?
 - a) when he went to Kyoto
 - b) on Sundays
 - c) after natural disasters
 - d) on national holidays
- 6) How many Japanese emperors have there now been?
 - a) 125
 - b) 126
 - c) 127
 - d) 128
- 7) Where did Emperor Naruhito's wife study?
 - a) Sorbonne University
 - b) Oxford University
 - c) Tokyo University
 - d) Harvard University
- 8) What sacred object did Naruhito receive when he became emperor?
 - a) a bonsai
 - b) a sword
 - c) a ring
 - d) a helmet
- 9) How long was a Japanese holiday?
 - a) ten days
 - b) a week
 - c) 12 days
 - d) 5 days
- 10) What were Japanese people glued to?
 - a) each other
 - b) the sky
 - c) their sofas
 - d) their TVs and smartphones

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

Role A – Sushi

You think sushi is the best thing about Japan. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): manga, tea or bonsai.

Role B – Manga

You think manga is the best thing about Japan. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): sushi, tea or bonsai.

Role C – Tea

You think tea is the best thing about Japan. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): manga, sushi or bonsai.

Role D – Bonsai

You think bonsai is the best thing about Japan. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): manga, tea or sushi.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

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

Japan	emperor
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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">• first• 30• 85• couple• touch• other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 126• two• wife• part• middle• glued
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JAPAN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Japan 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.

JAPAN 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 the Japanese monarchy?
4. What do you think of monarchies?
5. Would you like to be a monarch?
6. Should there be an age limit for monarchs?
7. What do you think a younger monarch can do?
8. What should a monarch do for the people?
9. Should people vote for a new monarch?
10. How can a monarch help his or her people?

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JAPAN 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 'emperor'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Emperor Akihito?
15. What would it be like to be a monarch?
16. What do you think the new emperor will be like?
17. What do you know about Japan of a thousand years ago?
18. How should Japanese people celebrate?
19. When are you glued to your television?
20. What questions would you like to ask the new emperor?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) on | (d) of |
| 2. | (a) across | (b) up | (c) in | (d) down |
| 3. | (a) whey | (b) way | (c) weight | (d) why |
| 4. | (a) visibility | (b) visible | (c) visibly | (d) visor |
| 5. | (a) touch | (b) hold | (c) feel | (d) handle |
| 6. | (a) other | (b) another | (c) others | (d) the others |
| 7. | (a) ascribe | (b) ascent | (c) rescind | (d) ascend |
| 8. | (a) spent | (b) used | (c) consumed | (d) ate |
| 9. | (a) is | (b) as | (c) has | (d) was |
| 10. | (a) scared | (b) scored | (c) sacred | (d) scarred |
| 11. | (a) for | (b) by | (c) to | (d) at |
| 12. | (a) taped | (b) glued | (c) tied | (d) bonded |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

Paragraph 1

1. atibacdde for the first time
2. being the Japanese mrnaoch
3. he has been yvilbsi slowing down
4. health seacsr
5. many national drsasties
6. tsunami and other airedsteg

Paragraph 2

7. snckdae the throne
8. worked as a paloitdm
9. The reyocenm took place
10. The rdlaaotinit Golden Week holiday
11. allow people to tercleaeb
12. watching the ohitcris event

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () handover. In the ceremony, Naruhito received a sacred sword, a jewel and official seals that date back
- () scares. He believes his son is now better able to carry out the duties of emperor. Emperor Akihito will be remembered
- () visited people after earthquakes, tsunami and other tragedies.
- () of Japanese were glued to their TVs and smartphones watching the historic event.
- () The new Emperor Naruhito became the 126th emperor to ascend the throne of the world's oldest
- () for using a personal touch to bring his people together after many national disasters. He continually
- () monarchy. Naruhito, 59, spent two years studying at Oxford University. His wife, the new Empress Masako, studied
- () at Harvard University and worked as a diplomat. A traditional ceremony took place as part of the historic
- () thousands of years. The ceremony took place in the middle of a ten-day Japanese
- () down from the Chrysanthemum Throne on April 30 after 30 years of being the Japanese monarch. He made
- (**1**) A Japanese emperor has abdicated for the first time in more than 200 years. Emperor Akihito stepped
- () holiday. The traditional Golden Week holiday was extended to allow people to celebrate the new emperor. Millions
- () way for his son Crown Prince Naruhito to become the new emperor. Akihito decided to step down because of his
- () health. At the age of 85, he has been visibly slowing down for the past few years. He has also had a couple of health

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

1. for the time . A first Japanese abdicated emperor
2. step because down to health . of his Decided
3. past few for slowing the Visibly down years .
4. to the out carry of duties emperor . Able
5. personal people bring touch A his to together .
6. Oxford . at two spent years 59, Naruhito, studying
7. a diplomat . Harvard at worked as Studied and
8. Naruhito ceremony, In sacred a the received sword .
9. seals Official date years . that of thousands back
10. glued Japanese Millions to were TVs . their of

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

A Japanese emperor has abdicated for the first time in more than 200 years. Emperor Akihito stepped *down / up* from the Chrysanthemum Throne on April 30 after 30 years of *been / being* the Japanese monarch. He made *weigh / way* for his son Crown Prince Naruhito to become the new emperor. Akihito *decision / decided* to step down because of his *health / healthy*. At the age of 85, he has been *visibly / visible* slowing down for the past few years. He has also had a *double / couple* of health scares. He believes his son is now better able to carry *in / out* the duties of emperor. Emperor Akihito will be remembered for using a *personal / personally* touch to bring his people together after many national disasters. He continually visited people after earthquakes, tsunami and *another / other* tragedies.

The new Emperor Naruhito became the 126th emperor to *ascend / send* the throne of the world's oldest *monarchy / monarch*. Naruhito, 59, spent two years studying *to / at* Oxford University. His wife, the new Empress Masako, studied at Harvard University and worked as a *diplomacy / diplomat*. A traditional ceremony *gave / took* place as part of the historic handover. In the ceremony, Naruhito received a *sacred / scared* sword, a jewel and official seals that date *forward / back* thousands of years. The ceremony took *place / location* in the middle of a ten-day Japanese holiday. The traditional Golden Week holiday was extended to allow people to *celebrate / celebration* the new emperor. Millions of Japanese were *pasted / glued* to their TVs and smartphones watching the historic event.

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

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

A J_p_n_s_ _m p_r_r h_s _b d_c_t_d f_r th_ f_r s t
t_m_ _n m_r_ th_n 2 0 0 y__ r s . E m p_r_r A
k_h_t_ s t_p p_d d_w n f_r m th_ C h r y s_n t h_m_m
T h_r_n_ _n A p_r_l 3 0 _f t_r 3 0 y__ r s _f b__ n g
th_ J_p_n_s_ m_n_r c h . H_ m_d_ w_y f_r h_s s_n
C r_w n P r_n c_ N_r_h_t_ t_ b_c_m_ th_ n_w _m
p_r_r . A k_h_t_ d_c_d_d t_ s t_p d_w n b_c__ s__ f
h_s h__ l t h . A t th_ _g_ _f 8 5 , h_ h_s b__ n
v_s_b l y s l_w_n g d_w n f_r th_ p_s t f_w y__ r
s . H_ h_s _l s_ h_d _ c__ p l_ _f h__ l t h s c_r_s .
H_ b_l__ v_s h_s s_n _s n_w b_t t_r _b l_ t_ c_r r
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190501-japanese-emperor.html>

a japanese emperor has abdicated for the first time in more than 200 years emperor akihito stepped down from the chrysanthemum throne on april 30 after 30 years of being the japanese monarch he made way for his son crown prince naruhito to become the new emperor akihito decided to step down because of his health at the age of 85 he has been visibly slowing down for the past few years he has also had a couple of health scares he believes his son is now better able to carry out the duties of emperor emperor akihito will be remembered for using a personal touch to bring his people together after many national disasters he continually visited people after earthquakes tsunami and other tragedies

the new emperor naruhito became the 126th emperor to ascend the throne of the worlds oldest monarchy naruhito 59 spent two years studying at oxford university his wife the new empress masako studied at harvard university and worked as a diplomat a traditional ceremony took place as part of the historic handover in the ceremony naruhito received a sacred sword a jewel and official seals that date back thousands of years the ceremony took place in the middle of a tenday japanese holiday the traditional golden week holiday was extended to allow people to celebrate the new emperor millions of japanese were glued to their tvs and smartphones watching the historic event.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A Japanese emperor has abdicated for the first time in more than 200 years. Emperor Akihito stepped down from the Chrysanthemum Throne on April 30 after 30 years of being the Japanese monarch. He made way for his son Crown Prince Naruhito to become the new emperor. Akihito decided to step down because of his health. At the age of 85, he has been visibly slowing down for the past few years. He has also had a couple of health scares. He believes his son is now better able to carry out the duties of emperor. Emperor Akihito will be remembered for using a personal touch to bring his people together after many national disasters. He continually visited people after earthquakes, tsunamis and other tragedies. The new Emperor Naruhito became the 126th emperor to ascend the throne of the world's oldest monarchy. Naruhito, 59, spent two years studying at Oxford University. His wife, the new Empress Masako, studied at Harvard University and worked as a diplomat. A traditional ceremony took place as part of the historic handover. In the ceremony, Naruhito received a sacred sword, a jewel and official seal that date back thousands of years. The ceremony took place in the middle of a ten-day Japanese holiday. The traditional Golden Week holiday was extended to allow people to celebrate the new emperor. Millions of Japanese were glued to their TVs and smartphones watching the historic event.

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. MONARCHY: Write a magazine article about all countries having a monarchy. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 Japan. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on Japan. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T b T c T d F e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. abdicated | a. stepped down |
| 2. monarch | b. ruler |
| 3. visibly | c. noticeably |
| 4. scares | d. frights |
| 5. tragedies | e. disasters |
| 6. sacred | f. holy |
| 7. took place | g. happened |
| 8. extended | h. lengthened |
| 9. glued | i. fixed |
| 10. event | j. occasion |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Over 200 years ago
- Thirty years
- Health scares
- A personal touch
- After natural disasters
- 126
- Harvard University
- A sword
- Ten days
- Their TVs and smartphones

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- A Japanese emperor abdicated for the first time.
- Decided to step down because of his health.
- Visibly slowing down for the past few years.
- Able to carry out the duties of emperor.
- A personal touch to bring his people together.
- Naruhito, 59, spent two years studying at Oxford.
- Studied at Harvard and worked as a diplomat.
- In the ceremony, Naruhito received a sacred sword.
- Official seals that date back thousands of years.
- Millions of Japanese were glued to their TVs.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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