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**Level 5 – 7th April, 2019**

## Manga exhibition is British Museum's biggest show

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200407-manga-5.html>

The Japanese art of manga has greatly risen in popularity in the past few decades. Its roots go back nearly 1,000 years but it is only recently that it has taken off globally. Manga is now as well known as sushi, geisha and Mt Fuji. Manga is now so popular outside Japan that an exhibition of manga was the most popular show at the British Museum in 2019. It attracted more visitors than a show on the painter Rembrandt. The exhibition was the largest display of manga material ever put together outside Japan. Around 1,920 people paid to see it every day.

The exhibition showed the 900-year history of manga. It included the earliest forms by master painters to sketches of today's popular anime and game characters such as Pokemon. The show included 70 manga series, including Osamu Tezuka's seminal work "Astro Boy". The British Museum said: "Manga is the modern graphic art of storytelling first perfected in Japan and is now loved all over the world. Building on Japan's centuries-old tradition, the best manga have the visual power to excite us and draw us into their world, with inventive storylines that engage our emotions."

Sources: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/04/04/manga-beats-rembrandt-battle-museum-visitors/>  
<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/news/manga-beats-rembrandt-and-captain-cook-to-be-named-the-british-museum-s-most-popular-show-last-year>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200407-manga-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. greatly risen                         | a. ever put together  |
| 2. in the past                           | b. it every day       |
| 3. Its roots go back                     | c. more visitors      |
| 4. it has taken                          | d. nearly 1,000 years |
| 5. the most                              | e. in popularity      |
| 6. It attracted                          | f. popular show       |
| 7. the largest display of manga material | g. few decades        |
| 8. 1,920 people paid to see              | h. off globally       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. showed the 900-year          | a. their world      |
| 2. the earliest forms by master | b. anime            |
| 3. sketches of today's popular  | c. emotions         |
| 4. Tezuka's seminal work        | d. over the world   |
| 5. now loved all                | e. storylines       |
| 6. draw us into                 | f. painters         |
| 7. inventive                    | g. history of manga |
| 8. engage our                   | h. "Astro Boy"      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Japanese art of manga (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in popularity in the past few decades. Its roots (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 1,000 years but it is only recently that it has (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Manga is now as well known as sushi, geisha and Mt Fuji. Manga is now so popular outside Japan that (4) \_\_\_\_\_ manga was the most popular show at the British Museum in 2019. It (5) \_\_\_\_\_ than a show on the painter Rembrandt. The exhibition was the largest display of manga material ever (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan. Around 1,920 people paid to see it every day.

The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 900-year history of manga. It included the earliest forms by master (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of today's popular anime and game characters such as Pokemon. The show (9) \_\_\_\_\_ series, including Osamu Tezuka's seminal work "Astro Boy". The British Museum said: "Manga is the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of storytelling first perfected in Japan and is now loved all over the world. Building on Japan's centuries-old tradition, the best manga have (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to excite us and draw us into their world, with inventive storylines that (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MANGA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200407-manga-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about manga 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200407-manga-5.html>

Write about **manga** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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