

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

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| 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

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| 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. |

GAP FILL

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

Japan will reopen to overseas tourists and end its two-year pandemic (1) _____. The government has decided to allow tourists from 98 countries from June the 10th. However, the opening will be (2) _____ controlled. Initially, only (3) _____ tour groups will be allowed in. A daily cap of 20,000 arrivals has been set. Authorities will monitor their movements to (4) _____ any spread of Covid-19. All visitors have to test (5) _____ for Covid before they travel to Japan. Some may have to undergo an additional test and (6) _____ for three days. Japan has among the (7) _____ border controls of any country. Its self-(8) _____ isolation has played a part in its relatively low number of coronavirus cases.

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

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destinations

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record

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stance

inbound

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.)

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

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

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| 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 |

Question about Japan Opening to Tourism

1. Do you think Japan should start opening to tourism now? If not, should it have opened sooner or later than now?
2. If you're worried about Japan opening to tourism, what are some examples of what you are worried might happen?
3. Should foreign tourists in Japan be allowed to travel anywhere they wish and by any means of transportation?
4. Should the Japanese government allow Japanese citizens to travel overseas while foreigners aren't allowed in the country?
5. Should other countries be as strict with Japanese tourists as Japan is with foreign tourists?
6. When do you think the world will go back to normal? (No masks, no travel restrictions)
7. Once it's safe to travel overseas again, where would you like to go?
8. Recently, how often do you see people in public not wearing a mask or not wearing one properly?
9. What do you know about "Long Covid?"
10. What's the most ridiculous conspiracy theory or misinformation you've heard about Covid?