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## **Level 1**

# **Japanese food to get UNESCO status**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1310/131027-japanese-food-1.html>

Japanese food ('Washoku') will soon be on the United Nations list of world cuisines. It will get UNESCO's cultural heritage status. French, Mediterranean, Mexican and Turkish food already have this. 'Washoku' is very varied. It includes sushi, ramen noodles, tempura and *sukiyaki*. Japan's government wants all its food to be on the list, not just famous dishes. It said its food is special because it's like art. It also uses special ingredients.

'Washoku' is very healthy and has a good balance. This is why Japanese people live for so long and are usually slim. Special meals bring families and communities together in Japan. Food is part of many ceremonies for the four seasons. New Year's Day, rice-planting events and harvest festivals all have different food. Food helps Japanese people keep their culture.

'Washoku' is also linked to a respect for nature.

Sources: <http://blogs.wsj.com/japanrealtime/2013/10/24/japans-cuisine-set-to-be-deemed-intangible-cultural-heritage/>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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| 1. the United Nations list               | a. to be on the list |
| 2. UNESCO's cultural                     | b. of world cuisines |
| 3. Mexican and Turkish food already      | c. ingredients       |
| 4. 'Washoku' is very                     | d. heritage          |
| 5. Japan's government wants all its food | e. art               |
| 6. not just famous                       | f. have this         |
| 7. it's like                             | g. dishes            |
| 8. It also uses special                  | h. varied            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 'Washoku' is             | a. communities together |
| 2. has a good               | b. festivals            |
| 3. why Japanese people      | c. balance              |
| 4. meals bring families and | d. planting events      |
| 5. ceremonies for           | e. very healthy         |
| 6. rice-                    | f. for nature           |
| 7. harvest                  | g. live for so long     |
| 8. linked to a respect      | h. the four seasons     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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'Washoku' is very healthy and (7) \_\_\_\_\_. This is why Japanese people (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and are usually slim. Special (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and communities together in Japan. Food (10) \_\_\_\_\_ ceremonies for the four seasons. New Year's Day, rice-planting events and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ have different food. Food helps Japanese people keep their culture. 'Washoku' is also (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for nature.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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