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Japanese women rebel against high heels

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THE READING

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Women in Japan are fed up with wearing high heels to work. Japanese actress Yumi Ishikawa started a movement to end this. The movement has the hashtag KuToo - a combination of the Japanese words that mean "shoe" and "pain". Ms Ishikawa tweeted that companies in Japan should not require women to wear high heels. She started an online petition. It asks Japan's government to stop employers requiring women to wear high heels.

Ishikawa's tweet is spreading across China and South Korea. She told a magazine: "If there are so many people who feel the same as me, why not start some sort of movement." Many women complain about sore feet, back pain and other issues. A visually impaired woman who has to wear high heels at work said it is difficult for her to keep her balance in high heels. Over 70 per cent of women who work in Tokyo wear high heels once a week.

Sources: <http://time.com/5548873/japan-kutoo-high-heels-metoo/>
<https://www.nippon.com/en/news/yjj2019022501075/more-women-in-japan-complaining-of-being-forced-to-wear-heels.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Women in Japan are | a. petition |
| 2. Yumi Ishikawa started | b. to wear high heels |
| 3. a combination of the | c. wear high heels |
| 4. companies | d. Japanese words |
| 5. require women | e. government |
| 6. She started an online | f. fed up |
| 7. Japan's | g. a movement |
| 8. employers requiring women to | h. in Japan |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Ishikawa's tweet is spreading | a. pain |
| 2. people who feel the same as | b. who work in Tokyo |
| 3. back | c. for her |
| 4. A visually impaired | d. once a week |
| 5. it is difficult | e. across China |
| 6. keep her | f. woman |
| 7. 70 per cent of women | g. me |
| 8. wear high heels | h. balance in high heels |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Women in Japan are (1) _____ wearing high heels to work. Japanese actress Yumi Ishikawa started (2) _____ end this. The movement has the hashtag KuToo - (3) _____ the Japanese words that mean (4) _____. Ms Ishikawa tweeted that companies in Japan (5) _____ women to wear high heels. She started an online petition. It asks Japan's government to stop employers requiring (6) _____ high heels.

Ishikawa's tweet (7) _____ China and South Korea. She told a magazine: "If (8) _____ many people who feel the (9) _____, why not start some sort of movement." Many women complain about sore feet, back pain (10) _____. A visually impaired woman who has to wear high heels at work said it (11) _____ her to keep (12) _____ high heels. Over 70 per cent of women who work in Tokyo wear high heels once a week.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HIGH HEELS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about high heels 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

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Write about **high heels** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
