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**Level 2 – 25th May, 2019**

## **Japanese city asks tourists to stop 'sand graffiti'**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190525-tottori-sand-dunes-2.html>

A Japanese city has a problem with graffiti, but not the usual type of spray-can graffiti on walls. It is graffiti in sand. Officials in Tottori City are asking tourists to stop writing messages and drawing pictures on its giant sand dunes. They said the graffiti damages the dunes and ruins the pleasure others get in looking at the sand. There were more than 3,300 cases of 'sand graffiti' at the tourist hotspot in the last decade. A newspaper said there were more than 200 cases last year. In January, two tourists were ordered to erase a 25-metre-long birthday message.

Tottori's sand dunes are famous all over Japan for their natural beauty. They are Japan's largest and longest dunes. The biggest dune is 50 metres high. They stretch for 16 kilometres along a scenic geo-coastal park on the Sea of Japan. Tottori officials want tourists to understand how important the dunes are. They will put more signs up to ask people to respect the dunes. The officials are worried whether or not tourists will follow the rules. They said: "We want to continue to protect views of the beautiful sand dunes." More tourists are visiting the site each year.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190525-tottori-sand-dunes-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. not the usual            | a. others get        |
| 2. spray-can graffiti       | b. cases last year   |
| 3. stop writing             | c. on walls          |
| 4. They said the graffiti   | d. birthday message  |
| 5. ruins the pleasure       | e. type              |
| 6. at the tourist           | f. damages the dunes |
| 7. there were more than 200 | g. messages          |
| 8. erase a 25-metre-long    | h. hotspot           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. famous all                     | a. sand dunes         |
| 2. The biggest dune               | b. signs up           |
| 3. along a scenic geo-            | c. the site each year |
| 4. They will put more             | d. are worried        |
| 5. The officials                  | e. is 50 metres high  |
| 6. tourists will follow           | f. over Japan         |
| 7. protect views of the beautiful | g. coastal park       |
| 8. More tourists are visiting     | h. the rules          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Tottori's sand dunes are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan for their natural beauty. They are Japan's largest and longest dunes. The biggest dune is 50 metres high. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 16 kilometres along a scenic geo-coastal park on the Sea of Japan. Tottori officials want tourists (9) \_\_\_\_\_ important the dunes are. They will put more signs up to ask (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the dunes. The officials are worried whether or not tourists will (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They said: "We want to continue to protect views of the beautiful sand dunes." More tourists are (12) \_\_\_\_\_ each year.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SAND DUNES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190525-tottori-sand-dunes-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about sand dunes 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/1905/190525-tottori-sand-dunes-2.html>

Write about **sand dunes** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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