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Level 4 – 28th June, 2019

Kim Kardashian West angers Japan over 'kimono'

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190628-cultural-appropriation-4.html>

Kim Kardashian West angered Japan with her new lingerie brand called 'Kimono Intimates'. People are accusing her of cultural appropriation. They say the lingerie disrespects Japanese culture. The kimono is an iconic symbol in Japan. It is worn on special occasions, like weddings and graduations. A Japanese woman explained to the BBC: "It's...passed on in families through the generations." People say it is Japan's national dress.

There is a backlash against Kardashian on social media. The lingerie has no resemblance to kimonos. Kardashian is trying to trademark kimono-worded brands, like "Kimono Body" and "Kimono World". A Twitter user wrote: "What a disgusting thing to use the word 'kimono'. It's disrespectful to Japanese culture. True cultural appropriation." Another person tweeted: "I feel this name choice is simply ignorant."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-48767678>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. her new lingerie | a. generations |
| 2. accusing her of | b. occasions |
| 3. The kimono is an iconic | c. dress |
| 4. It is worn on special | d. cultural appropriation |
| 5. weddings | e. on in families |
| 6. It's passed | f. brand |
| 7. through the | g. and graduations |
| 8. it is Japan's national | h. symbol |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. There is a backlash | a. culture |
| 2. The lingerie has no resemblance | b. media |
| 3. trademark kimono-worded | c. the word 'kimono' |
| 4. on social | d. ignorant |
| 5. a disgusting thing to use | e. appropriation |
| 6. It's disrespectful to Japanese | f. against Kardashian |
| 7. True cultural | g. to kimonos |
| 8. this name choice is simply | h. brands |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Kim Kardashian West angered Japan with (1) _____ brand called 'Kimono Intimates'. People are (2) _____ cultural appropriation. They say the lingerie disrespects Japanese culture. The kimono (3) _____ symbol in Japan. It is worn (4) _____, like weddings and graduations. A Japanese woman explained to the BBC: "It's... (5) _____ families through the generations." People say it is (6) _____.

There is (7) _____ Kardashian on social media. The lingerie (8) _____ to kimonos. Kardashian is (9) _____ kimono-worded brands, like "Kimono Body" and "Kimono World". A Twitter user wrote: "What (10) _____ to use the word 'kimono'. (11) _____ Japanese culture. True cultural appropriation." Another person tweeted: "I feel this name choice (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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feelthisnamechoiceissimplyignorant."

CULTURAL APPROPRIATION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cultural appropriation 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) _____

