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Japan to use artificial intelligence to match couples

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

THE READING

Japan wants more people to go on dates. It wants to increase the birth rate. There are fewer babies in Japan. Artificial intelligence will match couples and help them find love. This will cost $19 million to set up. There are many matchmaking services in Japan. With these, people have to fill out forms on hobbies and interests. A worker then matches people. The AI project will automate this system. It will give better analysis of data and get better matches.

The government wants the population to increase. Japan's fertility rate is one of the lowest in the world. Japanese women have an average of 1.36 children. The government said it wants to reverse the decline in the birth rate. The population is ageing quickly because people are living longer. The longevity rate for women is the highest in the world. There are fewer younger workers to pay for the pension and welfare of retired people.

PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. Japan wants more people to	a. to set up
2. Artificial intelligence will	b. system
3. This will cost $19 million	c. match couples
4. There are many matchmaking	d. of data
5. fill out	e. go on dates
6. A worker then matches	f. forms
7. automate this	g. people
8. It will give better analysis	h. services in Japan

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. The government wants the population	a. reverse the decline
2. Japan's fertility	b. in the world
3. one of the lowest	c. pay for the pension
4. an average of	d. to increase
5. it wants to	e. longer
6. The population is ageing	f. rate
7. people are living	g. quickly
8. fewer younger workers to	h. 1.36 children

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

Japan wants more people to (1) _____. It wants to increase the birth rate. There (2) _____ in Japan. Artificial intelligence will (3) _____ help them find love. This will cost $19 million (4) _____. There are many matchmaking services in Japan. With these, people have to (5) _____ on hobbies and interests. A worker then matches people. The AI project will automate this system. It will give better analysis of (6) _____ better matches.

The government (7) _____ to increase. Japan's (8) _____ one of the lowest in the world. Japanese women have an average of 1.36 children. The government said it wants to (9) _____ in the birth rate. The population (10) _____ because people are living longer. The longevity rate for women is the highest in the world. There (11) _____ workers to pay for the pension and (12) _____ people.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MATCHMAKING SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about matchmaking 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

Write about **matchmaking** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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