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Level 2 – 7th November 2024

No first kiss for record number of Japan teens

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

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THE READING

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A study suggests a record low number of Japanese teenagers have experienced kissing. A survey was conducted by the Japan Association for Sex Education. High schoolers answered questions on their sexual behaviour. The researchers found that one in five high school boys have kissed. This is the lowest figure since records began in 1974. The number of girls who have kissed is also falling. Just a quarter of Japan's female students have kissed. The numbers for both sexes have been falling since their peak in 2005. Researchers looked at data from 12,562 questionnaires.

There are many reasons why fewer Japanese teenagers are kissing. A big reason is the coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic limited teenagers' contact with other people. This may have lowered sexual activity among school students. Researcher Professor Yusuke Hayashi said there were many school closures and less face-to-face contact during the pandemic. Another reason could be smartphones. More young people are choosing to be with their phones rather than talk to other people. This trend could worsen Japan's already low birth rate.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a record low number of | a. behaviour |
| 2. A survey was | b. female students |
| 3. High schoolers answered | c. conducted |
| 4. sexual | d. five high school boys |
| 5. one in | e. 12,562 questionnaires |
| 6. the lowest figure since records | f. Japanese teenagers |
| 7. a quarter of Japan's | g. questions |
| 8. Researchers looked at data from | h. began in 1974 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. There are many reasons | a. coronavirus pandemic |
| 2. fewer Japanese teenagers | b. activity |
| 3. A big reason is the | c. contact |
| 4. teenagers' contact with | d. are kissing |
| 5. This may have lowered sexual | e. birth rate |
| 6. there were many school | f. other people |
| 7. less face-to-face | g. closures |
| 8. worsen Japan's already low | h. why |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A study suggests a (1) _____ of Japanese teenagers have experienced kissing. A survey (2) _____ the Japan Association for Sex Education. High schoolers answered (3) _____ sexual behaviour. The researchers found that one in five high school boys have kissed. This is (4) _____ since records began in 1974. The number of girls who have kissed is also falling. (5) _____ of Japan's female students have kissed. The numbers for both sexes have been falling since their peak in 2005. Researchers (6) _____ from 12,562 questionnaires.

There are many (7) _____ Japanese teenagers are kissing. A big reason is the coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic limited teenagers' (8) _____ people. This may have lowered sexual activity among school students. Researcher Professor Yusuke Hayashi said there were (9) _____ and less face-to-face contact during the pandemic. Another reason could be smartphones. More young people are (10) _____ with their phones rather than talk to other people. (11) _____ worsen Japan's already (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A FIRST KISS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about a first kiss 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 **a first kiss** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
