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Coughing and sneezing most annoying behaviour on trains

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THE ARTICLE

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A recent study from the Japan Private Railway Association (JPRA) reveals that coughing and sneezing were the biggest annoyances on trains. A total of 5,314 train passengers responded to a JPRA survey on behaviour and manners on trains and at stations. "Coughing and sneezing without consideration for others" topped the list of passenger gripes. An association spokesperson attributed this to remaining effects of Covid-19. He said: "The coronavirus pandemic may have ingrained the importance of consideration for others as a norm." He added: "More people likely feel greater anxiety than before the pandemic when someone nearby coughs or sneezes without wearing a mask."

The JPRA has been conducting its polls since 1999 to gauge how people feel about their fellow passengers. It hopes to promote better behaviour in the future. It said 50.5 per cent of survey respondents cited coughing and sneezing as their top annoyance. Other sources of irritation on trains included people stretching their legs, people not moving over to make space for others wanting to sit down, and noisy conversations. The JPRA added that "strong scents from perfume or fabric softeners" and "poor manners during boarding and alighting such as blocking doors" were fourth and fifth on the list. The number of riders has increased on Japan's trains due to a rise in tourists visiting Japan.

Sources: <https://www.msn.com/en-xl/news/other/coughing-sneezing-chosen-as-most-annoying-behavior-on-trains-for-1st-time-japan-survey/ar-AA1woeTD>
<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20241223/p2a/00m/0na/018000c>
<https://www.timeout.com/tokyo/news/survey-these-are-japans-most-annoying-train-behaviours-011624>

WARM-UPS

1. ANNOYING PEOPLE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about annoying people. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

study / railway / coughing / sneezing / behaviour / manners / passenger / masks / polls / the future / annoyance / space / scents / perfume / list / tourists / Japan

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BEHAVIOUR TRAINING: Students A **strongly** believe we all need training on how to behave on public transport; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MANNERS: What manners are important in these places? How are your manners in these places? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Manners That Are Important	Your Manners in These Places
Trains		
Malls		
Libraries		
Concerts		
Beaches		
Driving		

5. PASSENGER: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "passenger". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ANNOYANCES: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest annoyances on public transport at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Coughing
- Loud music
- Late trains
- Ticket prices
- Smells
- Luggage
- Staring people
- Overcrowding

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. reveal | a. To say that something is because of something else. |
| 2. responded | b. Thinking about other people and their feelings. |
| 3. consideration | c. To answer or reply to something. |
| 4. gripes | d. A usual way of doing things. |
| 5. attributed | e. To show something that was hidden or not known before. |
| 6. ingrained | f. Complaints or things that people are unhappy about. |
| 7. norm | g. Something that has become a strong habit or is very difficult to change. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. poll | h. To measure or find out something, like how people feel or think. |
| 9. gauge | i. A smell, usually one that is nice. |
| 10. cited | j. Getting off a bus, train, plane, or ship. |
| 11. irritation | k. To mention or talk about something as an example. |
| 12. scent | l. Getting on a bus, train, plane, or ship. |
| 13. boarding | m. A feeling of being annoyed or bothered by something. |
| 14. alighting | n. A survey or set of questions to find out what people think about something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2412/241230-annoying-behaviour-on-trains.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The survey in the article is from a passengers' group. **T / F**
2. More than 5,000 participated in a survey on manners on trains. **T / F**
3. People on Japan's trains are still concerned about Covid-19. **T / F**
4. A rail association said everyone on trains should wear a mask. **T / F**
5. Over half of the survey's respondents disliked coughing and sneezing. **T / F**
6. Rail passengers were annoyed by people wearing strong perfume. **T / F**
7. Rail passengers were happy that people got on and off trains politely. **T / F**
8. The article said most bad behaviour on trains was from tourists. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. annoyances | a. assess |
| 2. responded | b. care |
| 3. consideration | c. getting off |
| 4. ingrained | d. worry |
| 5. anxiety | e. replied |
| 6. gauge | f. mentioned |
| 7. cited | g. roots |
| 8. sources | h. nuisances |
| 9. alighting | i. hike |
| 10. rise | j. fixed |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. coughing and sneezing were | a. on the list |
| 2. train passengers responded | b. for others as a norm |
| 3. topped the list of passenger | c. anxiety |
| 4. ingrained the importance of consideration | d. to a JPRA survey |
| 5. feel greater | e. how people feel |
| 6. to gauge | f. of irritation on trains |
| 7. Other sources | g. gripes |
| 8. strong scents from perfume | h. rise in tourists |
| 9. fourth and fifth | i. or fabric softeners |
| 10. due to a | j. the biggest annoyances |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2412/241230-annoying-behaviour-on-trains.html>

A (1) _____ study from the Japan Private Railway Association (JPRA) reveals that coughing and sneezing were the biggest annoyances on trains. A total of 5,314 train passengers (2) _____ to a JPRA survey on behaviour and manners on trains and at stations. "Coughing and sneezing without (3) _____ for others" topped the list of passenger (4) _____. An association spokesperson attributed this to remaining effects of Covid-19. He said: "The coronavirus pandemic may have (5) _____ the importance of consideration for others as a (6) _____." He added: "More people likely feel (7) _____ anxiety than before the pandemic when someone (8) _____ coughs or sneezes without wearing a mask."

gripes
norm
recent
nearby
ingrained
consideration
greater
responded

The JPRA has been conducting its (9) _____ since 1999 to gauge how people feel about their (10) _____ passengers. It hopes to promote better behaviour in the future. It said 50.5 per cent of survey respondents (11) _____ coughing and sneezing as their top annoyance. Other sources of (12) _____ on trains included people stretching their legs, people not moving over to make space for others wanting to sit down, and noisy conversations. The JPRA added that "strong (13) _____ from perfume or fabric softeners" and "poor manners during boarding and (14) _____ such as blocking doors" were fourth and fifth on the (15) _____. The number of riders has increased on Japan's trains due to a (16) _____ in tourists visiting Japan.

irritation
polls
rise
alighting
cited
list
scents
fellow

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2412/241230-annoying-behaviour-on-trains.html>

- 1) coughing and sneezing were the biggest _____
 - a. annoyances on train
 - b. annoyance on trains
 - c. annoyance is on trains
 - d. annoyances on trains
- 2) A total of 5,314 _____
 - a. train passenger responded
 - b. train passengers responded
 - c. trains passengers responded
 - d. train passengers responds
- 3) Coughing and sneezing without consideration for others topped the list _____
 - a. of passenger gropes
 - b. of passenger grapes
 - c. of passenger gripes
 - d. of passenger grips
- 4) ingrained the importance of consideration for others _____
 - a. as a norm
 - b. as a morn
 - c. as a name
 - d. as a normal
- 5) He added: "More people likely feel greater _____."
 - a. anxiety that before
 - b. anxiety than afore
 - c. anxiety than before
 - d. anxiety them afore
- 6) conducting its polls since 1999 to gauge how people feel about _____
 - a. their fellows passenger
 - b. their fellow passengers
 - c. their bellow passengers
 - d. their fallow passengers
- 7) It said 50.5 per cent of survey _____
 - a. respondents sighted coughing
 - b. respondents sated coughing
 - c. respondents sight it coughing
 - d. respondents cited coughing
- 8) people not moving over to make space for others wanting to sit down, _____
 - a. and noisy conversations
 - b. and noisy conversation
 - c. and nosey conversations
 - d. and nasal conversations
- 9) strong scents from perfume or fabric softeners and poor manners during _____
 - a. boarding end alighting
 - b. boarding and alighting
 - c. boarding and a lighting
 - d. boarding and a light in
- 10) The number of riders has increased on Japan's trains due to a _____
 - a. rise on tourists
 - b. rise in tourist
 - c. rise in tourists
 - d. raise in tourists

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The JPRA has been (7) _____ since 1999 to gauge how people feel about their fellow passengers. It (8) _____ better behaviour in the future. It said 50.5 per cent of (9) _____ coughing and sneezing as their top annoyance. Other sources of irritation on trains included people stretching their legs, people not moving over to (10) _____ others wanting to sit down, and noisy conversations. The JPRA added that "strong scents from perfume or fabric softeners" and "poor manners during (11) _____ such as blocking doors" were fourth and fifth on the list. The number of riders has increased on Japan's trains due to a (12) _____ visiting Japan.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2412/241230-annoying-behaviour-on-trains.html>

1. Who conducted the survey on annoying train behaviour?
2. How many passengers responded to a survey?
3. Who did survey respondents say passengers did not consider?
4. What affected people's concerns about coughing and sneezing?
5. What thing might make people feel less anxious about coughing?
6. When was the first survey conducted?
7. How many survey respondents hated people coughing and sneezing?
8. What did people stretch that caused people to be annoyed?
9. What was blocked as passengers alighted?
10. What has there been a rise in?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2412/241230-annoying-behaviour-on-trains.html>

- 1) Who conducted the survey on annoying train behaviour?
 - a) the Japan Public Railway Association
 - b) the Japan Passenger Railway Association
 - c) the Japan Private Railway Association
 - d) the Japan Panoramic Railway Association
- 2) How many passengers responded to a survey?
 - a) 5,314
 - b) 5,134
 - c) 5,341
 - d) 5,413
- 3) Who did survey respondents say passengers did not consider?
 - a) another
 - b) others
 - c) everyone
 - d) most people
- 4) What affected people's concerns about coughing and sneezing?
 - a) a possible new virus
 - b) germs
 - c) influenza
 - d) Covid-19
- 5) What thing might make people feel less anxious about coughing?
 - a) vaccines
 - b) information
 - c) masks
 - d) medicine
- 6) When was the first survey conducted?
 - a) 2000
 - b) 1999
 - c) 1998
 - d) 1997
- 7) How many survey respondents hated people coughing and sneezing?
 - a) 50.05%
 - b) 51%
 - c) 50%
 - d) 50.5%
- 8) What did people stretch that caused people to be annoyed?
 - a) their imaginations
 - b) their legs
 - c) their budgets
 - d) their arms
- 9) What was blocked as passengers alighted?
 - a) fire exits
 - b) doors
 - c) wi-fi
 - d) noses
- 10) What has there been a rise in?
 - a) tourists
 - b) bad language
 - c) fare dodgers
 - d) trains per hour

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2412/241230-annoying-behaviour-on-trains.html>

Role A – Coughing

You think coughing is the most annoying thing on trains. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): late trains, smells or overcrowding.

Role B – Late Trains

You think late trains is the most annoying things about trains. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): coughing, smells or overcrowding.

Role C – Smells

You think smells are the most annoying things on trains. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): late trains, coughing or overcrowding.

Role D – Overcrowding

You think overcrowding is the most annoying thing on trains. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): late trains, smells or coughing.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2412/241230-annoying-behaviour-on-trains.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'train' and 'behaviour'.

train	behaviour

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• recent• responded• topped• attributed• ingrained• mask	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• gauge• hopes• sources• strong• blocking• riders
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ANNOYING PEOPLE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about annoying people 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.

ANNOYING PEOPLE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'train'?
3. How do you behave on trains?
4. What do you think of people's behaviour on trains?
5. What do you think of people who cough and sneeze on trains?
6. What are your biggest annoyances on public transport?
7. How much do you like train travel?
8. How considerate are you to others?
9. What makes you feel anxious?
10. Do you think we should all be still wearing a mask?

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ANNOYING PEOPLE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'behaviour'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Japan's trains?
15. Do you ever want to tell people about their bad behaviour?
16. What do you think of noisy conversations on trains?
17. What do you think of strong scents from perfume on trains?
18. What annoys you about people in shopping malls?
19. Do you think people's behaviour is getting better or worse?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) reveals | (b) revels | (c) reviles | (d) unravels |
| 2. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) to | (d) on |
| 3. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) for | (d) in |
| 4. | (a) grapes | (b) gropes | (c) grips | (d) gripes |
| 5. | (a) graduated | (b) granulated | (c) ingrained | (d) migraine |
| 6. | (a) nearing | (b) nearby | (c) near | (d) nearly |
| 7. | (a) tolls | (b) polls | (c) dolls | (d) molls |
| 8. | (a) sighted | (b) cited | (c) sated | (d) salted |
| 9. | (a) wants | (b) wanted | (c) wanting | (d) want |
| 10. | (a) pour | (b) more | (c) bore | (d) poor |
| 11. | (a) entering | (b) lighting | (c) offing | (d) alighting |
| 12. | (a) risen | (b) raise | (c) arise | (d) rise |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the biggest cynnsenaao on trains
2. A total of 5,314 train pegnrsessa
3. sneezing without sniaioecdrotn for others
4. An aaioscsitno spokesperson
5. ttrduibeta this to remaining effects
6. may have eingndria the importance

Paragraph 2

7. uageg how people feel
8. 50.5 per cent of survey tonnepersds
9. Other sources of onttrriai
10. strong cstesn from perfume
11. fabric rtesonesf
12. poor manners during boarding and gangiilth

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () norm." He added: "More people likely feel greater anxiety than before the pandemic
- () of Covid-19. He said: "The coronavirus pandemic may have ingrained the importance of consideration for others as a
- () softeners" and "poor manners during boarding and alighting such as blocking doors" were fourth and fifth on
- () The JPRA has been conducting its polls since 1999 to gauge how people feel about their fellow
- (**1**) A recent study from the Japan Private Railway Association (JPRA) reveals that coughing and sneezing
- () of survey respondents cited coughing and sneezing as their top annoyance. Other sources of
- () were the biggest annoyances on trains. A total of 5,314 train passengers responded to a JPRA
- () survey on behaviour and manners on trains and at stations. "Coughing and sneezing without consideration
- () sit down, and noisy conversations. The JPRA added that "strong scents from perfume or fabric
- () for others" topped the list of passenger gripes. An association spokesperson attributed this to remaining effects
- () passengers. It hopes to promote better behaviour in the future. It said 50.5 per cent
- () when someone nearby coughs or sneezes without wearing a mask."
- () the list. The number of riders has increased on Japan's trains due to a rise in tourists visiting Japan.
- () irritation on trains included people stretching their legs, people not moving over to make space for others wanting to

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. were on Coughing big and trains . annoyances sneezing
2. passengers total train 5,314 A of responded .
3. Sneezing consideration others list . for topped without the
4. of importance as a consideration norm . for others The
5. before . greater anxiety feel than More likely people
6. The 1999 . conducting been has since polls JPRA
7. their how about Gauge feel people passengers . fellow
8. in better behaviour hopes promote future . It to
9. of included trains on irritation stretching . Sources people
10. increased trains . Japan's The number of on riders

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A recent study from the Japan Private Railway Association (JPRA) *reveals / reveals* that coughing and sneezing were the biggest *annoyances / annoys* on trains. A total of 5,314 train passengers responded to a JPRA survey *on / in* behaviour and manners on trains and at stations. "Coughing and sneezing without *consideration / considering* for others" topped the list of passenger *gropes / gripes*. An association spokesperson attributed this *of / to* remaining effects of Covid-19. He said: "The coronavirus pandemic may have ingrained the importance of consideration for others *was / as* a norm." He added: "More people likely feel greater *anxious / anxiety* than before the pandemic when someone *nearly / nearby* coughs or sneezes without wearing *a / the* mask."

The JPRA has been *conducive / conducting* its polls since 1999 to *gorge / gauge* how people feel about their fellow passengers. It hopes to promote better behaviour *in / at* the future. It said 50.5 per cent of survey respondents *sighted / cited* coughing and sneezing as their top annoyance. Other *sources / sauces* of irritation on trains included people stretching their legs, people not moving *over / in* to make space for others wanting to sit down, and *noisy / nose*y conversations. The JPRA added that "strong scents from perfume or fabric softeners" and "poor manners *among / during* boarding and alighting such as blocking doors" were fourth and fifth on the list. The number of *rides / riders* has increased on Japan's trains due to a *rise / raise* in tourists visiting Japan.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ r_c_nt st_dy fr_m th_ J_p_n Pr_v_t_ R__lw_y
_ss_c__t__n (JPR_) r_v__ls th_t c__gh_ng _nd sn__z_ng
w_r_ th_ b_gg_st _nn_y_nc_s _n tr__ns. _ t_t_l _f
5,314 tr__n p_ss_ng_rs r_sp_nd_d t_ _ JPR_ s_rv_y _n
b_h_v__r _nd m_nn_rs _n tr__ns _nd _t st_t__ns.
"C__gh_ng _nd sn__z_ng w_th__t c_ns_d_r_t__n fr
_th_rs" t_pp_d th_ l_st _f p_ss_ng_r gr_p_s. _n
_ss_c__t__n sp_k_sp_rs_n _ttr_b_t_d th_s t_ r_m__nng
_ff_cts _f C_v_d-19. H_ s__d: "Th_ c_r_n_v_r_s
p_nd_m_c m_y h_v_ _ngr__n_d th_ _mp_rt_nc_ _f
c_ns_d_r_t__n f_r _th_rs _s _ n_rm." H_ _dd_d: "M_r_
p__pl_ l_k_ly f__l gr__t_r _nx__ty th_n b_f_r_ th_
p_nd_m_c wh_n s_m__n_ n__rby c__ghs _r sn__z_s
w_th__t w__r_ng _ m_sk."

Th_ JPR_ h_s b__n c_nd_ct_ng _ts p_lls s_nc_ 1999 t_
g__g_ h_w p__pl_ f__l _b__t th__r f_ll_w p_ss_ng_rs.
_t h_p_s t_ pr_m_t_ b_tt_r b_h_v__r _n th_ f_t_r_.
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the jpra has been conducting its polls since 1999 to gauge how people feel about their fellow passengers it hopes to promote better behaviour in the future it said 505 per cent of survey respondents cited coughing and sneezing as their top annoyance other sources of irritation on trains included people stretching their legs people not moving over to make space for others wanting to sit down and noisy conversations the jpra added that strong scents from perfume or fabric softeners and poor manners during boarding and alighting such as blocking doors were fourth and fifth on the list the number of riders has increased on japans trains due to a rise in tourists visiting japan

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ANNOYING PEOPLE: Make a poster about annoying people. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FINES: Write a magazine article about creating a system to fine annoying train passengers. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on annoying people. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions of annoying people. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. n 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. e	3. b	4. j	5. d
6. a	7. f	8. g	9. c	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The Japan Private Railway Association (JPRA)
- 5,314
- Others
- Covid-19
- Masks
- 1999
- 50.5%
- Their legs
- Doors
- Tourists

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Coughing and sneezing were big annoyances on trains.
- A total of 5,314 train passengers responded.
- Sneezing without consideration for others topped the list.
- The importance of consideration for others as a norm.
- More people likely feel greater anxiety than before.
- The JPRA has been conducting polls since 1999.
- Gauge how people feel about their fellow passengers.
- It hopes to promote better behaviour in future.
- Sources of irritation on trains included people stretching.
- The number of riders increased on Japan's trains.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)