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Level 0 – 17th April 2025

Osaka Expo 2025 opens in Japan

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Osaka Expo 2025 has opened. More than 28 million people will visit it. The first Expo was in London in 1851. Expos try to answer world problems. The Osaka Expo shows the culture of 158 countries. The theme is "Creating a future society for our lives." In the US area, people can see exhibits on space travel.

The Osaka Expo is on an artificial island. It is in a round building called the Grand Ring. Guinness World Records said it is the world's "largest wooden architectural structure". Visitors can see lots of Japanese culture. There are exhibits on robots, flying cars, and Hello Kitty. Visitors can also see Myaku-Myaku - the Expo mascot.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The Osaka Expo 2025 has | a. of 158 countries |
| 2. More than 28 million people | b. on space travel |
| 3. The first Expo was in | c. will visit it |
| 4. Expos try to answer | d. for our lives |
| 5. Osaka Expo shows the culture | e. London in 1851 |
| 6. Creating a future society | f. area |
| 7. In the US | g. opened |
| 8. people can see exhibits | h. world problems |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Osaka Expo is on | a. architectural structure |
| 2. It is in a | b. on robots |
| 3. Guinness World | c. round building |
| 4. the world's largest wooden | d. culture |
| 5. Visitors can | e. mascot |
| 6. Japanese | f. Records |
| 7. There are exhibits | g. see lots |
| 8. the Expo | h. an artificial island |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Osaka Expo (1) _____. More than 28 million people (2) _____. The first Expo was in London in 1851. Expos (3) _____ world problems. The Osaka Expo (4) _____ of 158 countries. The theme is "Creating (5) _____ for our lives." In the US area, people can (6) _____ space travel.

The Osaka Expo is on (7) _____. It is in a round (8) _____ Grand Ring. Guinness World Records said it is (9) _____ wooden architectural structure". Visitors can (10) _____ Japanese culture. There are (11) _____, flying cars, and Hello Kitty. Visitors can also see Myaku-Myaku - (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MY COUNTRY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about my country 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 **my country** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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