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Japan's legendary sushi chef still working at 100

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THE ARTICLE

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A famous sushi chef in Japan has decided to continue working, even though he just turned 100. His name is Jiro Ono. He celebrated his 100th birthday on the 27th of October. He is one of around 4,380 people in Tokyo who have reached or will reach the age of 100 this year. Just before his birthday, Mr Ono spoke to Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike. She asked him about his secret to living a long and healthy life. He replied, "To work." He said: "I can no longer go to my restaurant every day...but even at 100 years old, I'll try to work if possible. I believe the best medicine is to work." Ono-san said he has no plans to retire from his job. He told Ms Koike: "I plan to keep going for about five more years."

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<https://www.ntv.co.jp/englishnews/articles/2021k54mx8uq7ondgmhl.html>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jiro_Ono

WARM-UPS

1. SUSHI: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about sushi. 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?

sushi chef / the age of 100 / birthday / Tokyo / governor / healthy life / medicine / restaurant / the age of 7 / upmarket areas / rewarded / documentary / perfection

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

3. RAW FISH: Students A **strongly** believe raw fish is better than cooked fish; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PERFECTION: What does perfection look like in these things? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Perfection	Why?
A meal		
A store		
A car		
A holiday		
A partner		
An English lesson		

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

6. THE BEST AGE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best age at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- 100
- 75
- 40
- 30
- 20
- 16
- 10
- 5

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. even though | a. Something you get from the doctor or drugstore to help you feel better or stay healthy. |
| 2. celebrated | b. A person in charge of a city, state, or area. |
| 3. governor | c. Do something special for an important event. |
| 4. replied | d. Continue doing something. |
| 5. medicine | e. A conjunction that is used to show that something is true, but something else also happens. |
| 6. retire | f. Said or wrote something back to someone (to answer a question or make a comment). |
| 7. keep | g. Stop working because you are old or finished with your job. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. moved | h. Got the right skills or training for a job. |
| 9. qualified | i. Given something good because of work or effort. |
| 10. upmarket | j. Being completely correct or without mistakes. |
| 11. decade | k. Expensive and high quality. |
| 12. rewarded | l. A film or TV show that gives real information about a topic or person. |
| 13. documentary | m. Ten years. |
| 14. perfection | n. Went from one place (or house, town, country...) to another. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

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

1. There are more than 4,000 in Tokyo over the age of 100. **T / F**
2. Mr Ono said work is the secret to a long and healthy life. **T / F**
3. Mr Ono said he takes medicine every day at work to stay healthy. **T / F**
4. Mr Ono said he would continue working for another 10 years. **T / F**
5. Mr Ono opened his first sushi bar when he was 25. **T / F**
6. The sushi bar Mr Ono opened in 1965 had just 10 seats. **T / F**
7. The Michelin Guide awarded Mr Ono three gold stars. **T / F**
8. Mr Ono said he likes climbing mountains. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. famous | a. stop working |
| 2. turned | b. continue |
| 3. secret | c. get to |
| 4. retire | d. relocated |
| 5. keep going | e. become |
| 6. moved | f. 10 years |
| 7. tiny | g. well known |
| 8. decade | h. got |
| 9. received | i. magic formula |
| 10. reach | j. very small |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. He celebrated | a. Tokyo called Ginza |
| 2. his secret to living | b. about five more years |
| 3. I believe the best medicine | c. to Tokyo |
| 4. he has no plans to | d. perfection yet |
| 5. I plan to keep going for | e. is to work |
| 6. he moved | f. his 100th birthday |
| 7. He qualified | g. about him was released |
| 8. in an upmarket area of | h. retire from his job |
| 9. In 2011, a documentary | i. as a sushi chef in 1951 |
| 10. I haven't reached | j. a long and healthy life |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

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(2) _____ 100. His name is Jiro Ono. He
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around 4,380 people in Tokyo who have reached or will
(3) _____ the age of 100 this year. Just before
his birthday, Mr Ono spoke to Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike. She
asked him about his (4) _____ to living a long
and healthy life. He (5) _____, "To work." He
said: "I can no (6) _____ go to my restaurant
every day...but even at 100 years old, I'll try to work if possible. I
believe the best (7) _____ is to work." Ono-san
said he has no plans to (8) _____ from his job.
He told Ms Koike: "I plan to keep going for about five more years."

longer
continue
replied
reach
retire
turned
medicine
secret

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the (9) _____ of seven. Eighteen years later,
when he was 25, he moved to Tokyo and worked in a sushi bar.
He (10) _____ as a sushi chef in 1951. Fifteen
years later, in 1965, Ono opened his own restaurant, called
Sukiyabashi Jiro. It was a (11) _____ 10-seat
place in an upmarket area of Tokyo called Ginza. He worked for
(12) _____ trying to make the perfect sushi. In
2007, his efforts were rewarded when he
(13) _____ three stars in the Michelin Guide. In
2011, a documentary about him was released, called "Jiro Dreams
of Sushi". In the (14) _____, he said: "I haven't
reached (15) _____ yet. I'll continue to climb and
try to (16) _____ the top, but nobody knows
where the top is."

decades
age
perfection
tiny
reach
received
qualified
film

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

- 1) A famous sushi chef in Japan has decided to continue working, even though he _____.
 - a. just turned 100
 - b. justly turned 100
 - c. adjust turned 100
 - d. just turning 100
- 2) She asked him about his secret to living a long _____.
 - a. and healthy lives
 - b. and healthy live
 - c. and healthily life
 - d. and healthy life
- 3) but even at 100 years old, I'll try to _____.
 - a. work if possibly
 - b. work if possible
 - c. work if posse able
 - d. works if possible
- 4) Ono-san said he has no plans to retire _____.
 - a. of his job
 - b. for his job
 - c. from his job
 - d. frame his job
- 5) He told Ms Koike: "I plan to keep going for about _____.
 - a. five more years
 - b. five most years
 - c. five amore years
 - d. five much years
- 6) He started working in a restaurant at the _____.
 - a. aged of seven
 - b. ages of seven
 - c. aging of seven
 - d. age of seven
- 7) It was a tiny 10-seat place in an upmarket _____.
 - a. aura of Tokyo
 - b. area of Tokyo
 - c. aerial of Tokyo
 - d. air of Tokyo
- 8) He worked for decades trying to make _____.
 - a. the perfect sushi
 - b. the perfectly sushi
 - c. the perfects sushi
 - d. the prefect sushi
- 9) In the film, he said: "I haven't _____."
 - a. reaching perfection yet
 - b. reaches perfection yet
 - c. reach perfection yet
 - d. reached perfection yet
- 10) I'll continue to climb and try to reach the top, but nobody knows where _____.
 - a. the top be
 - b. the top are
 - c. the top is
 - d. the top were

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

1. When is Jiro Ono's birthday?
2. Who did Jiro Ono speak to before his birthday?
3. What did Jiro Ono say his secret to a long life was?
4. What did Jiro Ono say work was?
5. For how long does Jiro Ono want to continue working?
6. How old was Jiro Ono when he started his first job?
7. What happened to Jiro Ono in 1965?
8. What did Jiro Ono try to do for decades?
9. What did the Michelin Guide give to Jiro Ono?
10. What did Jiro Ono say he hasn't reached yet?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

- 1) When is Jiro Ono's birthday?
 - a) the 25th of October
 - b) the 26th of October
 - c) the 27th of October
 - d) the 28th of October
- 2) Who did Jiro Ono speak to before his birthday?
 - a) Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike
 - b) US President Donald Trump
 - c) Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaihci
 - d) the boss of a sushi restaurant chain
- 3) What did Jiro Ono say his secret to a long life was?
 - a) raw fish
 - b) work
 - c) pickled ginger
 - d) fishing
- 4) What did Jiro Ono say work was?
 - a) necessary
 - b) the chance to be creative
 - c) perfection
 - d) the best medicine
- 5) For how long does Jiro Ono want to continue working?
 - a) two years
 - b) four years
 - c) five years
 - d) ten years
- 6) How old was Jiro Ono when he started his first job?
 - a) six
 - b) seven
 - c) eight
 - d) nine
- 7) What happened to Jiro Ono in 1965?
 - a) He became a fisherman.
 - b) He won a sushi award.
 - c) He created a new kind of sushi.
 - d) He opened a sushi bar.
- 8) What did Jiro Ono try to do for decades?
 - a) Experiment with tastes.
 - b) Make the perfect sushi.
 - c) Grow wasabi.
 - d) Find the best sushi bar.
- 9) What did the Michelin Guide give to Jiro Ono?
 - a) advice
 - b) three stars
 - c) a huge tuna
 - d) a fish-shaped trophy
- 10) What did Jiro Ono say he hasn't reached yet?
 - a) perfection
 - b) London
 - c) the seven seas
 - d) the next level

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

Role A – One Hundred

You think 100 is the best age to be. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ages. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why): 40, 20 or five.

Role B – Forty

You think 40 is the best age to be. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ages. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why: 100, 20 or five).

Role C – Twenty

You think 20 is the best age to be. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ages. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why: 40, 100 or five).

Role D – Five

You think five is the best age to be. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ages. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why: 40, 20 or 100).

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

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

sushi	chef

- 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:

• famous • celebrated • reached • secret • possible • retire	• started • moved • tiny • decades • released • perfection
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SUSHI SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

Write five GOOD questions about sushi 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.

SUSHI 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 'sushi'?
3. What do you think of sushi?
4. What do you think of the job of a sushi chef?
5. What do you think of working at the age of 100?
6. What will you do on your 100th birthday?
7. What is the secret to a long and healthy life?
8. When do you want to retire?
9. Do you agree that 'the best medicine is to work'?
10. What advice do you have for Jiro Ono?

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SUSHI 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 'chef'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is your perfect job?
15. Is your personality suited to working in a restaurant?
16. What business would you like to start?
17. What things do you want to do perfectly?
18. Would you like to see the movie 'Jiro Dreams of Sushi'?
19. How important is it to reach for perfection?
20. What questions would you like to ask Jiro Ono?

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) decision | (b) decides | (c) decided | (d) deciding |
| 2. | (a) one | (b) only | (c) once | (d) ones |
| 3. | (a) reach | (b) reaching | (c) reaches | (d) reached |
| 4. | (a) secret | (b) secrete | (c) secreted | (d) secretive |
| 5. | (a) this | (b) that | (c) what | (d) if |
| 6. | (a) by | (b) of | (c) for | (d) to |
| 7. | (a) age | (b) old | (c) year | (d) birthday |
| 8. | (a) has | (b) is | (c) was | (d) as |
| 9. | (a) own | (b) down | (c) owns | (d) owned |
| 10. | (a) millennia | (b) decades | (c) centuries | (d) epochs |
| 11. | (a) freed | (b) released | (c) emitted | (d) liberated |
| 12. | (a) perfection | (b) perfectly | (c) perfected | (d) perfects |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. He redbtcelae his 100th birthday
2. Mr Ono spoke to Tokyo rnerogov Yuriko Koike
3. She asked him about his cretes
4. living a long and hylthea life
5. I believe the best miedcnei is to work
6. he has no plans to eerrti from his job

Paragraph 2

7. He faeluiqdi as a sushi chef
8. in an uetpkram area of Tokyo
9. He worked for desedac
10. his efforts were erawredd
11. a etdumaryonc about him was released
12. I haven't reached pinfotcree yet

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 100. His name is Jiro Ono. He celebrated his 100th birthday on the 27th of October. He is one of around
- () 4,380 people in Tokyo who have reached or will reach the age of 100 this year. Just before
- (**1**) A famous sushi chef in Japan has decided to continue working, even though he just turned
- () about him was released, called "Jiro Dreams of Sushi". In the film, he said: "I haven't reached
- () and healthy life. He replied, "To work." He said: "I can no longer go to my restaurant every
- () day...but even at 100 years old, I'll try to work if possible. I believe the best medicine is to work." Ono-san said he has no
- () his birthday, Mr Ono spoke to Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike. She asked him about his secret to living a long
- () in 1951. Fifteen years later, in 1965, Ono opened his own restaurant, called Sukiyabashi Jiro. It was a tiny 10-
- () Jiro Ono was born in 1925. He started working in a restaurant at the age of seven. Eighteen years
- () later, when he was 25, he moved to Tokyo and worked in a sushi bar. He qualified as a sushi chef
- () perfection yet. I'll continue to climb and try to reach the top, but nobody knows where the top is."
- () plans to retire from his job. He told Ms Koike: "I plan to keep going for about five more years."
- () seat place in an upmarket area of Tokyo called Ginza. He worked for decades trying to make the perfect
- () sushi. In 2007, his efforts were rewarded when he received three stars in the Michelin Guide. In 2011, a documentary

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

1. working Continue though even just he 100 turned .
2. His to secret a living healthy, long life .
3. believe I best the is medicine work to .
4. He he said no has to plans retire .
5. plan I keep to for going years five .
6. He working started the at of age seven .
7. qualified He a as chef sushi 1951 in .
8. He trying worked make to perfect the sushi .
9. 2011 In, documentary a him about released was .
10. I'll to continue to try the reach top .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

A *famous* / *famously* sushi chef in Japan has decided to continue working, even though he just *turning* / *turned* 100. His name is Jiro Ono. He celebrated his 100th birthday on the 27th of October. He is *only* / *one* of around 4,380 people in Tokyo who have reached or will reach the *old* / *age* of 100 this year. Just before his birthday, Mr Ono spoke to Tokyo *governor* / *government* Yuriko Koike. She asked him about his secret *to* / *as* living a long and healthy life. He replied, "To work." He said: "I can no *longer* / *shorter* go to my restaurant every day...but even at 100 years old, I'll try to work *what* / *if* possible. I believe the best medicine is to work." Ono-san said he has no plans *to* / *for* retire from his job. He told Ms Koike: "I plan to keep *going* / *gone* for about five more years."

Jiro Ono was born in 1925. He started working in a restaurant *at* / *of* the age of seven. Eighteen years later, when he was 25, he moved to Tokyo and worked in a sushi bar. He qualified *as* / *has* a sushi chef in 1951. Fifteen years later, in 1965, Ono opened his *down* / *own* restaurant, called Sukiyabashi Jiro. It was a tiny 10-seat place in an *upmarket* / *market* area of Tokyo called Ginza. He worked for *decades* / *decade* trying to make the *perfect* / *perfectly* sushi. In 2007, his efforts were *reward* / *rewarded* when he received three stars in the Michelin Guide. In 2011, a documentary about *restaurant* / *him* was released, called "Jiro Dreams of Sushi". In the film, he said: "I haven't *reaching* / *reached* perfection yet. I'll continue to climb and try to reach the top, but *somebody* / *nobody* knows where the top is."

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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_ f_m__s s_sh_ ch_f _n J_p_n h_s d_c_d_d t_
c_nt_n__ w_rk_ng, _v_n th__gh h_ j_st t_rn_d 100.
H_s n_m_ _s J_r_ _n_. H_ c_l_br_t_d h_s 100th
b_rthd_y _n th_ 27th _f _ct_b_r. H_ _s _n_ _f _r__nd
4,380 p__pl_ _n T_ky_ wh_ h_v_ r__ch_d _r w_ll
r__ch th_ _g_ _f 100 th_s y__r. J_st b_f_r_ h_s
b_rthd_y, Mr _n_ sp_k_ t_ T_ky_ g_v_rn_r Y_r_k_
K__k_. Sh_ _sk_d h_m _b__t h_s s_cr_t t_ l_v_ng _
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s__d: "_ c_n n_ l_ng_r g_ t_ my r_st__r_nt _v_ry
d_y...b_t _v_n _t 100 y__rs _ld, _'ll try t_ w_rk _f
p_ss_bl_. _ b_l__v_ th_ b_st m_d_c_n_ _s t_ w_rk."
n-s_n s__d h_ h_s n_ pl_ns t_ r_t_r_ fr_m h_s j_b.
H_ t_ld Ms K__k_: "_ pl_n t_ k__p g__ng f_r _b__t
f_v_ m_r_ y__rs."

J_r_ _n_ w_s b_rn _n 1925. H_ st_rt_d w_rk_ng _n _
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wh_n h_ w_s 25, h_ m_v_d t_ T_ky_ _nd w_rk_d _n
_ s_sh_ b_r. H_ q__l_f__d _s _ s_sh_ ch_f _n 1951.
F_ft__n y__rs l_t_r, _n 1965, _n_ _p_n_d h_s _wn
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s__t pl_c_ _n _n _pm_rk_t _r__ _f T_ky_ c_ll_d
G_nz_. H_ w_rk_d f_r d_c_d_s try_ng t_ m_k_ th_
p_rf_ct s_sh_. _n 2007, h_s _ff_rts w_r_ r_w_rd_d
wh_n h_ r_c__v_d thr__ st_rs _n th_ M_ch_l_n G__d_.
_n 2011, _ d_c_m_nt_ry _b__t h_m w_s r_l__s_d,
c_ll_d "J_r_ Dr__ms _f S_sh_". _n th_ f_lm, h_ s__d:
"_ h_v_n't r__ch_d p_rf_ct__n y_t. _'ll c_nt_n__ t_
cl_mb _nd try t_ r__ch th_ t_p, b_t n_b_dy kn_ws
wh_r_ th_ t_p _s."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a famous sushi chef in japan has decided to continue working even though he just turned 100 his name is jiro ono he celebrated his 100th birthday on the 27th of october he is one of around 4380 people in tokyo who have reached or will reach the age of 100 this year just before his birthday mr ono spoke to tokyo governor yuriko koike she asked him about his secret to living a long and healthy life he replied to work he said i can no longer go to my restaurant every day but even at 100 years old ill try to work if possible i believe the best medicine is to work onosan said he has no plans to retire from his job he told ms koike i plan to keep going for about five more years

jiro ono was born in 1925 he started working in a restaurant at the age of seven eighteen years later when he was 25 he moved to tokyo and worked in a sushi bar he qualified as a sushi chef in 1951 fifteen years later in 1965 ono opened his own restaurant called sukiyabashi jiro it was a tiny 10seat place in an upmarket area of tokyo called ginza he worked for decades trying to make the perfect sushi in 2007 his efforts were rewarded when he received three stars in the michelin guide in 2011 a documentary about him was released called jiro dreams of sushi in the film he said i havent reached perfection yet ill continue to climb and try to reach the top but nobody knows where the top is

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A famous sushi chef in Japan has decided to continue working, even though he just turned 100. His name is Jiro Ono. He celebrated his 100th birthday on the 27th of October. He is one of around 4,380 people in Tokyo who have reached or will reach the age of 100 this year. Just before his birthday, Mr Ono spoke to Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike. She asked him about his secret to living a long and healthy life. He replied, "To work." He said: "I cannot longer go to my restaurant every day... but even at 100 years old, I'll try to work if possible. I believe the best medicine is to work." Ono-san said he has no plan to retire from his job. He told Ms Koike: "I plan to keep going for about five more years." Jiro Ono was born in 1925. He started working in a restaurant at the age of seven. Eighteen years later, when he was 25, he moved to Tokyo and worked in a sushi bar. He qualified as a sushi chef in 1951. Fifteen years later, in 1965, Ono opened his own restaurant, called Sukiyabashi Jiro. It was a tiny 10-seat place in an upmarket area of Tokyo called Ginza. He worked for decades trying to make the perfect sushi. In 2007, his efforts were rewarded when he received three stars in the Michelin Guide. In 2011, a documentary about him was released, called "Jiro Dreams of Sushi". In the film, he said: "I haven't reached perfection yet. I'll continue to climb and try to reach the top, but nobody knows where the top is."

FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

Write about **sushi** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

[illegible]

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251030-sushi-chef-jiro-ono.html>

Eating raw fish is better than eating cooked fish. Discuss.

[illegible]

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. SUSHI: Make a poster about sushi. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. RAW: Write a magazine article about eating more raw food, including fish and meat. 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 sushi. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas of what it would be like to be a sushi chef. 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 F 4 F 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The 27th of October
- Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike
- To work
- The best medicine
- Another five years
- Seven
- He opened a sushi bar.
- Make the perfect sushi.
- Three stars
- Perfection

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Continue working even though he just turned 100.
- His secret to living a long, healthy life.
- I believe the best medicine is to work.
- He said he has no plans to retire.
- I plan to keep going for five years.
- He started working at the age of seven.
- He qualified as a sushi chef in 1951.
- He worked trying to make the perfect sushi.
- In 2011, a documentary about him was released.
- I'll continue to try to reach the top.

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 ;-)