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Level 1 – 15th December, 2018

Ninja to help promote tourism in Japan

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

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THE READING

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Ninja will help increase tourism in Japan ahead of the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Ninja are a symbol of Japan. They are great at fighting and can run across rooftops very fast. Several ninja showed their skills this week when they "sneaked" into the Prime Minister's office. The Prime Minister joked with the ninja. He said: "Even though you're all wearing...bright colors, you were still able to slip through the tight security."

A ninja was a spy and fighter. They first appeared in 15th-century Japan. They were skilled in killing, fighting, destroying things and spying. They helped warlords win land and power. In the 19th century, artists and writers gave ninja great abilities, like being invisible, walking on water and being able to control fire. Today we can see ninja everywhere. They are in movies, cartoons, comics, games and manga.

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/12/12/national/ninja-sneak-prime-minister-abes-office-seeking-help-promote-ancient-art-tourists/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Ninja are a symbol | a. very fast |
| 2. They are great | b. with the ninja |
| 3. run across rooftops | c. their skills |
| 4. Several ninja showed | d. the tight security |
| 5. they "sneaked" into the | e. at fighting |
| 6. The Prime Minister joked | f. Prime Minister's office |
| 7. bright | g. of Japan |
| 8. slip through | h. colors |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. They first appeared in | a. movies |
| 2. They were skilled | b. to control fire |
| 3. They helped warlords | c. see ninja everywhere |
| 4. great abilities, like being | d. and manga |
| 5. being able | e. in killing |
| 6. Today we can | f. 15th-century Japan |
| 7. They are in | g. win land |
| 8. comics, games | h. invisible |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ninja will help increase tourism in Japan
(1) _____ 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020
Tokyo Olympics. Ninja (2) _____ of Japan. They
are great at fighting and (3) _____ rooftops very
fast. Several ninja (4) _____ this week when
they "sneaked" into the Prime Minister's office. The Prime Minister
(5) _____ ninja. He said: "Even though you're all
wearing...bright colors, you were still (6) _____
through the tight security."

A ninja was a spy and fighter. They (7) _____
15th-century Japan. They (8) _____ killing,
fighting, destroying things and spying. They helped warlords win
(9) _____. In the 19th century, artists and
writers gave ninja (10) _____ being invisible,
walking on water and (11) _____ control fire.
Today we can see ninja everywhere. They are (12)
_____, comics, games and manga.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NINJA SURVEY

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